

Prayer, they are powerless to have corrected. But to briefly point out some of these errors. The Protestant's Bible admits now of only one priest and that one Jesus Christ — save as we are all "kings and priests unto God." The second Prayer Book of Edward VI., issued during the Reformation times, recognizes only "MINISTERS" in the Church of England, not PRIESTS. We have in this gone back to the old paths, and cast out the word "priest" as applied to Presbyters of the Church from our Prayer Book. With it has gone all that would in any way sustain what the sacerdotal priest claims. We read in the Bible that none can forgive sins but God alone, so we have made our Revised Prayer Book teach accordingly. You will look in vain for those familiar words :

*THE ABSOLUTION or Remission of sins,
To be pronounced by THE PRIEST ALONE, STANDING; the people
still kneeling,*

and in their place will find, as ordered by our last Synod, this significant change, so that by posture or gesture we may not convey a false idea :

*The Declaration of God's Mercy to all who truly repent and
believe his Holy Gospel.
To be said by the MINISTER ALONE, KNEELING.*

From the prayer itself has disappeared for ever in our Church those misleading words which state, that God "hath given power and commandment to his Ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins." No longer is the mind troubled about those tautological words in the prayer, "absolution" and "absolveth." They have vanished and it now reads, "He (God) hath declared and pronounced to his people, being penitent, the Remission of their sins : He pardoneth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel."

We have expunged the office of "the visitation of the sick" with its direction for special confession, after the manner of the Church of Rome, and the Romish and unscriptural form of absolution in those words which follow :

"And by his authority committed unto me I absolve thee from all thy sin."