

read and young Churchmen should learn off by heart the sixth, eighth, and twenty-second Articles. Even the Creeds, which are the Creeds of the Undivided Catholic Church of Jesus Christ, are subordinated to the authority of the Holy Scriptures. And though the services of the Prayer Book are saturated with Scripture, though the bulk of the prayers and hymns of the Prayer Book are the very words of God, yet above all the Church of England rears as the final standard in splendid and final supremacy, the inspired Word of the living God.

6. Think, too, of the value of the Prayer Book from a homiletic standpoint. We may say a word here especially to the Clergy. What a helpful thing

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it is to have as a source and suggestion of regular and uniform pulpit teaching the order and suggestion of the ecclesiastical year, and of the various services

as set forth in our Liturgy. Many years ago a most distinguished Presbyterian came to our Church seeking Episcopal ordination, and when asked what it was that especially attracted him to the Church of England he replied :

(1) The wonderful power of edification and comfort that is to be found in the Church of England worship.

(2) The practical effect of our religious system in emphasizing continually the foundation facts of the Christian system, those columnar verities of Christianity ; the Incarnation, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, the Ascension, the coming of the Holy Ghost, and the expected personal appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We think that the Clergy sometimes fail to avail themselves of the manifold opportunities of the Prayer Book, and it would, perhaps, be a good thing if they preached more courses of sermons upon the Creeds, the Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Canticles, the Services, the Articles, and in general upon the great teaching of the