

"Well, Brother Webfut, *did* they get their feet wet?"

"Why, that's nothing to do with it; they had water on all sides of them, they were completely surrounded by water."

"Well, brother Webfut, as I understand, they went 'on *dry ground* through the midst of the sea; and if you can immerse me *on dry ground*, I am very willing to be immersed. I believe in *dry ground* baptism, where you *won't get your feet wet*."—*Congregationalist*.

DR. CHENEY AND THE PRAYER BOOK OF THE REFORMERS.

MR. CHENEY, in a sermon recently preached in Cincinnati, endorsed the Second Book of King Edward VI., as containing the doctrines taught by the Reformers, by Cranmer, Latimer, Ridley, and others of the martyrs of the English Church. It is not a little comical, in view of such endorsement, to know that it was into this book, that the Reformers put, in the baptismal office for children, the declaration, "*seeing now, dearly beloved brethren, that this child is regenerate,*" and the thanksgiving, "*We yield Thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father that it hath pleased Thee to regenerate this infant with Thy Holy Spirit,*" &c. The same book is noteworthy for its frequent use of the term *Priest*, and in the ordination service for Priests, the *only* form of ordination is "Receive the Holy Ghost for the office and work of a priest in the Church of God." If our readers will look in the prayer-book of the "reformed," they will find both the doctrine and language of King Edward's second book ex-

purgated. That schism went back not only upon the Church in our own country, but upon the Reformation itself, that Reformation which they are so accustomed to extol. But it may be asked, what Mr. Cheney meant by so warmly endorsing the second book of Edward VI? That is a little conundrum we cannot answer. The charitable hypothesis is, that he never saw the book, and knew not what was in it; a hypothesis much strengthened by his deposition in the Cheney case, in which it took him so long to tell what he had not read and did not know. It displayed an amount of ignorance that would have been discreditable to "a deacon of [very] limited qualifications. We are glad, however, to have Mr. Cheney's testimony, that the great Reformers were believers in baptismal regeneration and the Christian priesthood.

—*Province*.

AN exchange says, among other things, first of all there is wanted a plan which will root out conceit and stinginess from vacant churches; which will make them content with a little less genius in a man, if the balance is made up in goodness; which will teach them that it is a moral impossibility for every church to have "the smartest minister in the country"; which will make them believe that the laborer is worthy of his hire, even if he does work in their particular corner of the Lord's vineyard: which will make them less censorious and more teachable: which will give them such an hunger for the bread of truth that they will never stop to ask whether it was cut with a silver knife or an iron one.