

Attentively considering, the observer will find the mode of worship and ceremony in Christian congregations to be of various manifestations. Thus :

1. A mode in which there are certain set forms of praise and prayer, conducted in an ancient and foreign tongue ; and, usually, no reading of Holy Scripture from the books of Scripture.

2. Another, in which there are certain set forms, varied according to times and seasons ; but all in the language of the people,—whatever that may be ; and much reading of Holy Scripture.

3. And a third, in which, while there is a regular order of worship, all in the tongue of the people ; the prayers, thanksgiving, and reading of Scripture, are wholly at the discretion of the officiating Minister.

The first is the order of the ancient Church of Rome, (and generally also of the Eastern churches.)

The second, of the Church of England, or the Anglican Church, and bodies affiliated with her.

The third, of the Church of Scotland, and of various communions who have separated from the churches of Rome, England, and Scotland, and have developed in process of time into organized bodies, called by some, sects or denominations, and by others churches.