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Καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς, Γέγραπται, Ὁ οἶκος μου
ΟΙΚΟΣ ΠΡΟΣΕΥΧΗΣ κληθήσεται.

S. ΜΑΤΤ. XXI. 13.

"Concerning the place of assembly although it serve for other uses as well as this, yet seeing that our Lord Himself hath to this as to the chiefest of all other plainly sanctified His own temple, by entitling it "the House of Prayer," what preeminence of dignity soever hath been either by the ordinance or through the special favour and providence of God annexed unto His Sanctuary, the principal cause thereof must needs be in regard of **ΣΟΜΜΟΣ ΠΡΑΞΕΩΣ**."—HOOKER, *Eccle. Pol.* v. xxv. 2.

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A fifth edition of the *Elementary History of the Book of Common Prayer* having been called for, the opportunity has been taken at the suggestion of many engaged in Education of introducing several important additions.

Besides the re-arrangement, therefore, of the work generally, which was carried out in the third Edition, the Historical portion is now supplemented not only by an *Explanation of the Morning and Evening Prayer*, and of *the Litany*, but also of *the Service for the Holy Communion*, and *the Baptismal and Confirmation Offices*.

As in the other Class-Books of the Series, Notes have been subjoined and references given to larger works, and it is hoped that the volume will be found adapted for use in Schools, and a suitable manual for the Oxford and Cambridge Local Examinations.

Some of the papers set in these Examinations have been printed in the Appendix.

As in the Class-Book of the Catechism, I have to acknowledge my great obligations to W. A. Brunton, Esq., for the trouble he has taken in revising the sheets and enlarging the Index.

KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL,
Easter Term, 1877.

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