

more than *distressing*, it is *grievous* to be compelled to listen to the school children in particular, who are often permitted in God's house, to hurry over these solemn portions of the divine service in a way which would not be tolerated in their school room, but which *is* tolerated in God's house, because the *principle* on which Church worship should be conducted has been so universally lost sight of and neglected.

Is there not then under these circumstances an absolute *call* upon us to do something? Is it not high time to revert to nature and reason, and to conform ourselves to the only *known principles* upon which the service of God *can* be reverently, orderly, and solemnly performed? The time is not far distant, let us hope, when the clergy, as a body, will feel the truth which these remarks have dwelt upon ; and *then* when they have become persuaded, let them by degrees endeavour to conform *themselves* to the rules laid down. Let them observe as nearly as possible one tone of voice throughout a prayer ; let them be *deliberate* and *even* in reciting the psalms, litany, and suffrages, *observing the colons*. The transition from their own way to the *right way*, will thus be easy