

We may go by rubrics or by general custom, or by local Canadian custom. We cannot properly go against the first, yet the third may modify their stringency. 1. There is no rubric to direct how this creed is sung or said. The more general custom in cathedral and other English churches is for the clergyman to turn with his choir to the east, but there is nothing wrong in his not doing it, and the Canadian custom is probably against it. 2. It may be according to some local custom that the people sing or say the creed along with the clergyman, but the more general way is for the different sides of the choir, or for the minister and people, to do it antiphonally or by alternate verses. The form of the creed itself would naturally suggest such a practice, but there is no hard and fast rule. 3. The form of the creed is largely moulded upon antithesis, and the clauses have the appearance of logical or theological results. In these respects it has always been different from the other two creeds, and we have only a translation in our Book of Common Prayer, but a translation cannot properly alter the construction of its original. The running it all into one or two close sections would materially obscure its light as giving the exposition of the faith.

British and Foreign.

Seven contributions of £1,000 each have been promised towards the fund for the endowment of the Bishopric to be formed by the partition of the Diocese of St. David's.

The new church erected by the Duke of Newcastle, at Clumber, some years ago, at an outlay of £40,000, has since had expended on it between £15,000 and £20,000.

It is stated that £10,000 have been collected for Dr. Forrest by the parishioners of St. Jude's, South Kensington, part of which is to be spent on a presentation, and the rest invested for Dr. Forrest's use. By his acceptance of the Deanery of Worcester his income is lessened by £400 a year.

The Queen has approved the appointment of the Rev. Francis Paget, D.D., Canon of Christ Church and Regius Professor of Pastoral Theology in the University of Oxford, to be Dean of Christ Church, on the resignation of the Very Rev. Henry George Liddell, D.D.

Mr. Stuart Rendel, M.P., who has been staying at Hawarden, says Mr. Gladstone has not only accepted the principle of Disestablishment in Wales, but has undertaken that his Government, when he returns to power, shall give effect to it.

Over one hundred missionaries of the Anglican Church sailed from London last month for foreign fields. Sixty went to Uganda, Africa, and a number to that section of China at present the scene of malignant opposition to Christianity.

A telegram has been received from Urmi, Persia, announcing the death from pneumonia, recently, of the Rev. Arthur S. Jervis, one of the clergy of the Archbishop's Mission to the Assyrian Christians, and Chaplain to the Branch House of the Sisters of Bethany, who are working for this mission.

Strong efforts have been made to induce the Bishop of Maritzburg to withdraw his resignation, in view of the fact that the announcement of his purpose has failed to effect the desired result in healing the schism at Natal. Bishop Macrorie has, however, adhered to his expressed purpose.

Six Swedes have recently entered the General Theological Seminary. They are candidates from the diocese of New York. One of their countrymen, Mr. Carl Sandine, has finished his first year in the seminary. He is a lay-reader in St. Bartholomew's parish, holding services in Harlem and Brooklyn, and, during the summer, he had charge of a Swedish mission at South Amboy, N.J.

According to a return made to the House of Commons, the total yearly revenue of the Church of England from ancient endowments is not less

than \$27,345,855, while the Church has also an additional income of \$1,421,930 from private benefactions made since the year 1703.

Though in his ninetieth year, Dr. Austin is described as still hale and hearty, and certainly he so appeared on his visit to England eighteen months ago. There have been no fewer than five Archbishops of Canterbury—Howley, Sumner, Longley, Tait and Benson—since Dr. Austin became Bishop of Guiana.

The old church of St. Mary-at-Hill, Eastcheap, has just been closed in consequence of human remains having been found within a few inches of the ground, which were buried, not in the vault, but simply underneath the floor. The Rector (Rev. W. Carlile) is going to use the bottom of the Rectory for a Church Army "Good Samaritan" office, to assist men out of work in finding suitable situations.

Sir John D. T. Llewelyn, Mayor of Swansea (member of the Canterbury House of Laymen), has intimated to the Vicar of that town his willingness to contribute £1,000 towards the proposed erection of a cathedral in the borough, on condition that the work is taken up vigorously, and that a substantial and worthy building is erected.

The work of laying down a new marble pavement in Peterborough Cathedral has been begun. The pavement of the choir will cost £2,000, which will be defrayed by Dean Argles. The design is being worked out in mosaic by a band of Italian workmen. The whole work will be completed by the end of February. It is intended to erect a new reredos, which will be brought forward so as to restore the arrangement as it existed in the old Benedictine choir.

