

sion Fund. The parish has about 500 Communicants on its roll, and there is a weekly and Saints' Day early Celebration, and a full Choral Celebration on the first and third Sundays in the month.

The annual report of St. Matthew's indicates a congregation truly alive and given to good works.

Advantages of a Prayer Book.

The question is frequently asked by persons not accustomed to a liturgical Service, "Why do you use prayers out of a book?"

We answer, because many of our prayers are common prayers; that is, prayers which are to be said by the Minister and congregation together, while others, like the Litany, are responsive prayers. To each petition the people respond, "Good Lord, deliver us," or "We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord."

But it is asked again, "Why repeat so often these words? Does not the Saviour say, 'Use not vain repetitions as the Heathen do?'" We answer the Saviour did not condemn repetitions, but vain repetitions. That he did not condemn repetitions as such, is evident from His own history. In His last great conflict with the "power of darkness" He went away again and prayed the third time, "SAYING THE SAME WORDS."

Neither did the Saviour condemn forms of prayer, for He used them frequently Himself in the Jewish Synagogue, and, when asked how to pray, He gave that beautiful and concise formula which we call "the Lord's Prayer."

"But don't you tire of the Prayer Book?" By no means. Like the Bible or some beautiful hymn, it becomes dearer and dearer the more we use it. The apostolic age of some of its parts, like the Creed and the Gloria in Excelsis, demands our reverence. Its beauty of structure demands our admiration, and its exhaustive enumeration of human wants, supplies every need of the heart.

"But how can we find the places?" We answer, Read the rubrics. The rubrics are directions in fine print before each part of the Service, telling just when and how it should be used. Read these rubrics at home so that when you go to Church you will be able to

follow the service readily. No one really enjoys the Prayer Book Service till he can take part in it.

CATECHISING.

We trust that more and more of our young readers are trying to learn these simple lessons. It will be very good for them, for in a year they will learn a very great deal, that we all ought to know.

N. B.—Answers that are incomplete will be found in the Church Catechism.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM No. V. B.

Where was Jesus Christ crucified? *On Mount Calvary outside Jerusalem, at a place called Golgotha.*

When we say that Jesus descended into Hell, what do we mean? *That His Soul went to Paradise at His death.*

On which day did He rise from the dead? *On the third day.*

What do we call that day? *Easter Day.*

How many days was He on earth before He went up into Heaven? *Forty days.*

On what day do we keep in remembrance our Lord's Ascension? *Holy Thursday, after the fifth Sunday after Easter.*

When will He come again? *At the last day.*
Give a Scripture promise that He will come again? *Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye, etc., (Acts. i. 11.)*

What will He come to do? *To judge the quick and dead.*

What do you mean by "the quick"? *Those who will be alive when He comes.*

Who is the Holy Ghost? *The third Person of the Blessed Trinity.*

What is His work? *To sanctify us, etc.*

What does the word "Catholic" mean? *Universal.*

What then is the Holy Catholic Church? *The universal Family of Christ.*

To what branch of the Church do we belong? *To the Anglican or English branch.*

Who is the Head of the Church? *Jesus Christ.*

Give Scripture proof of this? *Christ is the Head of the Church. (Eph. v. 23).*