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A
FAMILY LITURGY;
WHOLLY SELECTED FROM THE
BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER,
For the Use of Members of
THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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THE BISHOP OF TORONTO,
FOR USE IN HIS DIOCESE.

TO WHICH ARE ADDED THE
FORMS OF PRAYER TO BE USED IN FAMILIES, AND
A SELECTION OF THE OCCASIONAL PRAYERS,
AND THANKSGIVINGS, AND COLLECTS,
SET FORTH IN THE PRAYER BOOK.

But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
JOHN. xxiv. 16.

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HAVE YOU SET UP AN ALTAR IN YOUR HOUSE?

EXTRACTS FROM THE

P R E F A C E

TO THE ORIGINAL COMPILATION.

"Our Reformers," says a venerable dignitary of the Church,* "were clearly of opinion, and I believe that no one has ever tried the experiment without witnessing to its success, that the constant reiteration of the same prayers, if men combine with one heart and one voice in giving them meaning and utterance, infuses rather a relish than a distaste for their use."

Connected with these observations, we may affirm that this habitual and steady training to the use of our admirable Liturgy in the household, must conduce to its more faithful and profitable employment in the sanctuary; while, from its being thus constantly in the hands, and we will hope in the hearts, of both young and old of our communion, there will be fostered that regard for soundness of doctrine, and that reverence for soberness and order which characterizes our Ritual, and is a distinguishing feature in the framework of the Church. There is, too, a comfort and satisfaction in the thought that all,

* Archbishop R. J. Wilberforce.

however separated and distant, in using the same form of devotion, will be addressing their petitions to Almighty God, as it were, with one voice; a circumstance which must, with his blessing, conduce to the realization of that unity of spirit which is so constantly a subject of our prayers and hopes.

While this compilation is more particularly designed for the purposes of Family Devotion, it will be perceived that it is equally appropriate for Sunday Schools, and it might also be used with advantage in the visitation of Hospitals and Gaols, where time might not be allowed for the use of the full Morning or Evening Prayer.—The work has been contracted within the narrowest possible space, on grounds of economy; so that, from the smallness of the expense, each member of a family may be furnished with a copy.

FAMILY LITURGY.

The Head of the Family will commence by reading the following Sentences.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Then shall be said the General Confession (all kneeling) each person present repeating the several petitions after the Head of the Family.

LET US PRAY.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we

ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done: And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Or this.

O most mighty God and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin, and be saved; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses: receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to Thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us, therefore, good Lord, spare Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with Thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners; but so turn Thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with Thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Here the Absolution may be pronounced by a Bishop or Priest, if one be present—else.

Then shall follow this prayer.

O Lord, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord.

*The Family to answer here, and at the end of all other prayers,
Amen.*

Then shall follow the Lord's Prayer, each petition being repeated by all present, as in the General Confession.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Then shall be said.

O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

Answer. And let our cry come unto Thee.