

17. The year begins with Thee. Another materialistic hymn for the Circumcision, at least the third verse, which I prefer not to copy. In none of the other hymn books herein referred to have they ventured to include this hymn. (*Vide* No. 5.)

18. We sing the praise of Him who died. "The Cross! *It* takes our guilt away. *It* holds *It* cheers *It* makes *It* takes." Is it the Roman gibbet that takes away our guilt, o. the blessed Saviour who died for us on that accursed tree? Omitted in H. S. K. and C. P.

19. Brightest and best of the sons of the morning. This is a hymn to a star, being an imaginary address of the Magi to the Star of Bethlehem. Omitted in H. S. K.

20. The voice that breathed o'er Eden. In this hymn occurs the word "altar," although it is not to be found in the P. B. There are no altars in Evangelical churches, as there is no literal sacrifice to offer. Unfortunately, however, too many of our tables look like sham altars, although the Privy Council decided that the table was a table in the ordinary sense of the word (*i. e.*, on legs, and not boxed up like an altar), and the Canons of the Irish Church agree therewith that it shall be "a moveable table of wood." The Canons of the R. E. Church in Canada likewise forbid the use of "any altar or Communion table constructed in the form of an altar." (*Vide* Nos. 35, I. II. and IV.) Omitted in H. S. K. Verse omitted in C. P. and I. C. H.

21. Brother thou art gone before us. This is an address to a corpse. In verse 4 are the words "solemn priest." Our ministers are not priests, but what St. Peter called himself presbyter, fellow-elder. (*Vide* No. 34.) Omitted in H. S. K. and C. P.

22. The church's one foundation. "And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won." This verse is expunged in C. P. and I. C. H., and the hymn itself is omitted in Kemble and H. S. K.

23. Lead kindly Light. Is it seemly to address our blessed Lord as "Light." If so may we not also pray to Him as Door or Vine? This was the last hymn written by Cardinal Newman before he