

the past has been, and unhappily in some quarters even now is, that this research has not been made by her children, and that too much has been passively accepted, and not enough held from conscientious principle, induced by personal examination and satisfactory evidence of its truth and orthodoxy.

When our people come to understand—as these converts now confess—that “heresy and schism” are sins against God, that “sects” and “parties” are an abomination unto Him, and that it does make a very large difference “what you believe” religiously, then, and only then, will there be the proper motive at work among Church people themselves, which will eventually result in that oneness and unity among those who profess the name of Christ, for which the Saviour Himself has taught us constantly to pray.

THE Bishop of Petersburg, before delivering the concluding portion of his charge at St. Martin's, Leicester, on Friday, remarked that in the Communion Service he adopted the Eastward position in prayer for consecration, whereas on the previous day of St. Martin's he stood at the North Side of the table. He did that in order to conform to the usage of each Church, and expressed his intention of continuing to do so with a view to securing unity, recent decisions declaring both positions equally legal. He also did it because he did not attach any doctrinal importance to either positions, and regretted that so much importance had been given to the point in their ritual controversies.

**“BISHOP” GREGG M. D. AND D. D., OF THE “REFORMED EPISCOPAL” SOCIETY IN ENGLAND SECEDES AND FORMS A NEW SECT.**

THOSE of our readers who have informed themselves about the progress of the “Reformed Episcopalian” in England have read of the vagaries of the “Primate of the R. E. C.,” as Dr. Gregg called himself. Well, the “Primate,” not being able apparently to have his own way in the new sect, seceded, shovel hat, gaiters and all, and proposes to start a NEW SOCIETY. This letter will explain itself:

*“To the Editor of the Rock :*

“SIR.—It is right you should know officially that Bishop Gregg has severed his connection with the Reformed Episcopal Church, deeming it wiser, for reasons of his own, to form a separate sect. He has therefore no authority to use our name, nor to advertise himself as “Primate”—a term introduced at his instigation, and which will now probably be gladly altered by his brethren to the more modest one of presiding bishop. The Standing Committee and General Synod of the R. E. C. remains as before, with the exception of Bishop Gregg's retirement, none of the officials having joined the movement.—I am, &c.,

ALFRED S. RICHARDSON,  
Sec. to the General Synod, R. E. C.”

But Dr. Gregg had previously taken the precaution to copyright the *new Prayer Book*, and the name “Reformed Episcopal Church in the United Kingdom,” as this advertisement in the same number of the *Rock* will show :—

REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.—Notice is hereby Given, that the BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, together with the Constitution, Canons, and Appendix of the Reformed Episcopal Church in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, with the Name and Title thereof,