

# ASSOCIATION HYMNAL.

## 1 Consecration to the Holy Ghost.

[Tune, WARD.]

I plight my faith to Thee, O Guide,  
And will by these, my words, abide.  
All things the Christ foretold of Thee,  
My fullest trust in them shall be.

Not to the letter, dead, I bow;  
But Thee, the *living* Word, avow.  
As Guide supreme, as Teacher true,  
Empowerer, all, in Thee, I view.

All other guides, I hence will flee;  
Though loud their claims to equal Thee.  
Sacred the act or secular,  
Alike, Thou'lt be my guiding star.

The sacred book, though held most dear,  
Never with Thee shall interfere.  
All pious rules, though Bible taught,  
Before Thy word, shall be as naught.

Of dress, of church, of state, of prayer,  
Or sick, or well, shall be Thy care,  
Thy voice, and Thine alone shall be  
The regulating force in me.

## 2 The Holy Spirit.

Guide me, O Thou Holy Spirit,  
Blessed Comforter Divine,  
For through Thee we now inherit  
All Christ's gifts for me and mine,  
Faithful Leader!  
Be Thou ever near my side.

Give me sight, Thou blessed Spirit,  
Let Thy light now flood my soul;  
Open now the fount of knowledge;  
All my thoughts and powers control.  
Source of Wisdom!  
Teach me all Thy perfect will.

Speak to me, Thou Heavenly Lover,  
Fold me to Thy faithful breast,  
Bid my troubled heart and spirit,  
Safely in Thy bosom rest.  
Promised Spirit,  
Let me all Thy comfort know.

Guest Divine, abiding comfort,  
In my being Thou dost live,  
Now my heart is made Thy dwelling,  
And to Thee my life I give.  
Present Spirit,  
All my nature now is filled.

Thou hast shown to me the Father,  
Christ the Son to me made known;  
Purity and love abounding,  
Through Thy grace are now mine own.  
Holy Spirit!  
Thou dost all my needs supply.

## 3 Blest Certainty.

To know, to know with certainty,  
(This is the bliss complete);  
Whatever is, is best for me,  
Is best, though like defeat.

CHORUS.

Blest certainty! blest certainty!  
The Spirit's voice gives certainty,  
Gives certainty, gives certainty.

So how to know, so how to hear,  
Amidst conflicting cries,  
The voice which speaks this to the ear,  
Is life's supremest prize.

If Christ be God, then Christ, 'tis clear,  
Is true as truth can be;  
If He but speak, and we but hear,  
We have this certainty.

The Holy One, the sent of God,  
To man, by both is given;  
He speaks the words of Christ abroad,  
As if from Christ in heaven.

Then each may hear, then each may know,  
With joy beyond degree,  
What ere is best for him below,  
In fullest certainty.

## 4 Divine Guidance.

[Tune, SILOAM.]

My heavenly Guide is ever near,  
His friendly voice I always hear;  
He keeps me safely in the way  
That leads to peace and endless day.

With Him, I can all problems solve,  
He keeps me in God's perfect love;  
Through Him, I every good possess,  
And by Him enter into rest.

The darkest cloud he lines with light,  
And makes e'en blindness equal sight,  
For while He's near I cannot stray,  
Nor miss my providential way.

Blest Holy Spirit, thou hast come  
And made my breast thy constant home;  
Christ dwells in thee and Thou in me,  
And God in each I always see.