

stirred him up to denounce other errors of the prayer-book. He has preached another sermon, pointing out, in his own pungent style, the unscriptural doctrines contained in the services for confirmation, ordination, the visitation of the sick, burial, &c. He may ignore too much the explanations given of these services, and speak with too much severity of the men that use them, but he is doing a good work notwithstanding. One can hardly help believing that there must be many cases like that of Rev. Leonard Strong, of Torquay, who received ordination in spite of scruples, and thus describes his inner history:—"I was installed, and I returned to my Christian wife, saying, 'I am rector of this parish; I have now a field for labour in the gospel; but I am a *liar*.' I could never shake this off my conscience. We gave ourselves to the work. I never *taught the Catechism*, or allowed it in the parish. I did not baptize the children of unconverted persons. I often left out parts of the Baptismal service. I never read the whole of the Burial service over the unconverted dead. Indeed I never used the Prayer-book when I could help it. But in all this I was dishonest; I had promised to use it, and obey the Rubric. This made me unhappy, yet God did marvellously bless me in the conversion of sinners, both black and white."—However, the struggle could not continue; Mr. Strong relinquished his post, and is now a Free Church minister.

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THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY'S CHARGE.—The Archbishop of CANTERBURY commenced his primary visitation at the Cathedral, Canterbury, yesterday. In his charge his Grace alluded to the condition of the churches in his diocese, and also to the agitation for a modification of the declarations made by the clergy and of the Burial Service. The idea of abolishing all clerical subscription had met with little favour from the clergy or the laity. But there could be no doubt that the existing forms of subscription were too numerous, and that some of them might be modified, without lessening the moral obligation of the subscribers to maintain the tenets of the Church inviolate. The labours of the commission had been brought nearly to a close, and he confidently anticipated that the result would prove satisfactory to the members of the Church in general. *The question of the revision of a single office in the Liturgy, such as the Burial Service, would lead to the consideration of its general revision, and any such proposal would be met by the strenuous opposition of the great majority of the clergy of the Church, whatever might be their peculiar bias on theological questions.* He did not think it necessary to enter further into the discussion of the question, and would merely say that, having expressed his willingness to consent to the appointment of a Royal commission for a revision of the table of lessons and some other matters, it was probable that on the reassembling of Parliament such a commission would be appointed.

He next at some length spoke of the Colenso controversy, expressing his disapproval of the views of the Bishop of Natal. He explained what he understood the Church to teach in reference to the inspiration of Scripture, giving up the theory of verbal inspiration. As to the alleged clashing of science with Holy Scripture, he did not think any such difference existed. He deprecated the conduct of those who sought to make the alleged discoveries of science an argument against the teachings of the Church, and expressed a strong opinion that as the Church had withstood the attacks hitherto made against her, so she would continue to overcome those which might be made. It was his firm belief that, if the negative school of theology pursued its course in the same direction and in the same spirit, it must before long work out its own condemnation. Considerable alarm had been felt as to the recent decision of the Privy Council, but he thought that no general conclusion as to any future decisions could be drawn from the tenor of that decision, and much of the apprehension which prevailed, was he thought quite groundless.