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## USE OF "EUCHOLOGION."

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A DIFFICULTY appears to exist among the Members of the Church Service Society as to the use of the Book of Common Order which it has issued. The Editorial Committee may be allowed to offer a few suggestions, with the view of removing this difficulty.

We must remember, first of all, that every Member of the Society is, by the law of the Church, perfectly free to use in his ministrations whatever materials he can draw from any source, so long as he does not in his use of these violate any legal rule or practice of the Church. The question, therefore, of *what* he may use is entirely open. He may use whatever suits his purpose. The question of *how* he is to use it is the only one about which there can be any uncertainty. And in replying to it, we must be careful to impress on our minds the primary necessity of judiciousness and common sense, and full consideration of those local and congregational circumstances, which are sure to modify each separate case.

What might be successfully done in one district, might stir up ho<sup>o</sup> opposition in another. Measures at once accepted in the town might require much preparation and training in the country. One minister might stand in such a relation to his kirk-session and congregation, as to render them thoroughly ready to carry out changes which he desired: another might suggest these in vain until time, or experience, or a fuller preparation of their mind (which the minister should do his best to effect), had led his people to trust and acquiesce in his judgment.

Assuming, however, that every Member of the Society will be ruled by these considerations, and will not attempt to change the form or order of his public services in any way which does not