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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.

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## AN IMPORTANT DOCUMENT.

We devote a large part of our space this month to a sermon lately preached by the well-known Rev. Dr. Richard Newton, the famous Sunday-school worker, and who— with Bishop Bedell of Ohio, the Byngs of New York, and others, all of whom are in sympathy with him now—ranks as a principal leader of the "Low" Church party in the United States.

We do not hold the same doctrinal views as Dr. Newton, and cannot therefore endorse all he says, for he makes concessions which we are confident need not and ought not to be made; but we consider his sermon most valuable as showing how much, even from a very "low"

Church stand-point, can be said against the so-called Reformed Episcopal movement, or, indeed, any other schismatic effort to dismember our beloved Church.

Let our lay readers remember from whom this sermon emanated, and also consider it as but a *part*, and a small part, of what may be advanced in favor of the existence of the Church and Prayer Book.

## REASONS FOR NOT JOINING THE REFORMED CHURCH.

By THE REV. RICHARD NEWTON, D. D.

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"Be ready always to give . . . to every man that asketh you . . . A REASON.—I Pet. iii. 15.

The Apostle is using this language, in the Epistle where it occurs, with reference to the foundation of the Christian Faith. He says, "Be always ready to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the HOPE that is in you."

I propose now to take the language of our text, out of the connection in which it stands, and make an accommodated use of it.

Within a short time past, a new ecclesiastical organization, known as the "Reformed Episcopal Church," has been inaugurated in several places in this country. One of the leading men who has joined that organization, has published his "Reasons for joining the Reformed Church." I wish now to state, as briefly,