The treasures of Egypt are not yet exhausted. A fragment of papyrus, recently discovered in the Fayum, is inscribed with the words from the Greek Testament: "Before the cock crow twice thou shalt deny Me thrice." This papyrus has a special interest for palæography and textual criticism. Further portions of the Gospel probably await discovery, and may surpass in antiquity any known writing of the same verse.

Bishop Blyth, in reply to a statement by Canon Tristram to the effect that in the Palestine affair, the Bishop "did bring various charges before the Archbishop and his assessors, but they were every one of them disproved and dismissed," says, "I have no option but to say as clearly as possible that no single charge or statement has been either disproved or dismissed, and that the facts in my 'Primary Charge' remain intact."

Dr. W. W. Page, who for many years has been pastor of the New York Presbyterian Church, preached his farewell sermon on a recent Sunday. It is generally reported that he intends to seek for Holy Orders in the Church. Dr. Page was baptized in the Church, and has long had leanings towards it. The rumour is not positively confirmed.

The Rev. G. C. Grubb's mission tour in Australia is reported to have been extraordinarily successful. At one meeting in Victoria, where the audience were asked to give themselves or their goods, there was a remarkable scene. People stood up and offered to go anywhere as missionaries, and numbers divested themselves of watches, brooches, earrings, bracelets, chains, and gave them for mission work. The value of the offerings at one service was £1,000. Mr. Grubb has preached to great congregations in Melbourne and other places.

A DOUBLE EFFECT.—Dear Sirs,—I have used Hagar's Pectoral Balsam for bronchitis and bad cough, with the best results, and can highly recommend it to all sufferers. Roscoe Pugsley, 250 Delaware Av., Toronto.

Sunday School Lesson.

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THE THIRTY-NINE ARTICLES. CONCLUSION.

Different branches of the Church of Christ have thought it necessary, from time to time, to draw up Confessions of Faith, for the purpose of stating clearly what was their belief upon questions debated among their members, and to put an end to the strife of controversy as far as possible. Matters relating simply to doctrine are in our days discussed with a kindlier spirit, and many things which our forefathers considered essential to salvation, are now left to each man's individual conscience. We may, with good reason, fear that the change is largely due to indifference—and yet, no doubt, we may congratulate ourselves that questions of a practical kind receive more attention than they did two or three hundred years ago. Still, this does not take away the responsibility that is laid upon the Church to guard the truth, even in what we may think matters of smaller importance, the truth which we have received from Christ and His Apostles. The XXXIX. Articles are the expressed belief of the Church of England. Every clergyman of our Church for 300 years has signed his name to them, and thus accepted their teachings as true, and as in accord with Holy Scripture. When we consider how many of the martyrs at the time of the Reformation laid down their lives because they held to the things taught in the Articles, no churchman has a right to be indifferent in regard to them. And although we do not require any but the clergy to publicly profess their belief in the Articles, they are a part of the recognized standards of Church Doctrine, and as such every member of the Church is in duty bound to thoughtfully study them.

It would be impossible in a single lesson to give any explanation of so many subjects as are spoken of in the Articles. It is therefore suggested that the teachers should ask the members of their classes to read over, in turn, the names of each Article as given in the "Table" at the end—referring back to any Article that may seem likely to be of interest.

CONCLUSION.

We have now come to the end of our lessons on the Prayer-Book. We have learnt many new things we may not hope to remember them all; but the lessons will not be thrown away, if they have only given the teachers and scholars a greater love for the Book of Common Prayer, if they have enabled us to enter more intelligently, and therefore more earnestly, into the public worship of the Church. If we all "pray with the heart, and pray with the understanding also," our love for the Prayer-Book will continually grow with our use of it—fitting us better day by day to take our part in the endless Alleluias of heavenly worship.

Family Reading.

God is Love.

Omnipresent Love art thou,
Everywhere you seem to be;
Place a garland on my brow:
Of thorns make thou a crown for me.

For who would reign with thee, my God,
Co-heir, inheritor, would be,
Must tread the path which thou hast trod,
Must conquer pain and agony.

Let me, through suffering purified,
Attain as footstool to thy throne;
Thou lovest me,—for me you died:
Died, deserted, and alone.

How can I make atone, my God,
For all that thou hast done for me?
Be thou alone my guiding rod;
Take thou my soul, I trust it thee.

Reward? if I might claim as much;
O God my Father grant me grace:
Not more,—thy garment's hem to touch,
To look but once upon thy face.

—J. Cunningham Dunlop, jr.