

A DESIRE to place within the reach of the children of our Church, at a very small cost, a selection of the most popular of the hymns contained in the many Sabbath-school hymn books which have been published during the last few years, has led to the publication of this little book. While care has been taken to avoid hymns decidedly inferior as regards poetic or devotional merit, the chief aim of the Compiler has been to select those, the music of which had been popular among the children of the school with which he was for many years connected.

The great expense necessary in order to place in the hands of every child in our Sabbath schools a copy of one or more hymn books, costing from 35 to 40 cents each, is an almost insurmountable obstacle to their improvement in sacred vocal music. If each child has a copy of this little book, those which contain the music will be required only by the leader.

The hymns have been selected from the most popular of the books recently published in Britain and the United States; and in each case the name of the book is given. A few of them are not adapted for use on the Lord's day, but these will be found well suited to those festive gatherings in which the children of every Sabbath school delight.

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