

was a dogma not held nor taught by the Church of England. You will, therefore, perceive how thoroughly your Lordship has been misunderstood, if you have "never heard of advocacy of prayers for the dead."

We now reach the "summary" which you have treated at great length, but which requires very few words from me, as you have assumed that which is not fact; and in a grave matter like this I cannot but request that your Lordship will be particular and careful in animadverting upon what I do say, and not upon what I do not say. If you look at my letter you will perceive that my "summary" is "Church Furniture, Clerical Millinery, and Posture Making." These I have substantiated in the foregoing pages. On this summary I proceeded to make some general observations, stating what I believe to be the necessary result of small beginnings, namely: I characterize the views and opinions of the party who hold and practise such sentiments and customs as a "morbid sentimentalism" deducing from my own observations, and that of eminent men, with whom I do not profess to compare myself, the broad conclusion that the system, of which I consider these things named a part, is "*seeking to introduce by degrees the whole sacerdotal doctrines and practice,*" &c., and I add as another guard at the close—"this and more than this, the DEVELOPMENT of the system introduced into our once peaceful midst." My belief is, as it has been, that whether men know it or not, the things of which I have spoken are part of a system that in drawing to its legitimate conclusion will land them on the ground of extreme ritualism, and, finally, departure from the Church of their fathers. Whatever opinions I may have as to the length which some have reached, I have carefully avoided using the word "clergy," but if any men do hold these views, I doubt not that time will show, and I sincerely trust that they will have the manliness to avow their views if they ever should be charged by your Lordship, or any one else, with holding them.

That our Church is in peril I have no doubt: all over the world it is being rent asunder, chiefly by the introduction of emblematical novelties. The movements which have now reached so sad a crisis in England, began, strangely enough, just as this is beginning here. First, a little regard to vestments and furniture, then a "fuller ceremo-