

opens ; the people praise in choral Psalms and Glorias ; the people read the Psalms for the day in alternation with the priest ; the people respond petition by petition in the Litany, and take each of the Ten Commandments to themselves, and by "Amens" appropriate the Prayers and Collects which the priest recites ; and here and there the people rise and here and there they kneel together. The priest, though having much to read, never for a long space reads alone, so closely do the people follow with him. Many ages and experiences and moods can enter this service, and each find that which is its own. The little child in its first Church-going will recognize the "Our Father" he has learned at home, and to the old in years it must be full of clustering associations.

And the use of the same book by all Episcopalians widens the communion throughout all the lands. At the hour of worship all who bear this name are treading the same road—paths of praise and thought. Let Sunday come, and wherever he can find his Church the traveller is a native, and the stranger feels at home.

"INCREASE IN US TRUE RELIGION."

(Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity.)

At a profession of persons offering themselves to GOD as dedicated and separated to His service for life, we do not come to deliberate upon the extent to which we think it right to trust GOD, or the way in which to express that trust. On all this we *have* deliberated, and come now in great peace and serenity of mind to offer what by His grace we have determined to offer. We have considered what seemed to be the call of GOD to us, and our own unworthiness, and come now to the Altar to offer to GOD the *Religious*, or *dedicated* life ; not, GOD knows, because we fancy we find in ourselves a capacity for something heroic, but the reverse. Our profession as Religious is that act by which our weakness and unworthiness casts itself most completely upon GOD.

Is not this what it means : "My GOD, I find I can not be a Christian holding back from any sacrifice within my reach, and to which I am drawn on. I cannot maintain a Christian life in my own independence, as the philosophers recommend ; I must begin to be the 'servant of Jesus Christ,' my life must be Christian out and out, or it seems to me not to be the Christian life ; and the *Christian* life is what I attain to see of Thy per-