

friends will at once say jokingly—"they're all coming round." But a book of common prayer does not constitute the Church of England. It would not be admissible that such a form of church service be made compulsory. Nothing is more foreign to our idea. But let its use be optional; and let there be abundant opportunity for extemporaneous prayer in the use of it, and who can say that no advantage would be reaped. To make its use obligatory (a thing impossible, even if desirable) would be to make all the churches one. But different forms of church government suit different temperaments and meet different tastes, thus serving an important end and each fulfilling its own proper function.

We have all one common aim. By all means let us have unity of action in the attainment of the end aimed at. And if one means tends to increase our mutual sympathy more than another, and in this way to increase also our strength, let that means be adopted. Whatever be the plan followed, the form of church service and government, be the ritual written or not, the one and only aim should be the attainment of the highest excellence of Christian character, and the most rapid and thorough dissemination of Christian truth.

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MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

DEAR MONTHLY,—Allow me to make a suggestion in the line of foreign mission work. It is admitted that the past general lack of missionary enthusiasm has been caused by a very inadequate knowledge of the true state of the heathen world. That the land of the idolaters is filled with the habitations of cruelty was and is the sum total of many Christians' knowledge of heathendom. Of the particular forms of idolatry and of the fiendish cruelty of the idolaters they know nothing. What Christian people the world over require is more light on the needs and claims of the greater portion of the world, together with the inspiring record of modern missionary triumphs.

It is true we have a number of excellent missionary magazines, as the *Church at Home and Abroad*, the *Missionary Review*, the *Gospel in all Lands* and the like, but how many of these periodicals circulate