

lection of verses, a fuller liberty than exists in any other selection in use amongst us; whilst they provide for the ease of those who would rather have a selection proposed for them.

They have had a little difficulty in deciding whether they should print at all any verses from the New Version of Psalms, or should not rather leave them to be sung from that version as bound up with the Prayer Book; but the majority of the Committee being in favour of the former course, that plan has been adopted.

In addition to the selection from the New Version, they have collected other translations or paraphrases of Psalms from the Old Version and other sources, which they have incorporated with the Hymns, according to their subjects; only marking them additionally as Psalms, with their proper number. In this way they have endeavoured to meet the views, both of those who would occasionally prefer to sing a Psalm in a version different from the New Version, and of those who conceived that by incorporating them with the New Version, or by printing them separately as Psalms, perplexity and annoyance might be occasioned to those members of the congregation who had no other version of Psalms than the New Version, if a Psalm were announced which they could not find in their books.

In compiling the collections of Hymns, their object has been to make such a collection as might contain Hymns suited to persons of various tastes and opinions, and still consistent with the doctrines of the Church. For this purpose they procured a large number of Hymn-books, of all schools, published for Church use within the last fifty years. From these collections, with a few Hymns from other sources, they first formed a trial collection, from which they made a selection, adapted to the seasons and days of the Church year, and the other requirements of public worship. From that selection, since the augmentation of the Committee, they have made a revised selection, with a very few additions; and that Committee itself being composed of persons of the various leading shades of opinion existing in the Church, it is hoped that this collection will be found both trustworthy in doctrine and suited to the full devotional expression of the truths of our faith, and of the thoughts and feelings of Christian congregations.

The arrangement of the Hymns will be found to carry out much more completely the ground plan of the old book, by providing special Hymns for every Sunday and other holy-day or season, and an Appendix arranged under particular subjects. And it is hoped this collection will be found to contain a greater number of the best Hymns than most other collections existing; and whilst it provides for the wants of that presumed majority, who desire to see the Hymns brought into the order suggested by our own Prayer-book, it still, they trust, furnishes those, who desire a wider liberty, with a collection of such Hymns as they approve, and from which they can make their own selection and arrangement.

Five tables or indices accompany this book, besides the table of Psalms already mentioned: viz., a table of contents, alphabetical indices of first lines of Psalms and Hymns, an alphabetical index of subjects, and an index of texts of Scripture.

The Committee have omitted two features of the old collection, viz., the appropriation of tunes to the Psalms and Hymns, and a collection of words for Anthems. The first they have omitted, because the Committee on Church Music have not completed their labours, and because they conceive that that work would more properly come within the Province of the Music Committee, being likewise persuaded that the collection of

words for Anthems has never come into any extended use, they have omitted that feature of the old book.

Lastly, they propose that the substance of this Report should appear in the preface of the book, when printed.

All which is respectfully submitted

JAMES BRAVEN,
Chairman.

The Rev. Dr. Lett, having obtained leave, brought up the following Report from the Committee on

PRINTING.

The Committee on Printing beg to Report that they have adopted all due economy in printing the Reports and other documents, as far as is consistent with the efficient working of the Synod.

All which is respectfully submitted.

STEPHEN LETT,
Chairman.

The Rev. Dr. Patton, having obtained leave, brought up the following Report of the Committee on the

ENDOWMENT OF PARISHES.

The Committee beg leave to report,—That considering the usually precarious and unsatisfactory nature of a clergyman's support, when it depends altogether upon the subscriptions of the Parishioners, the Committee, without disparaging the Voluntary Principle, which they regard as an important auxiliary, desire, notwithstanding, to combine with it a system of greater security and permanency. Believing, moreover, that in many Parishes it only requires that a more excellent way should be suggested in order to its being promptly and cheerfully adopted, the Committee, therefore, venture to recommend,—

I. That it shall be regarded as the duty of every Parish where no adequate endowment already exists, to commence, as speedily as possible, "A Parochial Endowment Fund," to aid in the support of the Incumbent of said Parish.

