

Preface.

hymn ; or to the retention of inaccuracies or improprieties, which have given pain to the devout worshipper, and have not unfrequently been used by the enemies of the gospel to the prejudice of some of its most important and glorious truths.

Much attention has been bestowed on the arrangement of the Hymns in reference to subjects and occasions ; by which, it is hoped, great facility of selection has been secured. This will be in some measure also promoted by the passages of scripture which have been prefixed to Watts's Psalms and Hymns, in accordance with the plan adopted in the Congregational Hymn Book.

The labour which this compilation has involved, though very considerable, will be well rewarded, should it contribute in any measure to the more general and pleasurable engagement in that part of Divine Worship which has been not improperly denominated—"THE WORK OF ANGELS AND SERAPHS."

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