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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.

WHOSE I AM.

JESUS, Master, whose I am,
Purchased Thine alone to be,
By Thy Blood, O Spotless Lamb,
Shed so willingly for me ;
Let my heart be all Thine own,
Let me live to Thee alone.

Other lords have long held sway
Now, Thy name alone to bear,
Thy dear voice alone obey,
Is my daily, hourly prayer.
Whom have I in Heaven but Thee ?
Nothing else my joy can be.

Jesus, Master ! I am Thine ;
Keep me faithful, keep me near ;
Let Thy presence in me shine
All my homeward way to cheer.
Jesus ! at Thy feet I fall,
Oh, be Thou my All-in-all !

Havergal.

THE REASON WHY.

You want to know "the chief reason for being a Churchman." It would be hard to give any one principal reason for being an "Episcopalian;" but it is not a

difficult thing to say "why I am a Churchman." A man might be an "Episcopalian" for any one of a hundred reasons—because his parents were—because his wife is—because he likes a liturgical Service—because he likes chanting—or to see a clergyman in a white surplice. An "Episcopalian" is such by accident or by preference. The Episcopal Church—he will tell you—is the "Church of his choice." With the Churchman, however, it is quite another matter. With him it is not a question of preference but of principle. He is a Churchman because he cannot be anything else. It is a matter of deliberate conviction and of conscience. I am a Churchman therefore because I believe that the Church is of God and not of man ; that it is of Divine and not of human institution.

There is more in the reason given than might appear at first thought. Let us look the question in the face, and answer it. What constitutes a Church? The common notion is, that, though indirectly it may be of God, yet as to the foundation or institution, it is of man.