

of the different dioceses, and might be called "Diocesan Hymnals." These "Diocesan Hymnals" in their turn should be sent to the secretary of the General Synod, or to some other person appointed for that purpose, who should make the final arrangements, choosing about 450 hymns of those which have received the largest number of votes. The book resultant from this action, or rather, perhaps, this series of actions would express the mind and wishes of the whole Church, could be adopted and sanctioned by the General Synod with little, or no discussion and difficulty, and could be called rightly the "Hymnal of the Church of England in the Dominion of Canada." Much wasteful and vexatious discussion would be avoided, and valuable time during the session of the General Synod saved. At its next session the General Synod might appoint a committee or a person to put this machinery in

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