

"That it becomes necessary to the parishioners, "however painful to their feelings, to decide that the "connection hitherto existing between the Rev. Mr. "Bullock and Rev. Mr. Maturin cease at the expiration "of the present year."

The firm attitude taken by Mr. Bullock and his brother Curate was thoroughly approved by very many of the Diocesan Clergy, who recognized in them true protagonists for the rights of Presbyters, and many a message of sympathy added courage to these men, who were battling and suffering in a righteous cause. For nearly a year these Curates had to go on working with the sword suspended over them, the fall of which was only averted by the action of the Bishop, who in the spring of 1857 published a manifesto declaring that the Canons of the Synod were not to be enforced in unrepresented parishes.

On the appearance of this document the Archdeacon addressed a letter to his Curates, pointing out to them that as the Parish of S. Paul's had resolved to send no delegates to Synod, that part of their previous letters which announced their intention of carrying out the Canons had been rendered null and void, and that their attitude as Curates of a non-represented parish had materially changed under the terms of the Bishop's declaration.

The reply made by Mr. Bullock to the Archdeacon's letter was as follows :—

"My reply to the parishioners last Easter was based "entirely on my obligation of Canonical Obedience, "and the paramount word of God to obey them that "have rule over us, and to submit ourselves.