

own tongue, that the unlearned may have free access to the Words of Life and 'the Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments and other rights and ceremonies of the Church.' The Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, forming a complete summary of the Reformed faith on the cardinal doctrines of Christianity, and especially on those points which were matters of controversy with the Church of Rome, although of somewhat inferior authority, we acknowledge as the standard of reference for the Church's teaching and subscribe 'in their true, literal and usual meaning, not drawing them aside any way nor putting our own sense or comment to be their meaning, but taking them in the literal and grammatical sense.'

"We are all agreed in the recognition of these three great standards as the tests to which we are willing that our Churchmanship should be brought. The first, the Bible, if we believe in its divine inspiration, must ever be to us the supreme, sole, final appeal in matters of faith and practice of life, so that in the words of the Sixth Article, 'Whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man that it should be believed as an Article of the Faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation.' "

8.—AN EVANGELICAL PRAYER BOOK CHURCHMAN WHO PREACHES THE GOSPEL.

"And herein I profess my, unfeigned assent and consent to its teaching as thoroughly scriptural; my deep love and reverence for its form of sound words as those in which my fathers have found spiritual comfort in worshipping for three hundred years; and my unswerving allegiance to its authority as the exponent of the Reformers' doctrine. I claim that in avowing myself a Prayer Book Churchman I vindicate my title to be held a Protestant Churchman; for the Prayer Book is, as I regard it, the very bulwark of Protestant principles.

"I have laid claim to the further character of being an Evangelical Churchman. It is much to be regretted that so unexceptionable a definition should have been narrowed down to the designation of a party. I hold that the chief glory, the very *raison d'être* of the Reformed Church of Eng-