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BY HIS

FAITHFUL SERVANT,

THE AUTHOR.

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## THE APOSTLES' CREED.

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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 AT 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 EVER-LASTING. AMEN.



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**T**HE Church's one foundation  
Is JESUS CHRIST her LORD ;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word :  
From heaven He came and sought her  
To be His holy Bride,  
With His own Blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.


Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One LORD, one Faith, one Birth ;  
One Holy Name she blesses,  
Partakes one Holy Food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore opprest,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distrest,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping,  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace for evermore ;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

## PREFACE.

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“ IS QUITE CERTAIN THAT WE, WHETHER MINISTERS OR PEOPLE, CLERGY OR LAITY, CAN ONLY DO GOD'S WORK IN THIS CHURCH OF ENGLAND BY ADHERING FIRMLY AND CONSISTENTLY TO THE PRINCIPLES OF OUR CHURCH, AS LAID DOWN AT THE GLORIOUS AND BLESSED EPOCH OF THE REFORMATION.”—*Dean Hook.*

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This Work—intended as a comprehensive hand-book to the principles and doctrines of the Church of England—has been written with a special view to the present critical times. We have been careful to give at considerable length the authoritative teaching of the Church of England as set forth in the Prayer-Book (A.D. 1662); the Thirty-nine Articles (A.D. 1562); and the Homilies (A.D. 1562). The statements of Roman Catholic teaching are from the recognised standards of the Romish Church. Extracts are given from the Directories, Manuals, and other Works used and commended by the Ritualistic party. Special care has been taken to indicate the source