

They may be innocent in intent, but their danger is lest they lead on the worshipper from step to step to the fatal error of believing that by virtue of the Priest's act the very Body and Blood of Christ are offered up afresh on the Altar, an oft-repeated sacrifice for sin.

"You will remember how careful the Church has been to guard the reverential posture she enjoins on recipients against this misconstruction. At the first revision of the Prayer Book in 1552 the Royal Council added a declaration concerning kneeling at the communion; which, having been omitted since the reign of Elizabeth, was again subjoined, with certain modifications, in its present form, at the last revision in 1661. 'It is hereby declared, that hereby no adoration is intended, or ought to be done, either unto the sacramental Bread or Wine there bodily received, or unto any corporal Presence of Christ's natural Flesh and Blood. For the Sacramental Bread and Wine remains still in their very natural substances, and therefore may not be adored, for that were idolatry, to be abhorred of all faithful Christians.'

"By all means let us inculcate upon our communicants, both in precept and by example, the utmost devotion of heart and reverence of demeanor in approaching these Holy mysteries; in drawing nearer to the Spiritual Presence of our adorable Saviour than in any other ordinance; but, as we love the Truth, let us shun everything that savours of or conduces to superstition."

15.—CLERGYMEN IN SUCH A CONSPIRACY TO UNDERMINE OUR REFORMED CHURCH WILL NOT BE LICENSED.

"So utterly subversive of the Protestant doctrine of our Church on a matter of vital importance do I consider such teaching, that I will never knowingly grant my license to officiate in this Diocese to any Clergyman who is a member of this Confraternity—or conspiracy, as it has been called—to undermine our Reformed Faith. And I earnestly hope that in preaching or teaching concerning the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper our Clergy will carefully guard against all such language as may give colour to a belief that is so repugnant to the spirit and teaching of the Church."