

rying the same spirit with us in our investigation of spiritual things?

The remedy lies in a great measure with individuals. If each reader of this article would resolve, so far as possible, to do everything, even the very least, *thoroughly*, avoiding the thought which so often mars our best works: "That will answer," but doing everything "as unto the Lord," a little circle of influence would soon be found which day by day would widen, and could not fail to react on his own interior life and on the lives of those with whom he comes in contact.

Society must be reformed, not violently, but by degrees. Every great upheaval is followed by a tidal wave of reaction, but a whole continent may be lifted inch by inch and not a ripple follow. So is it in the world of morals.—*Selected.*

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### THE REFORMED EPISCOPALIANS.

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THE "Reformed Episcopalians" in addition to their pecuniary troubles all over the country, are in all sorts of trouble. In Montreal, in the congregation presided over by Dr. Ussher, there has been a split. Dr. Ussher, with his congregation, has seceded, and joined the "Greggites," who follow Dr. Gregg, who seceded from the "R. E. Society" and set up a society of his own in England, first copyrighting the name and Prayer Book. The "Bishops" were refused the use of the building, and had to hold a rival meeting in a Hall, where they gave their version of the story, and a lawsuit is promised. Dr. Usher is known in Aurora, Illinois, where he was for a while a Lay Reader.

The Aurora Church people are not at all surprised at anything he may do. Rev. W. Windeyer has resigned the charge of the Society in St. John, which we understand is very feeble.

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### THE LITANY.

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THE word litany comes from the Greek, and was originally used in the general sense of prayer, whether public or private. At a very early period in the history of the Church, it was restricted to certain prayers that were said in processions of the clergy and people. We find in the Apostolic Constitutions, some parts of which cannot have been written later than the second century, and the most modern parts of which cannot be later than the middle of the fourth century, a form of supplication closely resembling in structure the litanies with which we are familiar. A deacon named the various subjects of petition, and the people completed the prayer with the words. "Lord, have mercy." In the Eastern Church kindred forms of prayer were used under various names and from the retention of the Greek words *Kyrie E'eison* in the Latin litanies, it seems probable that the earliest of such litanies were derived from Eastern sources; but litanies, in our sense of the word, are characteristic of the West rather than the East.

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### THE IMPORTANCE OF SPEECH.

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THE importance of speech, as it is represented in the Scriptures, is twofold; it is the truest expression and representative of a man's life,