

greater force may it be said of ritual which is not divine. Is there not room to say something like this to those at the present day who practically deny the completeness of the Saviour's atonement for sin, and cover with dishonour our only mediator and advocate, Jesus Christ?

(3) It is a disloyal movement—disloyal to God; disloyal to the word of God; disloyal to the Church of England; disloyal to the Prayer Book of the Church of England. It is disloyal to God, for it misrepresents Him before the world as though He were not fully reconciled to men. It is disloyal to His Word, for it gives not to it the supremacy which is its due. It is disloyal to the Church of England, for it sets at naught her authority. It is disloyal to the Prayer Book, for it exceeds its limitations in violation of an agreement that this should not be done. It adds what the Prayer Book excludes. It practices what the Prayer Book forbids. To give but one example, the Prayer Book says: "The Lord's supper was not by Christ's ordinance reserved, carried about, lifted up, or worshipped." Yet these are the things which Ritualists teach and do.

An attempt is made to ward off the charge of disloyalty, but without effect. It is alleged with regard to novelties introduced that the Prayer Book does not forbid them. To which the true answer is: The Prayer Book does forbid them. It forbids what it does not expressly authorize, and it binds the clergy to the acceptance of this principle. The unauthorized prayers, the new service books, the vestments, the crossings, the bowings, the genuflections, the incense, the lights, the wafer-bread, the manual acts, the private confessions, the images, the crucifixes, the prostrations, the coloured stoles, the non-communicating attendants, the acolytes, and whatever else is not ordered in the Prayer Book, is positively forbidden. Every one of these things is a departure from the Reformation settlement; every one of them is a violation of a solemn promise made at ordination; every one of them is a public expression of dissatisfaction with the Prayer Book as it is; and yet the men who do these things and disparage those who do not do them call themselves *par excellence* loyal Churchmen! These things are forbidden on the ground that they are unauthorized additions, independently of the question whether they are good or bad in themselves, true or false. One of the main objects of a Prayer Book, is to secure Uniformity; but how can any uniformity consist with unauthorized practices? consequently, the