

## BOOK NOTICE.

**A CHRISTIAN LITURGY FOR THE USE OF THE CHURCH.** Boston: Crosby, Nichols & Co., 1853.

THERE is no note in this book to indicate the compiler, but we believe we are authorized in saying that the materials were selected, prepared, and arranged by the Rev. Dr. Hedge of Providence, R. I. The arrangement is simple, and we observe throughout the marks of a wise discrimination, and a correct taste. Some of the richest and most inspiring language of devotion extant in any form is to be found here — selections from the sublime and touching psalms of the Bible, the noble Te Deum ascribed to Ambrose of Milan, and a grand Eucharistic Liturgy, portions of which were probably repeated by the Christians of Jerusalem and Antioch in the second century, as they sat together at the sacred Table of Communion.

We are glad to observe that this Liturgy does not contemplate the exclusion of free prayer from the Churches in which it is used. Any such exclusion would be a calamity, and ought carefully to be avoided. We are of those who believe that the “gift of prayer” is more or less in every man, and should feel bound to protest against any systematic hindrance that might be put in the way of its free expression. At the same time we are ready to admit that the use of set forms of prayer may sometimes, and in certain circumstances, be desirable and profitable both in public and domestic worship.

From the book before us we extract the following Litaury, or form of general Supplication, which we think might occasionally be used with profit in the religious services of the Church and the household.

*Min.* O God, our Heavenly Father, have mercy upon us.

*Con.* O God, our Heavenly Father, have mercy upon us.

*Min.* O God, by thy Christ, the Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.

*Con.* O God, by thy Christ, the Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.