II. That it be recommended that such fund be at once commenced in each unendowed Parish, by taking up a collection for the purpose in each Church and at each Station within the same, inviting, moreover, subscriptions, donations, and bequests of land or money for the promotion of the fund.

III. That such collections and such notices be repeated annually, until a sufficient Endowment Fund shall have been secured.

IV. That in order to encourage and assist Rural Congregations in forming such Endowment Fund, it shall be recommended to the Diocesan Church Society to grant aid to such Rural Parishes, in proportion to the amount contributed within the Parish, by adding per cent. to the amount so contributed.

V. That all gifts or bequests of real estate, and all lands otherwise acquired, shall be held by the Bishop or Church Society of the Diocese in which the Parish shall be situated, in trust, for the benefit of the Incumbent of the Parish; and that said real estate shall be managed by the Incumbent of the Parish, as in the case of present Rectors and their Glebes.

VI. That all subscriptions, donations, collections, and bequests of personal property, shall be vested in the Bishop or Church Society of the Diocese in which the Parish is situated, in trust, and shall be allowed to accumulate until the sum of £ be thus secured, after which the principal only, and all new collections, subscriptions, &c., shall be invested, and the interest shall be annually appropriated towards the Incumbent's support, and to that purpose only.

VII. That for the better management of each

Parochial Endowment Fund, in the name of the Bishop or Society in which the same shall be vested, there shall be a Board of three Trustees, resident within the Parish, in which such fund shall belong and chosen as follows, namely, one by the Incumbent of such Parish for the time being, one by the Bishop or Society in which such Fund shall be vested, and one by the Vestry of said Parish at a meeting convened for that purpose; which Trustees so chosen shall have the management of such fund, in the name of the Bishop or Society, as the case may require, and shall invest the same in such name, to the best of their judgment; and such Trustees shall furnish to the usual annual Vestry meeting of such Parish, at Easter, a written statement in detail of the exact state of such fund, and how the same is invested; and any two of such Trustees may act in the management or investing of such fund, as effectually as if they all were present and agreed. Any vacancy in such Board of Trustees, occasioned by death, removal from the Parish, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by the appointment of another Trustee, by the Incumbent, or by the Bishop or Society, or by the Vestry, (as the case may require,) by whom the Trustee was appointed, in respect of whom such vacancy shall have occurred; and such Trustees shall respectively hold their seats at such board, during the pleasure of the person, society or body by whom they shall have been respectively appointed; and any appointment of a Trustee, according to the provisions hereof, by any such person, society or body, shall annul and render void every former appointment of a Trustee, which shall have been made by the same person, society or body.

VIII. And for the greater security of the said fund, the Trustees appointed as above shall respectively enter into covenants to and with the Bishop, or Society, as the case may require, for the faithful administration of the said fund, as above (Rule VII.) and of all moneys belonging to it which shall come to their hands, and also for the prompt, peaceful and faithful surrender of all moneys in their hands, with all papers and documents referring to said fund and moneys, to their successor or successors, appointed as before named.

IX. That whenever it shall be deemed advisable by the Incumbent, Churchwardens and Congregation in Vestry assembled, the moneys and other personalities of the fund may be appropriated to the purchase of a Glebe, or piece of land adjacent or near to the Parsonage, as an endowment appertenant to the same, and for the benefit of the Incumbent, and in such case, Rule VI., as far as it relates to the accumulation of the Fund, shall be dispensed with, so that the whole of the Fund may, if necessary, be applied to the said purchase, but that with such exception, no portion of the fund shall, under any pretence whatever, be alienated or appropriated to any other object than for the support of the Incumbent as aforesaid. Provided, however, that in the event of the future division of the Parish, the Endowment fund thus created shall likewise be subject to division, in accordance with the rules and regulations which may from time to time be adopted by the Synod of the Diocese, for the Division of Parishes, and of the endowments thereunto pertaining.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY PATTON,
Chairman.

The Rev. Mr. Rogers obtained leave to defer the report of the Committee on the Laws Relating to the observance of the Lord's day till to-morrow. J. W. BRENT brought up the following report of the Treasurer: