

and the original Lord's Prayer objected to as a joint spoken utterance of the whole congregation.

In our modern churches of all denominations there is a great falling off from the practice of joint singing. The result of this is that there is no audible participation whatever on the part of the people in the act of worship. It was with the view of remedying this defect that the suggestion at the close of the foregoing discourse was offered. It was thought that by making some simple addition to the Liturgical element already existing in our churches, and putting it in power of every one who could read or speak, to join audibly in some part of the service some general benefit might be obtained. All such matters, however, are merely secondary, and should still be regarded as such. No change should be attempted through a will of the majority where the minority are dissatisfied. Indeed our own view is, that in such a case the feelings of every separate individual ought to be tenderly respected, and nothing done to hurt the weak, or mar Christian harmony. The simple changes suggested, if candidly considered, universally accepted, sincerely carried out, and devoutly regarded, would in our opinion, be useful to many minds, and helpful to many hearts. But if they cannot be so accepted and regarded, we can easily see how they might become hindrances rather than helps. Better far than any self-willed seeking "to please ourselves" in such a matter, is the generous and gracious spirit which readily prompts "every one of us to please his neighbour for his good to edification."