

usage; in other words, a departure from the old more or less liturgical paths. Yet he is no radical reformer, far less a ritualist. The Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, M.A., of St. John's Church, St. John, N.B., has lectured and published along the line of Mr. Wright's book, and several of our ministers have, in practice, taken a leaf or two from it. In my own summer services, which are the only ones under my immediate control, the congregation joins with me in the responsive reading of the Psalms, and we repeat the Lord's Prayer in unison. When we chant a Psalm, we end with the Gloria Patri. As half my congregation generally consists of Episcopalians, not excluding bishops, archdeacons, and similar dignitaries, this form of service affords a charitable compromise between Anglican liturgical order and Puritan pulpit license, that satisfies both parties. Most of our ministers are stronger in preaching than in prayer; some very good preachers have only one set expression for addressing God, and that often a very poor, undignified and irreverent one. A free spoken, but generous and devout friend of the Talker, speaking of a certain missionary, said, "He can't preach worth a cent, but he can pray like sixty." As a rule it is the other way, although occasionally men of an old-fashioned type turn up, who, in praying like sixty, preach to God for twenty minutes. This kind of thing should be put a stop to, even if a liturgy be imposed for that desirable end. No Christian congregation should be compelled to listen to a haveral's windy nothings, miscalled prayers. Mr. Wright's book is very timely, and is well worth careful perusal and consideration.

I am not much impressed by "The British Empire," by the Rt. Hon. Sir Charles W. Dilke, Bart., M.P., crown 8vo. cloth, pp. 160: Chatto & Windus, London; price one dollar. It consists of eleven chapters, originally published as newspaper articles, giving the baldest sketches of India, the Dominion and Newfoundland, Australia, New Zealand, Africa and the Crown Colonies. It begins with a Bird's-eye view of the whole, and ends with chapters on Imperial Defence and How to Study the Empire. For the study of the Dominion,