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PASTORAL CHANGES.—Rev. Jno. C. Reppas, the present incumbent of the Giles Pastorate, will, the first of January proximo, take charge of the Mt. Airey Pastorate, in Wythe County, Va.

FROM ONE EXTREME TO ANOTHER.—Samuel Fisher and Richard Claidge, two of the most distinguished Quaker ministers, had been, before they became Friends, distinguished Baptist ministers.

STILL AHEAD.—The Star Spangled Banner, which for seven years has "swayed" to the great satisfaction of its many thousand readers, and to the dissatisfaction of all swindlers and rascals generally, is even more wide awake than ever.

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For the Lutheran Visitor. Book of Worship.

NO. 1.

AS A LITURGY.

Objection.—Liturgies foster a formal religion in opposition to that spiritual worship which the gospel requires.

Answer.—Then the Jewish religion was merely a formal worship without the spirit. But God himself instituted that worship, and accepted it, then God sanctions mere form.

Does the use of the Lord's prayer make our service formal? Does it take away its power? After all, how much more formal are that prayer and those well studied prayers in our liturgy, than the stereotyped prayers of one half of our clergy?

The objection to the Book is really not to forms, but to a form that differs from theirs. The feeling is that no one has a right to prescribe a form for them.

Now we contend that the church has the right to prescribe forms and liturgies for her people, and loyal members of the church will yield their prejudices and predilections to her authority.

For instance: The responses are much disliked by those very men who respond the most. I have heard many responses from these brethren which meant the very opposite of what was intended.

A good old father was praying on one occasion. He said, "O Lord this is in all probability the last time I will ever be permitted to meet my brethren on earth."

But the Book requires us to kneel in the confessional prayer, and stand in the public prayers. Is this not proper? In the confession we humble ourselves before God as penitents, in the public prayers we give thanks as accepted children.

Objection.—All that the service contains is good enough, but the minister and people just say it, and do not feel and enjoy it.

Answer.—How do you know that? No man has a right to say that liturgies are only said by rote and not felt.

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New Publications.

THE MOTHER'S MAGAZINE.—The November number of this help to mothers is worth more than a year's subscription.

THE NEW ECLECTIC.—The Southern Presbyterian says of this magazine: "The New Eclectic, published by Messrs. Turnbull & Murdoch, in Baltimore, began its career in January, 1863, with the principle of selection from the best foreign and local publications as its basis, though opening its pages to valuable contributions from any quarter."

WESTMINSTER REVIEW. October, 1869. Leonard Scott Publishing Company, New York.

Contents: 1. The Quaker. 2. The Poems of Arthur Hugh Clough. 3. Water Supply of London. 4. Sunday Liberty. 5. The Afghan Tribes on our Trans-Indus Frontier. 6. The National History of Morals. 7. The Albert Life Insurance Company. 8. Compulsory Education. 9. Prostitution. Contemporary Literature.

LONDON QUARTERLY REVIEW. October, 1869. Leonard Scott Publishing Company, New York.

Contents: 1. Islam. 2. Isaac Barrow. 3. Higher and Lower Animals. 4. The Byron Mystery. 5. The Water Supply of London. 6. Lord Lytton's Horace. 7. The Reconstruction of the Irish Church. 8. Sacredotal Cellibacy. 9. The Past and the Future of Conservation Policy.

NORTH BRITISH REVIEW. October, 1869. Leonard Scott Publishing Company, New York.

Contents: 1. Inventus Mundi. 2. The Massacre of St. Bartholomew. 3. The Different Schools of Elementary Logic. 4. Mr. Browning's Latest Poetry. 5. The Pope and the Council. 6. The Constitutional Development of Austria. 7. Literature and the Land Question in Ireland. 8. Contemporary Literature.

We regret that our various engagements do not allow us to give an abstract of several articles in the different Reviews; but our day has only

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