

tive men then as Canon Bancroft, Canon Baldwin, Revs. Y. Constantine, J. Fulton, D. Lindsay, R. Norman, and Bishop Oxenden.

Surely if these churches and men could find edification without this objectionable hymn, even its most jealous advocate on the Compilation Committee ought to be able to do so. If not, then I beg to remind him, for the sake of peace, for the sake of the success of the proposed Hymnal, and for the sake of consistency, that there is left for him yet, as consolation, the Latin Original of Thomas Aquinas in the Roman Breviary, and the Mass of Corpus Christi in the neighboring church of his persuasion.

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Rev. J. J. Roy, Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Mr. Roy,—I have your able letter on "hymns" but it is quite impossible to expect the printers to reproduce the Latin. Frankly, too, I object to such criticism on either side which only tends to divide and raise bad feelings. There are 800 hymns and those any one objects to he need not use.

Yours very sincerely,

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The letter that follows is the one referred to in the above communication dated Toronto, March 9, 1908, from the editor of the "Canadian Churchman."

To the Editor of the Canadian Churchman.

COMMUNION HYMNS.

The alterations and insertions of certain Communion hymns in "The Book of Common Praise" are highly instructive to those who are at all familiar with such hymns.

The last line of the first verse of No. 270 reads, "Before Thine altar kneel," in the Hymnal Companion No. 442 it is "Before Thy footstool kneel," and in the Irish Church Hymnal "Before Thy table kneel." As the table is now removed and the altar is erected, we are ready to offer the sacrifice of the mass and to sing in the words of No. 253:

"We here present, we here spread forth to Thee,
That only offering perfect in Thine eyes,
The one true, pure, immortal sacrifice."

And now we pass to another hymn:

"Draw nigh and take the body of your Lord
And drink by faith the blood for you outpoured."

appears in the Irish Hymnal and as the last:

"O Judge of all, our only Saviour Thou,
In this Thy feast of Love, be with us now."

The words are exactly the same in the Hymnal Companion with this additional note, however, "A Translation by John M. Neale of the Latin hymn: "Sancti Venite Christi Corpus Sumite." The editor has ventured to modify