

resolute unbelief, for if such a man after death could express an opinion he would be indignant at the Burial Service being read over him. Again, there was another case which had actually occurred, of a person living in gross and actual sin. A clergyman was fully at liberty to refuse to use the expressions in question in cases like these; but where a clergyman could not undertake to say that there was no hope whatever of a person's salvation, charity ought to induce him to employ the language of the Burial Service. Various attempts have been made to settle the difficulty, but all had failed, and the obstacles being such that he could see no prospect of a satisfactory solution, he could not accede to the proposal of his noble friend. The noble Lord had spoken of his desire for conciliation, but he was certain that more persons would be alienated than would be conciliated by the changes he proposed. The Protestant Episcopal Church in America had made some slight alterations in the Liturgy—"Hear, hear," from Lord Ebury—but he could quote the opinion of one of the Bishops of that Church that though larger concessions had been made than the early Nonconformists demanded, the effect had not answered the reasonable hopes that were entertained, and he had heard from another source that it was the stability and fixedness of the formularies of that Church which led so many members of Dissenting bodies to join it.

The motion was rejected by 66 to 20.

The Bishop of Edinburgh, acting for the Bishop of London, during the past week held confirmations at Bonn, Weisbaden, Heidelberg, and Frankfort, in each of which places a considerable number of young persons were confirmed. At Frankfort there was a choral service and a crowded congregation, many Germans being present. In the course of his tour the Bishop will consecrate the English churches recently built at Stuttgart and Wildbad.

The Bishop of Moray and Ross is holding Confirmations in Russia. On the 23rd ult. he arrived at St. Petersburg, and on the following Sunday, the 27th (Whit Sunday by the Russian Calendar), he confirmed upwards of fifty candidates, in presence of a crowded congregation. After the service the Holy Communion was administered, the attendance being, if anything, larger than at Easter. On the Tuesday he was entertained by the Metropolitan of St. Petersburg.

The S. P. C. K. is about to issue a periodical in weekly and monthly parts, also in volumes, at the end of the year, chiefly of secular character, illustrated; especial regard being had to the working classes. The first issue will be in January, 1867.

UNITED STATES.—The Diocese of Kentucky has lately, after some debate, agreed upon appointing an assistant Bishop for that Diocese, and have elected the Rev. G. D. Cummins, D. D., of Chicago.

The Rev. W. E. Armitage has been unanimously elected Assistant Bishop of Wisconsin, and that Diocese has, by consent of the Bishop and the Convention, been divided.

The clergy of Trinity Church, New York, have by a letter from the Rev. Dr. Dix to the Board of Health stated that they are ready at any time, day or night, and will be during the season, to respond to any calls for spiritual ministrations among victims seized with cholera.

The *Church Journal* of the 3rd gives an account of the annual meeting of the General Theological Seminary. The presiding Bishop (Vermont) was in the chair. The Treasurer's Report showed that for the first time the income was in excess of the expenditure. The number of the graduating class was 24, of whom 7 were in Deacons orders.

CANADA —In the Diocesan Synod of Montreal, which met in June last, a motion passed to merge the Church Society into the Synod, as the general governing