

Leaving the Creed as in the old book with the Rubric unaltered there was added the Lambeth translation of the Creed with permission to use it as an alternative. This translation omits the clauses which are objectionable. But the Synod rejected this solution on the ground that the printing of two Creeds would be confusing. After a day and a half of the most interesting discussion and debate the House seemed divided into two camps. On the one hand there were those who demanded the continued use of the Creed as it has been handed down to us, Condemnatory Clauses and all. On the other hand there were those who said we would like to use the Creed on account of its constructive value, but we cannot make these harsh judgments our own by reciting them.

The solution found by the Synod was as follows: The verses which offended the scruples of so many people were to be indented in the printing, and the following note was to be printed above the Creed: "The indented clause may be omitted at the discretion of the minister from the public recitation of this Creed in Divine Worship." At the foot of the Creed a declaration is to be printed for the removal of doubts and to prevent disquietude in the use of this Creed, commonly called the Creed of St. Athanasius. It is solemnly declared:

"1. That the confession of our Christian Faith commonly called the Creed of St. Athanasius doth not make any addition to the Faith as contained in Holy Scripture, but warneth against errors which from time to time have arisen in the Church of Christ."

"2. That as Holy Scripture in divers places doth promise life to them that believe, and declare the condemnation of them that believe not, so doth the Church, in this confession, declare the necessity for all who would be in a state of salvation, of holding fast the Catholic Faith, and the great peril of rejecting the same: Wherefore the warnings in this confession of Faith are to be understood no otherwise than the like warnings in Holy Scripture; for we must receive God's threatenings, even as His promises, in such wise as they are generally set forth in Holy Writ. Moreover, the Church doth not herein pronounce judgment on any particular person or persons, God alone being the Judge of all."

The Prayer Book as adapted and enriched and finally adopted by the Synod has to be confirmed at another Synod before it can be considered final, but what has been done will be printed and published in the near future, probably before Easter, in the hope that in some congregations the work of revision may be put to the test of public use. This permission does not extend to the proposed new use of the Athanasian Creed.