

years before the riot of 1637—printed 260 years ago and which was ordered in the next year to be discarded by royal proclamation. The title-page is: "The Psalms of David in prose and 'metre with their whole tunes in four or more parts—whereunto is added many godly prayers and an exact Calendar for 'twenty-five years; printed at Edinburgh by the Heirs of Andro Hart, Anno Domini, 1635. The reprint published by Sprott and Leishman in their Book of Common Order is from the edition of Andro Hart in 1611. This book of Mr. Murray's is printed by the Heirs of Andro Hart, 24 years later. It carries our minds back to the year when Laud and the bishops were preparing a new liturgy for the Scottish Church; when Laud told one of them "not to stick at anything" and, as the same bishop had expressed his fears, "not to trouble his mind with these conceits." It was in this year that the Book of Canons was passed by the King; to be printed in 1636. The liturgy was ready in 1636 for the printer. This old Psalm-book of 1635 comes to us as a memorial of a year when rebellion was about to break forth and, while destroying vast numbers of people, to change materially the character, worship and customs of the Scottish Church. The Perth Articles of 1618 having been passed, the book contains a particular direction for calculating the days of the moveable feasts. It contains an order for electing ministers, also for the weekly assembly of ministers and elders, an Order for excommunication and public repentance and for the visitation of the sick, prayers before and after sermon, an Order for the ministrations of the Supper, of Baptism and Marriage, a treatise on fasting and the exercise for the whole week.

Besides the Prayers, a most instructive part of the Psalm-book is the Psalter, given in the metrical version of Sternhold and Hopkins with a musical score and the prose version on the margin of each page. To the psalms are added a few metrical compositions such as the ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, the Magnificat, the Song of Moses, &c. Thus we have a most complete manual for the use of ministers and people in public worship. The most of the services are taken from the book of Geneva, prepared by Calvin; which became the model for the Reformed churches. This gives a dignity and respect to these services, prayers and forms. They are doubly