

before Him, how few feel the truth of what we say. If it were otherwise the man or woman humbly walking with God, and enjoying in Christ a foretaste of the joys of Heaven, would not be so rare a sight.—For God is our Refuge and Strength. Throughout all ages He has promised to be such to those who seek Him, and “God cannot lie,” “neither is He a man that He should repent.” We have but to plead Christ’s merits with a believing heart, and the Strength will be given us, the Refuge will receive us. “In all times of our tribulation,” when our hearts are bleeding from the loss of those we love, or when the care, sorrow and sickness of this poor mortal life would drag us down, and shut God’s Love and Mercy out of sight; “in all time of our wealth,” when things are smooth and prosperous, and the pleasures of this life would make us forget that there is a swift end of these things, and an eternity to come, “in the hour of Death, and in the Day of Judgement,” God *will deliver* us; we shall be strong with His Strength, able to do all things through Christ that strengtheneth us, and we shall feel ourselves safe and in perfect peace in the desired Haven of His Love.

CLERGY AND PEOPLE.

It is the bounden duty of every clergyman to instruct the people committed to his charge in the principles and practices, the doctrines and sacraments of the Church of England. His commission presupposes his acceptance of and belief in them all, and a willingness on his part to make known the Church’s Truths to others. To neglect this

sacred obligation is both to perjure himself, and to leave his flock in ignorance concerning most precious and necessary information, and at the mercy of every false teacher “to be tossed to and fro, and carried about by every wind of doctrine.”

Just so soon as a clergyman who has sworn allegiance to the Church, cannot endorse her teaching as plainly laid down in the Prayer Book, and presented to him at ordination, he owes it to himself, as he owes it to the Church and to his God, that he resign his parish, and as a Christian, if it be a matter of principle with him—and it certainly ought to be so—withdraw from her ministry, even if he should remain a member of the Church.

It is impossible for our people to become educated in church principles unless those who have been set over them in the Lord teach them. “How can they hear without a preacher? And how can they preach, except they be sent?” The Church of England Clergyman having duly received his credentials from those in authority, to teach and to preach, and to administer the sacraments, can and ought to claim the attention and respect his holy calling demands, and he undoubtedly will receive them if he be personally sensible of the greatness and sacredness of his office. Let him only eschew party names and party shibboleths, and hold to the church in conformity with the teaching of the Prayer Book, and instruct his people in the same, making them understand her true position as a double witness equally opposed to the errors of Rome and Dissent, and at the same time having charity to believe that while