

Lord's table on Sunday. In fact every corrupting ally of every professing christian church, has slipped in through that little hole, "A WISE EXERCISE OF CHRISTIAN FREEDOM," until what is called "CHRISTENDOM" to-day, is more like the great sheet Peter saw let down from heaven, "wherein were all manner of four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts and creeping things, and fowls of the air," than a body of holy men and women working, and watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord.

Let me now draw your attention to another great man, who if not a Dean, occupies as influential a position among the Congregationalists of the United States, as the Dean did among the Episcopalians of England. He stands every Sabbath in the most influential Congregational pulpit on this continent; and is also the Editor of a powerful religious Newspaper.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, the successor (pro tem) of Henry Ward Beecher, recently preached a sermon which shows he does not believe the doctrine of his own church, on the subject of infant baptism. Here is a paragraph that furnishes a pretty hard nut for Congregationalists to crack.

"The helpless infant lies in the arms of the mother, and the child by a PURE FICTION, is supposed to *renounce the world*; it is supposed to *believe in the Apostles Creed*; it is supposed to *exercise faith and repentance*; the promise and the renunciation and the experience being expressed for it by another. The Baptists are more logical. They say there is no way by which a child can be brought out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light, out of the kingdom of Satan into the kingdom of Christ, out of this curse into this blessing, except by repentance and faith, and *no babe can exercise repentance and faith, and no man can exercise repentance and faith for the babe*. Therefore *we must wait until he is old enough to understand, and old enough to exercise repentance and faith; we must wait until he has come to years of discretion and intelligence, and then he must intelligently exercise faith and repentance for himself*, for there is no door of entrance into the kingdom of God, except the door of conversion by personal experience through repentance and faith. WE CON-