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"The Communion of the Church of England, as it stands distinguished from all Papal and Puritan innovations, and as it adheres to the doctrine of the cross."—FROM THE WILL OF BISHOP KEN, A. D. 1710.

## THE SHEPHERD.

The Shepherd leaves a hundred sheep  
The one stray lamb, in fold to keep,  
And casts His gentle, pitying eye  
O'er every struggling bosom's cry.

He bendeth low, He searcheth still  
For wandering hearts His love to fill,  
And when some pilgrim comes with care  
Knocks at His gate! lo! He is there!

Then mourner, come; "Come freely" here,  
He knows thy sorrow, marks each tear;  
He pointeth where the day will break  
To shed its light for His own sake.

Lift thou to Him, the pleading eye,  
Be sure the Saviour will be nigh,  
A faint, sweet hope will beam anew  
And lighten all thy being through.

"Come freely, to the Mercy Seat,"  
Kneel lowly at thy Saviour's feet,  
And peace, once more, with holy light,  
Keep thy soul pure within His sight.

## THE CHURCH.

It is extremely difficult in this age of the world to bring people to consider the early history of the

Church, or to examine the relative claims of the various religious bodies which are known under the same generic term, although the prefix Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Anglican, &c., designates differences between professing Christians. To the ordinary person it appears to be quite a matter of indifference as to whether the body of which he may be a member is possessed of the authority which it ought to have. Indeed it seems to be too generally accepted that to speak and preach and pray are all the credentials needed to constitute a properly commissioned Ambassador of Christ.

It is to be feared that even members of the Church of England in some cases attach but little value to a lawfully constituted authority, and are too ready to adapt themselves to the lax views which prevail in other bodies upon the subject.

It is a fact, nevertheless, that our Lord Jesus Christ, Whose name we bear, and Whom we profess to serve, did establish a visible Church before He ascended up into