

pronounce it a great mistake to suppose that we gain men truly over by sinking as far as possible the distinctive features of our system and accepting the place which that which is called the religious world would assign to us, as a sect among sects. We see in a number of instances and in a great variety of particulars, a marked disposition to assimilate themselves gradually to our usages, on the part of bodies differently constituted from ourselves and moulded originally to very different habits in all matters of exterior observance,—more than this, cherishing originally the most adverse prejudices upon the very points in which they now advance towards this conformity. I need only glance at the use of the organ, the practice of kneeling in public prayer, the decorations of the Sanctuary, the introduction of chanting in the performance of Psalmody and the predilection for some prepared liturgical performance in divine worship.\* In fact there are prejudices still lingering, not always in a very equivocal or gentle shape, in the minds, here and there, of our own people, with reference to some practices which those other bodies

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\* There can hardly be a more remarkable example of this nature than that which is found described in the *Dundee Mercury*, as quoted at the close of the June number, 1862, of the *Colonial Church Chronicle* (London) being No. XX.—“At a recent opening of one of the Established Presbyterian Churches in Glasgow, Dr. Lee’s liturgy was used and the services were in a great degree conducted after the manner of the Episcopal Church—several portions of Scripture being chanted. The congregation stood while singing and knelt during prayer, though many of those present, either from prejudice or force of habit, continued to follow the usual practice of the Presbyterian Churches. In the course of his sermon, Dr. Lee maintained that the present way of shipping was not in accordance with the spirit of the age and was kept up from a desire not to change established customs.”