#### Hymns That

Were Misfits

CHUCKLES CAUSED BY ILL-TIMED

A preacher had just delivered a denounced whiskey, beer, wine, and all other intoxicating drinks in unmeasured language. 'If I had my

And Lam thirsty still. Unconscious Humour.

tain Sunday-school anniversary day, when all the girls wear new and dainty costumes and flowery hats, and all the boys and young men appear in stiff collars and tight suits, was "The strain upraise."

In an uninspired moment, the minfster suggested that the boys and girls should sing the verses alternately. Thus it happened that the girls and their pretty teachers sang: "First let the birds with painted plumage gay," to which came the roaring response: "Then let the beasts of earth, with varying strain," and so on. The best of it was that no one seemed to see the humour of the situation.

On another occasion the superintendent of the same school, a mild and benevolent-looking man with a long white beard, headed the procession as it filed into the church just as the choir sang: "See the mighty host advancing, Satan leading on."

#### A Bride's Strange Wish.

One of the heroic padres who wen the respect of the troops during the wir was holding an impromptu, service behind the lines, the men having built him a temporary platform or rostrum out of material lying handy. When the padre announced "The church's one foundation" as the opening hymn, his congregation went into shrieks of laughter, pointing helplessly to the words which appeared on the biggest case, which formed a sort of keystone to the rostrum on which the padre stood. No one had thought of 

The maidservant of a certain clergyman, when asked what hymn she would like for her wedding, chose without hesitation one which be-

I know not what awaits me, God kindly veils my eyes. But perhaps the climax was reachat a certain harvest festival celebration, when the hymn chosen bebration, when the hymn chosen began: "Lord, what a wretched land is

#### Something Wrong Somewhere,

The height of inappropriatness is sometimes reached when hymns are translated into rather barbarous tongues by missionaries. For some time a Congolese congregation had sung what the missionaries believed to be the equivalent of "Go labour on, spend and be spent," but which, as they found later, meant to the singers: "Go, blunder on."

After encouraging natives to join feverently in the singing of "Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing," a missionary was dismayed to find that for months they had been singing: "Lord, kick us out softly."

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Considerable resentment is expressed against the decree in Rome, and a similar declaration made by the Archbishop of Clermont Ferrand has aroused much feeling in France.

The development is not a new dne, however. The writer iomembers see, ing a notice in terms almost identical to the Pope's decree on the piliar of one of the most famous churches same church was another notice curlously reminiscent of the trams and buses of our own country. "It is strictly forbidden to spit in the

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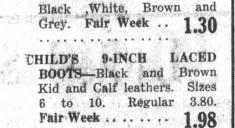
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