

burned to death for refusing to accept these doctrines.

At length in the time of Henry VIII, the Pope's interference was got rid of, and then Archbishop Cranmer and others took the Liturgy in hand. They translated the Litany into English, and cut out the numerous invocations to various Saints which had been added from time to time, leaving the Litany nearly in its present beautiful form. The Bible was also translated into English, that it might be read in the Churches during service time, and be studied by the people at leisure. This was the first step in advance, and it was reserved for the boy King, Edward VI, to continue the Reformation begun in his Father's reign.

All the services were now translated into English, and the order for the administration of the Holy Communion was revised by a number of bishops and others appointed for the purpose in 1549. But no uncalled for alterations were made; the reformers desired to keep as much as possible in the old paths of the Church and to put aside only the deformities which had threatened to choke and destroy it. What a blessed change it must have been! All could now understand what was read; and during the reign of Edward VI. the Latin tongue ceased to be heard in our English Churches. In 1552 the Prayer Book was once more revised to meet the wishes of some who thought the changes made were not sufficient. But in the following year the good young King died; and his sister, Mary, who secured the crown, brought back all the old Roman abuses and persecuted the Church. Latin was again heard

and the Pope's power was restored throughout the land. But neither Pope nor Queen could undo the good work that had been done, nor root up the precious "seed of God's word" which had been scattered abroad. The people had tasted the truth and would have nothing else. With Queen Elizabeth, therefore, the Reformation began once more and the people hailed its advent joyfully. Again they heard the Bible and Prayer Book in their own tongue and again they refused to bow down to any foreign bishop or potentate. When the great Rebellion had subsided the Prayer Book (1662) took the final form which it has retained ever since.

How can we sufficiently prize this precious treasury of devotion which God has given us, and which He has so wonderfully preserved to His Church in England and throughout the world.

THE BUSINESS MAN'S LESSON.

HE was an upright business man. In his heart he believed the religion of Christ to be true. But he was very busy, and when Sunday came he was thoroughly tired. He had become interested, too, in his Sunday paper; so he gradually dropped off going to Church. His wife went regularly, and sometimes the children. One morning, just after his wife had set out, he was comfortably seated reading the money article, when he heard his boys talking in the next room. Said eight year old Willie—"When you grow up, shall you go to church as mother does, or stay at home like father?" "I shall do neither,"