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TO THE MEMBERS

OF THE

*African Methodist Episcopal Church.*

BELOVED BRETHREN,

IN April last, we presented you with the Discipline of our Church: It was requisite that we should exhibit to the Christian world, the rules of government and articles of faith, by which we intended to be influenced and governed. In doing this, we were under the necessity of laying before the public a plain statement of facts; which we are happy to find, have given general satisfaction.

Having become a distinct and separate body of people, there is no collection of hymns, we could, with propriety adopt. However, we have for some time, been collecting materials for the present work; and we trust, the result of our labour will receive the sanction of the congregations under our charge.

In our researches, we have not passed over a selection of Hymns, because esteemed and used by a particular denomination; but have endeavoured to col-

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lect such as were applicable to the various states of Christian experience.

A number of new hymns have been introduced into this work, in consequence of the estimation in which they were held. And we flatter ourselves, the present edition, will not suffer by a comparison with any collection of equal magnitude.

It may be proper to inform the congregations, that our Hymn Book is designed to supersede those heretofore used among us.

We exhort you to retain the spirit of singing; always recollecting that it is a part of Divine worship. When the spirit and the understanding are united, it is believed to be a service acceptable in the sight of God, and beneficial to the souls of the people.

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AWAKENING AND INVITING.

*Portsmouth New.]* HYMN I. 6,6,6,6,8,8.

- 1 **B**LOW ye the trumpet, blow,  
The gladly solemn sound :  
Let all the nations know,  
To earth's remotest bound,  
The year of Jubilee is come ;  
Return, ye ransom'd sinners, home.
- 2 Jesus our great High Priest,  
Hath full atonement made :  
Ye weary spirits rest,  
Ye mournful souls be glad,  
The year of Jubilee is come,  
Return, ye ransom'd sinners, home.
- 3 Extol the Lamb of God,  
The all-atoning Lamb ;  
Redemption in his blood  
Throughout the world proclaim :  
The year of Jubilee is come,  
Return, ye ransom'd sinners, home.
- 4 Ye slaves of sin and hell,  
Your liberty receive ;

ADDITIONAL HYMNS.

HYMN CCLXXXIII.

*It is good to be here.*

- 1 **L**ET me dwell on Golgotha,  
Weep and love my life away!  
While I see him on the tree,  
Weep, and bleed, and die for me!
- 2 That dear blood for sinners spilt,  
Shews my sin in all its guilt;  
Ah, my soul, he bore the load,  
Thou hast slain the Lamb of God.
- 3 Hark! his dying word, "Forgive,  
Father, let the sinner live:  
Sinner wipe thy tears away,  
I thy ransom freely pay."
- 4 While I hear this grace reveal'd,  
And obtain a pardon seal'd,  
All my soft affections move,  
Waken'd by the force of love.
- 5 Farewell world, thy gold is dross;  
Now I see the bleeding cross;  
Jesus dy'd to set me free  
From the law, and sin, and thee!
- 6 He has dearly bought my soul,  
Lord, accept and claim the whole!  
To thy will I all resign,  
Now, no more my own, but thine.

HYMN CCLXXXIV.

*Praise for conversion.*

- 1 **C**OME, ye that fear the Lord,  
And listen while I tell,  
How narrowly my feet escap'd  
The snares of death and hell.

ADDITIONAL HYMNS.

The flatt'ring joys of sense  
Assail'd my foolish heart,  
While Satan, with malicious skill,  
Guided the pois'nous dart.

I fell beneath the stroke,  
But fell to rise again,  
My anguish rous'd me into life,  
And pleasure sprung from pain.

Darkness, and shame, and grief,  
Oppress'd my gloomy mind;  
I look'd around me for relief,  
But no relief could find.

At length, to God I cry'd;  
He heard my plaintive sigh,  
He heard, and instantly he sent  
Salvation from on high.

My drooping head he rais'd  
My bleeding wounds he heal'd.  
Pardon'd my sins, and with a smile  
The gracious pardon seal'd.

