

And there is another consideration which should have some weight in examining evidence. The *Quicumque* is a word of an extensive meaning. It may mean the whole world, but we may take it as applied to Christendom only. Dieterici, in 1861, estimated Christendom to contain five hundred and five millions of souls. Possibly we might now say five hundred and twenty millions. Of these, five hundred millions of Christians either do not recognize the Creed at all, or do not recite it in public worship. The Church of England alone, numbering only about twenty millions, recites it in her public morning service. Of these twenty millions, a very large majority, as we contend, wish that the Creed should not retain its place in the public service, and a very small minority that no change should be made. If this estimate be anywhere near the truth, and we believe it is, what a very small space the Athanasian minority occupies—a mere speck on the huge map of Christendom! It should teach a lesson of humility and moderation.

Now, in face of this overwhelming testimony against the Creed, testimony which would satisfy any court of law or equity, or any mixed jury of bishops, clergymen and laymen, they would “a true verdict give, according to the evidence,” in five minutes; the managers of the Conference ask for some little further evidence from parties they know nothing of. Perhaps they are minded to send to Germany for a Martin Bucer and a Peter Martyr. Is it not an evasion of the whole question? nay, we say it is a fair presumption, from the cumulative and circumstantial evidence we have brought forward, that it is an admission as clear