

stant use, however, beyond which a congregation need not go, unless inclined, the difficulty of new measures is not insurmountable; while the necessity, from the introduction of the Hymn-Book, of extending our acquaintance with sacred music, will confer an undoubted advantage upon the church, and may lead to the removal of a reproach which, we are afraid, justly lies at our door, of neglecting the praise of the sanctuary.

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FRANCIS NICOL,
CONVENER.

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