

The famous Mohammedan hymn has been, for very obvious reasons, excluded. It contains a forcible and truthful delineation of the evils of that apostacy which, as the smoke of the pit, has darkened some of the fairest portions of the earth; and orthodox Christians, contending earnestly and heroically for the faith once delivered to the saints, would no doubt uncompromisingly

“The Unitarian fiend expel,
And chase his doctrine back to hell;”

but such sentiments and expressions are anything but congenial and appropriate in strains of sanctuary worship. Hymn 488, in which we acknowledge that, “Cruel as wild beasts we are,” has been superseded by an excellent hymn from the supplement. The prayer for “England” has found a substitute in a strain of energetic supplication for the diffusion and power of gospel ministration:

“Jesus the Word bestow,
The true immortal seed,” etc.

The stanzas omitted include objectionable lines and phrases of which the words, “If thy *bowels* now are stirred,” may be taken as an example. In one of the earliest hymns of the book the exceedingly offensive line:

“Nor envy the swine their brutish delight,”

has been unhappily retained. To the 310th hymn, a good verse has been added at the commencement, but we are still at liberty to say:

“Into a world of ruffians sent,
I walk on hostile ground,
While human bears, on slaughter bent,
And ravening wolves surround.”

The shadowings of the millennium are dim enough in that verse, which brings together within the compass of four lines “ruffians,” and “human bears,” and “ravening wolves.” The hymn on Christian unity, from which some verses of as pure nonsense as ever marred a sacred song have been excluded, has been transferred to the supplement; and in this abbreviated form will be much more highly appreciated. In the hymn for “the Heathen,” the celebrated expression applied to the aborigines of America,