

Flemming approached the subject from the side of much practical experience of the needs of exploring parties, new settlements, soldiers and sailors and people in different situations where no regular service can be held. Many such people would gladly have religious service; while they might not be willing to conduct it without the aid of a manual authorized by the church. If the church felt bound to provide at great expense hymns for public worship, it might, upon the same principle, provide prayers for its scattered members and thus free them from the necessity of having recourse to the prayer books of another church. As Mr. Flemming has always been known to be not only a firm member of our church but a Presbyterian by principle, his testimony was felt to be a most important contribution to the discussion. Each of these gentlemen spoke from a different standpoint—the one from that of the minister for more than a quarter of a century of a large city congregation—the other from that of a traveller and explorer, acquainted by experience with the needs of scattered and isolated groups of people in a wandering and unsettled age of the world.

This subject has in no way been *thrust* upon our consideration by the Summer School or by any one giving an airing to his particular hobby to the annoyance or weariness of others. For a most important overture was sent up to last Gen. Assembly, supported by Dr. Laing of Dundas and Dr. Thomson of Sarnia, and by the Assembly referred to an influential committee, with instructions to report to next Assembly. The programme for the Summer School was drawn up by those who knew nothing of the overture—so that it would appear as if the subject had itself attracted the attention of ministers, elders and members of our church. It should not be overlooked also that the Scottish Churches have taken action in this matter. The Church of Scotland, under the guidance of Dr. Crawford provided Aids to Devotion for the use of soldiers and sailors more than *thirty* years ago. The Book of Common Order or Euchologion is now used by ministers of all denominations and it has had a marked effect upon the devotional services of many churches. The English Presbyterian Church has issued under church authority a manual of services for the use of ministers and the U. P. Church has also prepared a similar book of the merits of