

There is a lamentable want of confession of sin. This part of public prayer is almost entirely omitted. Yet a prayer book is not the proper remedy for it. Dean Farrar believes that the English Church Prayer Book occasions many to leave their church and join non-conformist bodies.

AS TO THE APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION.

The full form is in II Corinthians. If it is used as Paul uses it, it is a benediction. If it is used in the first plural, it is a prayer. Communion and fellowship are never used in connection in the Bible; their meaning is identical. Ministers should not add to nor take from the benediction. They should not substitute for it the priestly benediction in Numbers VI., nor Hebrews XIII:20-21. If they do not like the Apostolic benediction they may conclude with a short prayer. The benediction is very full in import and addressed to all the persons of the Blessed Trinity.

4. Pulpit announcements, not "intimations," should be made as brief as possible. Those generally made are too numerous and distracting; and they reveal an amount of machinery quite incompatible with the simplicity of the Apostolic Church. If such notices must be given, they should be printed and then posted in the vestibule of the church. Unsuitable announcements should be entirely rejected. Short announcements of strictly religious services should be given, and also of congregational affairs; but those of services conflicting with your