

and clustered with associations of parents, brothers, sisters and dearly loved friends.

9. Forms of prayer are as necessary as forms of praise. Method is necessary in every well conducted business. We would prepare our words and conduct to come before an earthly dignitary. And shall we not, when we come to worship God, put on not only our best garments, but the purest words and the fittest behaviour, clothing ourselves with "the righteousness of the saints" appearing in Jesus' House.—*Selected.*

THE "COMFORT OF THE SCRIPTURES."

Do not many here recollect the bright, cheerful, aged piety of some who have gone to their rest? What was the character of that cheerful piety? What was the outward sign of it? I do not know whether others will agree with me, but I should say *the Bible*. The people I mean never had their Bibles far away. Old people read in it many times a day. They read their chapter in the morning. They sat quiet and read it in the afternoon. They read it by the last sunlight at their windows, or when the evening lamp came. Their spectacles lay on it, ready for use together. Their son or their daughter read it to them before they went to bed. They made their grand-children read it aloud to them. Yes, they knew the Scriptures: and, beloved, they had the 'Comfort of the Scriptures.' They were a more choerful, pious generation than we. Now, the Bible may be more scientifically studied by a few. But it is not so much the stay of

all . . . They read their Bibles less. You do not see one in their sitting-room. They come to Church without it. They do not verify the preacher's quotation.—*Sing's Heart, by the Bishop of Truro.*

FROM the charge of the Archdeacon of Nottingham, England, we take the following :

"Let us endeavor as far as we can, to throw our churches open and free to rich and poor alike. If we have hundreds inside there are thousands outside. Appropriated seats are a modern invention. Our forefathers had not even benches in churches till the latter part of the fourteenth century; and that part of Europe we are most inclined to look down upon, Spain, can boast of more free and unappropriated Churches than we can.

In a recent issue of the *Christian Union* occurs this remarkable statement: "Letters of inquiry, received from time to time, disclose the fact that many Christian ministers are unacquainted with, if not ignorant of, the Apostles' Creed. If this is true of clergymen, it may be assumed that multitudes of the laity know very little of this historic and precious confession." The article then goes on to print, *in extenso*, the Apostles' Creed, giving as its reason that "its re-introduction to congregational churches is eminently desired for catechetical and liturgical uses, and that its acceptance and honor are sure to follow upon a knowledge of its origin, contents, and historic significance."

SAUL, the High Priest's bloodhound.—*Acts i. 1.*