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TO THE NEW EDITION.

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It was our original design, in preparing a book of hymns for schools, to select such only as were appropriate for the devotional exercises of the school room. The first editions of the book contained but few others. Upon further consideration we found that a large number of the most popular school songs might be added, with a trifling expense, and thereby render the book much more valuable to those who are not accustomed to get up new music in their schools.

The tunes set to each hymn are generally familiar to most pupils in our schools. Note books are not needed for this class of music, especially when used for the purposes of devotion and recreation. Teachers who prefer the music will find most of the tunes referred to in this book in the "*Common School Song*



PREFACE.

*Book*," "*American School Book*," and "*Songs for the Million*" — books which are already in the hands of many of the pupils in our schools.

The Devotional Hymns are believed to be entirely free from any sectarian peculiarities while they are highly elevated in their character, and adapted to all ages of pupils.

The Songs contain pure moral sentiments, and are peculiarly adapted to render the exercises of the school room pleasant and refreshing.

No teacher with this book can fail to have good music in his school. Even if he does not sing, there are always pupils enough who can sing many of the hymns in this book without the aid of the teacher.

All schools, as far as possible, should commence and close the exercises of the day with a song of praise. This would tend greatly to refine and educate the moral elements of character, of which the pupil stands so much in need, and which, at the present day, is so much neglected.

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THE  
AMERICAN  
SCHOOL HYMN BOOK.

**I**      8 & 7 s. BOUNDING BILLOWS.

Morning Song.

- 1 Swift my childhood's dreams are passing,  
Like the startled doves they fly ;  
Or bright clouds each other chasing,  
Over yonder quiet sky.
- 2 Soon I'll hear earth's flattering story,  
Soon its visions will be mine ;  
Shall I covet wealth and glory ?  
Shall I bow at pleasure's shrine ?
- 3 No, my God, one prayer I raise thee  
From my young and happy heart ;  
Never let me cease to praise thee,  
Never from thy fear depart.



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**4** Then, when years have gather'd o'er me,  
And the world is sunk in shade ;  
Heaven's bright realms will rise before me,  
There my treasure will be laid.

**II. 7 s. PLEYEL'S HYMN. NUREMBERG.**  
**Evening Hymn.**

**1** Brothers, sisters, ere we part,  
Every voice and every heart  
Join, and to our Father raise  
One last hymn of grateful praise.

**2** Though we here should meet no more,  
Yet there is a brighter shore ;  
There released from toil and pain,  
There we all may meet again.

**3** Now to him who reigns in heaven,  
Be eternal glory given ;  
Grateful for thy love divine,  
O, may all our hearts be thine.

**III. 7 s & 6 s. AMERICA.**

**Morning Hymn.**

**1** Come, thou almighty King,  
Help us thy name to sing—  
Help us to praise.

**SCHOOL HYMN BOOK.**

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**Father all glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us,  
Ancient of days.**

**2 Come, thou eternal Lord,  
By heav'n and earth adored,  
Our prayer attend.  
Come, and thy children bless ;  
Give thy good word success ;  
Make thine own holiness  
On us descend.**

**3 Be thou our comforter ;  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour.  
Omnipotent thou art :  
O, rule in every heart,  
And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power.**

**IV. 7 s & 6 s. AMERICA.**

**For Divine Guidance.**

**1 O God, thy grace impart ;  
Revive my fainting heart :  
My zeal inspire ;**

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Reveal thyself to me,  
And may my love to Thee,  
Pure, warm, and changeless be —  
A living fire.

2 When life's dark maze I tread,  
And griefs around me spread,  
Be thou my guide ;  
Bid darkness turn to day,  
Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray  
From thee aside.

3 When ends life's transient dream,  
When death's cold sullen stream  
Shall o'er me roll,  
O, Father, then in love,  
Fear and distress remove,  
And bear me safe above,—  
A ransomed soul.

V. 7 s & 6 s. AMERICA.

Praise to God.

1 Praise ye Jehovah's name ;  
Praise through his courts proclaim ;  
Rise and adore ;

High o'er the heavens above,  
Sound his great acts of love :  
While his rich grace we prove,  
Vast as his power.

2 Now let the trumpet raise  
Triumphant sounds of praise,  
Wide as his fame ;  
There let the harps be found,  
Organs with solemn sound,  
Roll your deep notes around—  
Filled with his name.

3 While his high praise ye sing,  
Shake every sounding string ;  
Sweet the accord !  
He vital breath bestows —  
Let every breath that flows,  
His noblest fame disclose :  
Praise ye the Lord.

VI. 7 s. NUREMBERG.

Praise.

1 Praise to God,—immortal praise,  
For the love that crowns our days :  
Bounteous Source of every joy,  
Let thy praise our tongues employ.