

in its supply for all sorts of needs and all sorts of people in every age, in every country, and in every condition of

ITS life. Its services are for all men, without distinction of race or class. There
DEMOCRATIC is no partiality or favoritism in the
AND CATHOLIC Prayer Book. The prince and the
FEATURES : pauper are baptized, and confirmed, and

married, and buried alike by the same

beautiful services. One of its chief charms is that it does

not take us as rich people, or learned people, or poor

people, or ignorant people, but it just takes each and all as

poor, sinning, Saviour-needing souls, whatever we are, or

wherever we may be. It includes in its broad reach every

possible kind of life, and with its broad sweep touches life

at every stage. In the baptismal service it begins with the

little babe in the cradle. It takes up the boy and girl in

confirmation, has precious words for the newly married,

carries them all through the vicissitudes of child-birth and

sickness, and when life's brief day is passed, pronounces its

grand words of hope above the grave. And so it has been

built into the very life of the people for ages. Notice, too,

how the Catholic spirit of the Prayer Book is manifested

in the way in which it emphasizes those great foundation

truths which circle around and center in the Person and

work of our Divine Redeemer, and how all the seasons from

the beginning to the end of each year, Spring, Summer,

Autumn and Winter, only serve in turn to bring the In-

carnation, and Crucifixion, and Resurrection, and Ascen-

sion, and the second Advent before all Churchmen's eyes.

No great doctrine is omitted. Every week and every month

brings with it some fresh revelation, some fresh aspect, of

the riches of God's glory and God's grace. It always has

something for everybody, some great and helpful truth. Its