

Cheney associated with him. No less than ten clergymen have so far joined the movement.

The following are the reasons given by the Bishop for his action. They are addressed to the Bishop of Kentucky:

"1. First, you well know how heavy has been the trial of having to exercise my office in certain churches in the Diocese of Kentucky where the services are conducted so as to symbolize and to teach the people doctrines subversive of the 'truth as it is in Jesus,' and as it was maintained and defended by the Reformers of the Sixteenth Century.

"On each occasion that I have been called upon to officiate in those churches, I have been most painfully impressed by the conviction that I was sanctioning and endorsing by my presence and official acts the dangerous errors symbolized by the services customary in Ritualistic Churches.

"I can no longer, by my participation in such services, be a 'partner of other men's sins,' and must clear my own soul of all complicity in such errors.

"2. I have lost all hope that this system of error now prevailing so extensively in the Church of England, and in the Protestant Episcopal Church in this country, can be or will be eradicated by any action of the authorities of the Church legislative or executive. The only true remedy, in my judgment, is the judicious yet thorough revision of the prayer-book, liminating from it all that gives countenance, directly or indirectly, to the whole system of Sacerdotalism and Ritualism; a revision after the model of that recommended by the Commission appointed in England under royal authority in 1689, and whose work was indorsed by the great names of Burnet, Patrick, Tillotson, and Stillingfleet, and others of the Church of England—a blessed work, which failed, alas, to receive the approval of the Convocation, but was taken up afterward by the fathers of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and embodied in the prayer-book of 1785, which they set forth and recommended for use in this country.

"I propose to return to that prayer-book sanctioned by William White, and to tread in the steps of that saintly man as he acted from 1785 to 1789.

"3. One other reason for my present action remains to be given. On the last day of the late Conference of the Evangelical Alliance I participated in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, by invitation, in the Rev. Dr. John Hall's church in the City of New York, and united with Dr. Hall, Dr. William Arnot of Edinburgh, and Professor Dörner of Berlin, in that precious feast. It was a practical manifestation of the real unity of 'the blessed company of all faithful people, whom God hath knit together in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of His Son Jesus Christ.'

"The results of that participation have been such as to prove to my mind that such a step cannot be taken by one occupying the position I now hold without sadly disturbing the peace and harmony of 'this church,' and without impairing my influence for good over a large portion of the same church, very many of whom are within our own diocese.

"As I cannot surrender the right and privilege thus to meet my fellow-Christians of other churches around the table of our dear Lord, I must take my place where I can do so without alienating those of my own household of faith.

"I therefore leave the communion in which I have labored in the sacred ministry for over twenty-eight years, and transfer my work and office to another sphere of labor. I have an earnest hope and confidence that a basis for the union of all Evangelical Christendom can be found in a communion which shall retain or restore a Primitive Episcopacy and a pure Scriptural Liturgy, with a fidelity to the doctrine of Justification by Faith only—*Articulus stantis vel cadentis Ecclesioæ*—a position toward which the Old Catholics in Europe are rapidly tending, and which has already taken a definite form in the 'Church of Jesus' in Mexico.

"To this blessed work I devote the remaining years of life, content if I can only see the dawn of that blessed day of the Lord. I am, dear Bishop, faithfully yours in Christ.

"GEORGE DAVID CUMMINS."

BISHOP REINKINS.—We are informed that the Old Catholic Bishop Reinkins has been recognised by the Government of Baden.