

in the end, to have a complete liturgy, or only fragments? Is the use of the one or the other to be pronounced obligatory or optional? If optional, is power, in this respect, to be exercised by ministers, Kirk Sessions, or Congregations? Will the spiritual life and growth of the church be promoted by the adoption of such a manual? Does the history of liturgical services warrant an affirmative answer to this question? Is there not danger in the present movement of our departing from the simplicity of Apostolic practice? We may multiply appearances because the substance is not. At the same time we do not hesitate to condemn lack of dignity decorum and reverence in all that pertains to the Lord's house. We should serve Him with the very best we can offer, and everything should be done decently and in order. Hence we hail with satisfaction all well directed efforts to remove blemishes that may be shown to exist.

