

Joseph Cotter Esq

(Robert. Hall.)

Hall (Rev. Robert) eminent nonconformist divine and author, A.L.S. 2 pages 4to. to Joseph Cotter, 1828

My dear Sir

Owing to many unexpected avocations
I have not been able to peruse the whole of
the volume you were so kind as to send me,
^(Hymns, & Sacred Lyrics)
But I have read with attention more than one
leaf so as to be able from some estimate of
the general character & tendency of the whole.
The work breathes throughout a spirit of
purity, and many of the pieces are modelled
with a plainness & elegance which render them
very impressive, and I hope, under the blessing
of God, very useful in aiding the devotion of our
troubled Christians. I am particularly pleased

with the following, the Christmas hymn
the hymn to the Divine, both on benefices,
on the ranges of sheets p 25th. These together
with many others, appeared to me very beautiful
I selected

You will excuse my mentioning that the same
hymn in the 4th stanza p 19 appears rather harsh
& improper, Page 203. ~~at the top~~ the last stanza
but one appeared to me obscure or ungrammatical
had. p 256. at the top, I should substitute, trivial,
for serious -

I must add that I was particularly gratified
with the poem ~~which~~ entitled Divine & Laymen

I hope my dear Sir these faint hints of your
blessed & of your genius, will in some measure
to the glory of God & the edification of his church
I am dear Sir, with much respect
your affectionate friend, R. Hall