

WHY I AM A CHURCHMAN.

**THUS SAITH THE LORD, STAND YE IN THE WAYS, AND SEE,
AND ASK FOR THE OLD PATHS. — Jer. vi. 16.**

**THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD. THE PILLAR AND GROUND
OF THE TRUTH. — 1 Tim. iii. 15.**

HOLD FAST THE FORM OF SOUND WORDS. — 2 Tim. i. 13.

THE object of this discourse is to indicate the distinctive principles of the *Protestant Episcopal Church*. The enunciation of these is a sufficient answer to the question: Why I am a Churchman,—and cannot preach the Gospel in any other ecclesiastical organization.

There is, and since the days of Abraham, there ever has been, such a thing, on the earth, as the *Church of God*. He originated it,—He governs and protects it. It is His instrumentality for the reformation,—the regeneration and the salvation of a fallen world. It is that Kingdom which Christ has