

PREFACE

our Hymn Book, and also with many interesting and instructive details concerning the text.

It will be observed that the notes are not presented in the usual form of a general review of hymnology, but are set directly under each hymn as it comes, the whole being contained in a single volume of moderate size, portable and convenient. So far as the compiler is aware, no Church hymn book has hitherto been annotated and set forth in this fashion.

Frequent reference is made to many of the hymnological works consulted by the compiler, a partial list of which is hereto appended.

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