

ure from the one fixed order, at a special time and *for a special purpose only*, and in harmony with the principles of our Prayer Book, and under the direction of the Chief Pastor of the Church, rather tends to increase our reverence for our usual form of Prayer than to diminish it.

One more matter I may very briefly mention, and it alludes to the occasional offices, viz., that all the baptisms, burials, and marriages in your parishes be regularly entered in a suitable register book, recognized as the property of the parish. There has been a custom into which some clergymen have fallen, of making such entries in a private book of their own, mixed up with private memorandums of their own affairs. Great public inconvenience and injury have resulted from such a practice, and as it is much to be blamed, I desire that you will all entirely and for ever abandon it. I trust also, that you will be very careful to institute inquiries of those who come to be married, in reference to their consanguinity and whatever else is needful to be inquired into, especially if they come from another parish or Diocese. I speak advisedly on this point, for not only have there been rumours of persons being married in our Church within the prohibited degrees, but two cases have occurred within my knowledge, in which I do not mean to throw the blame on the clergy, of open sin, one of which has brought ruin and misery on an innocent family. I cannot but think if due care were taken, and all persons were married as the Church directs, that such guilty people would shrink from the danger of public exposure in the Church.

And now, dear Brethren, before I dismiss you, bear with me, if as briefly as the subject admits, I venture to give you some fatherly advice, which in my judgment is profitable for your soul's health. Many of you have met often in Visitation. We have seen our brethren, one by one, called to the dread presence of our God, and the account of their life's labours on earth summed up and closed for ever. We have a little longer to remain, but the lines of our handbreadth are visibly shortening; the things that are seen will soon be the shadows that are past, and the things that are not seen the lights of the Eternal world.

Once more then, I press upon you *Progress*.

Progress in your spiritual life. Not only be more earnest in prayer and more frequent in prayer, but let the stamp on your character be that of heavenly intercourse. As the face of Moses shone with a heavenly radiance, when he came down from the mount, so let it be seen that you have drawn nigh to God by the increasing reverence, humility, sincerity and simplicity of your character, and by that tender devotion in sacred things, which it is impossible for the worldly-minded pastor to imitate, and that thoroughly single mind

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