

But neither her clergy nor members are in any way coerced to believe the Church's creeds nor to conform to her order of worship.

They do so by their own free choice, and by their own act and deed.

They could leave the communion of the Church to-morrow if they were so disposed, but they could not join any religious body outside her fellowship that would not require of them—practically at least—to assent to and believe its doctrines, and conform to its order of worship.

The idea that the clergy and laity of the Church of England, as she at present exists, are deprived of any reasonable liberty in the expression of their religious beliefs, or in the order and manner or method of their public worship, is perfectly preposterous.

On what grounds it is entertained by people it is difficult to imagine. While they all hold the three creeds, the fact of the existence of three or four parties in the Church—which we prefer to call different schools of thought within her communion—proves their intellectual freedom in somewhat differentially interpreting her doctrines and variously expressing their religious opinions.

Again, though the order of her services is the same in all cases, still there is given to the clergy and laity a certain optional liberty not only as to when they shall be performed, but as to how they shall be rendered, whether "said or sung," or "sung or said."

And that the clergy and laity largely avail themselves of the use of this optional liberty, any one may satisfy himself by

observing how different the public services often are in different parish churches; not only in the degree of their choral character, but in the measure of ritual with which they are accompanied:

No! You may be assured that Disestablishment and Disendowment would not increase the liberty of the clergy and laity as to their religious belief, nor give them greater freedom in their mode of conducting and engaging in public worship.

So far, indeed, from these revolutionary proposals, if carried into effect, producing such results, they would undoubtedly lead to consequences the very contrary.

For, given that by Disestablishment the Church were deposed from her present ancient historical and legal position as the National Church of the country, and that all charters and statutes recognising her, and guaranteeing to her all her rights and privileges, as such were repealed, and that she were reduced to the level of the sects and left to begin her ecclesiastical life afresh in her Disestablished state, she would have to do so on the narrow basis of a trust-deed, within the four corners of which she would have to embody all her creeds and forms of worship; and once this process was completed, in case of dispute as to their meaning, she could not finally adjudicate upon their meaning without going to the civil courts for judgment; and in case she wanted to alter her doctrines set forth in her trust-deed she could not do so but by virtue of an Act of Parliament.

This certainly would not be an enlargement, but a serious curtailment of her religious and ecclesiastical liberty.

GARDEN WORK FOR JUNE.

Kitchen Garden.

CUCUMBERS in frames should have fresh air every day. Shade the plants from the hot sun with mats or other covering. The frames should be closed at night. Water the plants either in the morning or the evening two or three times a week. Transplant celery into trenches, at the same time giving them a good supply of water; also leeks in rows about nine inches between each plant. The rows should be about nine inches apart. Plant cabbage, Brussels sprouts, purple and Walcheren broccoli, savoy, and red cabbage. Thin out and hoe between the rows of carrot, parsnip, and onion beds, and keep them free from weeds. If not well thinned out the plants will not come to perfection. Sow peas, cabbage, lettuce; and mustard and cress may be sown for a succession each week. Earth up potatoes. Plant scarlet runners.

Fruit Garden.

In dry weather strawberry plants should be well watered, so that those in bloom may not be checked in fruit setting. New beds may be planted towards the end of the month, choosing the runners from good fruit-bearing plants. Protect early cherries from birds by hanging nets in front of them.

Flower Garden.

In transplanting annuals it is as well to take them up with a ball of earth round the roots. They will root much more quickly, and be less liable to be thrown back. Thin out any beds of annuals where they are growing too thickly. Tulips and other bulbs should be taken up, dried, and stored until the autumn. All the offsets should be taken away. Plant out geraniums and fuchsias. Tie up to stakes all tall-growing plants.