

Hymn book in our Churches or families is not raised too early.

It is true that this Hymnal has been adopted by many Churches on both sides the Atlantic—even by Non-Conformists—but I believe this has been effected by insidious persevering efforts on the part of Ritualists to force it. "*per fas aut nefas*," on the Clergy and people, who were not, or who are not aware of the poisonous admixture of that Collection. The very admixture of Romish with Scriptural Hymns, set to attractive music, increases the danger, and against which I would warn all who love and desire to retain the Scriptural character of our beloved Church in all her services.

The Compilers have taken good care to administer the poison homœopathically—in small but effectual globules.

If all the Hymns were unsound, they would at once have been detected, and very few would have been deceived. It was therefore a skilful masterpiece of our Anglican Romanizers to administer the poison in small doses, not to be perceived immediately, but to effect nevertheless eventually their purpose, of undermining the Scriptural Constitution of our Reformed Church.

The rapid and wide circulation of these Hymns can be traced to the confederate and resolute efforts of the Anglican Romanizers, who engaged in the undertaking, pushed it forward with a view of supplanting the Hymn Books of the S. P. C. K. and others, in which they have wonderfully succeeded. Many of our more vigilant Churchmen, becoming alarmed at this, brought the matter before the Bench of Bishops and the House of Lords, with a view of counteracting the dangerous tendency of "Hymns Ancient and Modern."

"The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America," at their last General Convention, and the "Church of Ireland," in Synod assembled,