

Bishop of Kentucky in the Protestant Episcopal Church, was elected Presiding Bishop of the new organization, and which position he held at his death.

And on the 26th June, 1876, to the great loss of the Church and the deep sorrow and regret of his many friends, after but a few days' illness, Bishop Cummins departed this life at Lutherville, near Baltimore, Md., at the age of 54 years. When near his end and when asked what message he had to send to the Church of his love and care, his answer was—

"Tell them to go forward and do a grand work."

The principles of the Reformed Episcopal may be briefly stated as follow :

1. As to faith, a belief in the Holy Scriptures as the sole rule of faith and practice, in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, in the two Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the doctrines of grace substantially as set forth in the Thirty-nine Articles of the Church of England.

2. As to order, a retention of the Episcopacy, not as essential to the existence of a Church, but as ancient and desirable.

3. As to Liturgy, a Book of Common Prayer thoroughly expurgated of Romanizing germs, and giving liberty in extemporaneous prayer.

The 1st General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church was held at New York, on 2nd December, 1873.

The 2nd at New York, on 13th May, 1874.

The 3rd at Chicago, on 12th May, 1875.

The 4th at Ottawa, on 12th July, 1876.

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE REFORMATION.

It not unfrequently happens that a Mediævalist will sneeringly ask, "What are the Principles of the Reformation? I cannot understand them."

A rapid answer may be given to such a sneer.

The principles of the Reformation are a protest against and the rejection of the Mediæval notions and practices which you are moving heaven and earth to reintroduce into our Church. This is the negative phase.

Positively, the principles of the Reformation are a return to the faith delivered to the saints as we find it in Scripture.

The acceptance of Scripture as the sole rule and foundation of the Christian teaching.

The acceptance of the Primitive Church as alone of any value in determining, or helping us to determine, the doctrine conveyed