O may I ne'er forget  
The mercy of my God;  
Nor ever want a tongue to spread  
His loudest praise abroad.

HYMN CCLXXXV.

*Day of Judgment.*

- 1 **B**EHOLD the awful trumpet sounds  
The sleeping dead to raise,  
And calls the nations under ground:  
O how the saints will praise!
- 2 Behold the Saviour, how he comes  
Descending from his throne,  
To burst asunder all our tombs,  
And lead his children home.

## HYMN CCLXXXVII.

*Parting for Eternity.*

- 1 **A** SOLEMN march we make,  
Towards the silent grave,  
A lodging all must quickly take,  
And carnal pleasures leave.
- 2 O what a striking scene,  
In this cold grave appears,  
A mortal turn'd to dust again,  
Quite spun out all his years.
- 3 And we who now attend,  
Must soon resign our breath,  
God will the solemn summons send,  
By dreadful ghastly death.
- 4 If I the next should be,  
That crumble with the dust;  
My soul—what then becomes of thee?  
Hast thou a lot with Christ?
- 5 Since I attended here,  
My moments swiftly glide;  
And death upon their wings they bear,  
As quick perpetual tide.
- 6 Now let me home return,  
And strive my soul to save;  
Lest I in hell should ever burn,  
And with the damned rave.
- 7 Jesus, despised friend,  
I'll slight thy love no more;  
Dear Saviour now thy spirit send,  
Which I so griev'd before.
- 8 Then I'll prepare to meet,  
My Jesus at his bar,  
For ever worship at his feet,  
And sing his praises there.

## HYMN CCLXXXVIII.

*Lamenting the loss of a Child.*

- W**AKE up my muse, condole the loss  
Of those that mourn this day;  
Let tears distil on every face,  
And every mourner pray.
- 1 The tyrant, Death, came rushing in,  
Last night his power did shew,  
Out of this world this child did take,  
Death laid its visage low.
  - 2 No more the pleasant child is seen  
To please its parent's eye,  
The tender plant, so fresh and green,  
Is in eternity.
  - 3 The golden bowl by death is broke,  
The pitcher burst in twain,  
The cistern wheel has felt the stroke,  
The pleasant child is slain.
  - 4 The winding-sheet doth bind its limbs,  
The coffin holds it fast,  
To-day it's seen by all its friends,  
But this must be the last,
  - 5 Until the Lord doth come to judge  
The nations great and small,  
And you and I before him stand,  
And at his presence fall.

## HYMN CCLXXXIX.

*The glory of Jesus.*

- 1 **B**URST ye em'rald gates, and bring  
To my raptur'd vision,  
All the extatic joys, that spring  
Round the bright elysian;

- 5 Fear not brethren, joyful stand,  
On the borders of our land,  
Jesus Christ, our father's son,  
Bids us undismay'd go on.
- 6 Lord, obediently we'll go,  
Gladly leaving all below,  
Only thou our leader be,  
And we still will follow thee.

## HYMN CCCIV.

- 1 **C**OME let us unto Jesus go,  
And ask him if it can be so,  
That **BABES** in Christ can have no part,  
Who once embrac'd them in his heart?
- 2 Has Heav'n decreed that infants must,  
In cruel flames be ever curst:  
Must they for ever burn in Hell,  
Because their father Adam fell?
- 3 No—**JESUS** says, I am their friend;  
Upon my truth, they may depend:  
In **MATTHEW**, **MARK** and **LUKE** you'll find,  
I have not left one babe behind:
- 4 You need not think I'll bear the blame,  
Baptize them all in my great name;  
The seal impart, to **INFANTS** giv'n,  
They are my blood-bought heirs of Heav'n
- 5 Who can the scriptures thus construe,  
To make a wretched doctrine true?  
For hardly sure can they be worse,  
Who have received an endless curse.
- 6 Banish that doctrine out of sight,  
That would invade an infant's right;  
For if their foes should rise in swarms,  
I'll shield them from invading harms.

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