

the sanction of heaven : but if he would interpose the standing necessity of a recourse to himself as superseding the *direct* recourse of the sinner to Christ who died for him, this is a fearful usurpation and there is none against which we ought more decidedly to *protest*.

Upon a review of what I have said, in the foregoing "*Considerations*," on this particular subject, I find myself to have left open the supposition that, being included in certain characteristics of the Anglican system which I have numbered from 1 to 6, it ought, in the same manner and degree with the rest, to form matter of familiar instruction, &c. But this is an idea which I by no means intended to convey. And with respect to others among the six several points, my own practice as well as the language of my charges, upon different occasions to the Clergy, will abundantly shew that I do not regard them as subjects which should engross any such portion of pastoral instruction, especially in the pulpit, as to interfere with, much less to supplant, the continual and earnest exhibition of the grand practical and doctrinal points of the Gospel.

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NOTE C. (PAGE 38.)

It is very possible and very common to hold the principles of the Church of England in all faithful strictness and yet to interchange the most perfect good-will and to cultivate the most friendly relations with those who differ from us. *Cum talis sis, utinam noster esses* has been happily applied by the Bishop of Fredericton, to the case. I believe I may claim a mutual feeling of friendship with Presbyterian divines whose predilections in Religion I am no more likely to influence than they are likely correspondently to shake my own convictions.

"If my offence be in my pen," says the good Bishop Hall, under the pressure of Puritan persecution, "which hath, as it could, undertaken the defence of that Apostolical Institution" [the institution of Episcopacy] "*though with all modesty and fair respects to the Churches differing from us*, I cannot depreciate a truth, and such I know this to be : which is since so cleared by better hands that I will hope the better informed world cannot but sit down convinced. Neither doubt I but that as metals receive the more lustre with often rubbing, this truth, the more agitation it undergoes, shall appear more glorious. Only may the good Spirit of the Almighty speedily dispel all those dusky prejudices from the minds of men which may hinder them from discerning so clear a light." *Letter from the Tower.*