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THE first intention of this book is to provide a collection of Prayers that shall supplement The Book of Common Prayer in the hands of the Parish Priest in his daily ministrations and occasional services. The collection contains many Prayers which have approved themselves through use in Parish work. Some of them are, in a sense, accepted, in that they are not only of ancient origin, but are also in constant use in many places. Others are new, either in origin or adaptation. That they should be gathered together in convenient form was the demand of experience on the part of the editors. It is believed that others will welcome such a collection and use it. The need of supplementing the authorized forms of the Prayer Book is more deeply felt each year, and is giving occasion not only to the growing use of ancient liturgical forms, but to new liturgical expression. If this book can help forward in any way this movement within the Church, its production will be doubly justified. It is believed that it will add to the book's practical value that it contains the Offices from The Book of Common Prayer and a selection of readings from the Bible.

The Prayers are arranged to follow the order of the Christian life in its relation to the Church, and, while they are primarily designed for the Priest, it is hoped that they will also be found useful by the people in their family devotions.

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C. M. A.
J. W. S.

Whitsuntide, 1896.

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IN the fourth edition the compilers have made certain changes in this book which the experience of its users in the past five years has suggested. These are, aside from minor corrections, the printing of the Psalms in the Prayer Book, instead of the King James' Version, the addition of a few carefully chosen hymns for house ministrations and the insertion of about thirty prayers in their appropriate places. In a few instances, prayers that have appeared in the first three editions have been omitted. The aim has been, in subtracting or adding, not to meet every conceivable need, but to gather together the really approved and useful prayers and to avoid any material increase in the bulk of the collection.

The compilers are encouraged by the kind reception which the book has received since its first appearance to ask from its friends such suggestions as may help toward its further improvement.

All Saints' Day, 1902.

C. M. A.
J. W. S.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of Sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the life everlasting. Amen.