

"take away the sins of the world, that whatsoever defilements it may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and naughty world, through the lusts of the flesh, or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before thee."—(G. G. 95.)

I shall only add one other specimen of the Ritualistic system, in which directions are given respecting Confession, which is represented as an essential element in the Sacrament of Penance:

"While waiting for the priest who is to hear your confession, you may say the following collects." (Several given.)

"As soon as the priest is ready, you kneel down at the side of his seat, he being seated. Sign yourself with the sign of the cross, and begin your confession after the following manner:—

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, I confess to God the Father Almighty, to His only begotten Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and to the Holy Ghost, before the whole company of Heaven, and to you, my father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, my own most grievous fault.

"Then confess the sins which you have noted down as the result of your self-examination.

"Answer any questions which the confessor may feel it necessary to ask truthfully and unhesitatingly.

"Then the penitent is to say: For these and all my other sins which I cannot at present remember, I humbly beg pardon of Almighty God, and of you, my spiritual father, penance, counsel, and absolution," &c.

The priest is afterwards to give suitable ghostly counsel and absolution, and the absolved penitent is taught to "doubt not, but earnestly believe that, according to God's most sure promise, the sins that are loosed upon earth are loosed in Heaven."

Such is a brief outline of some leading features of the Ritualistic system, which has obtained a very extensive footing in the English Church, and which is making steady progress on this continent. I leave to others to speak on the tendency of the system, and the means of opposing it. On these topics I simply remark that Ritualism tends to substitute formal for spiritual worship, to encourage superstition, and thus to furnish arguments to infidelity; and that the best way of meeting it is not merely to expose its errors, but to enforce the grand truths of the Gospel, and to exhibit greater activity in Christian work, looking to God for His blessing.

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LETTER FROM REV. JAMES NISBET.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE RECORD.

MY DEAR SIR,—As I have not sent anything for publication in THE RECORD since June last, I must now avail myself of an opportunity that I have of sending a brief letter, although I have nothing of an encouraging kind to communicate; but the Church should be made acquainted with our trials and difficulties, as well as with our successes and encouragements.

On the 27th of June we were obliged to part for a time with several of our company. The reappearance of the disease that compelled the wife of