

of Christ, and the truth which he has revealed. It affects also not only the well being of the Church of Natal, but its very being. It affects your own highest interests, and those of your children's children for generations yet to come.

How should we be discharging our duty to the Great Head of the Church, if we acknowledged, as a father in Christ, and as a ruler in His kingdom, one who writes and teaches as Dr. Colenso has done, respecting Him and the Bible, and the creeds of the Church. "The faith once for all delivered to the Saints" has been challenged, set aside, rejected. We must affirm, maintain, bear witness to it, at all costs and hazards. We could not be said to bear witness to it if we allowed one who has abandoned it to continue as a recognised teacher amongst us. We should be siding with him against our Lord, and against His Truth. Allegiance to Christ demands that we should withdraw from all spiritual intercourse with this false teacher, and thereby separate him from the communion of the Church.

And does not duty to yourselves, my Brethren, equally demand this of us? Your clergy and certain representatives of your laity have publicly affirmed that they can never again recognize him as their Bishop. The clergy have declared that, even though returning with the authority of the civil power, "he must still be regarded as lying under a righteous sentence of condemnation, and that they dare not acknowledge him as having authority in spiritual matters." Both clergy and laity, meeting in conference, "declared their fixed resolve that they will no longer acknowledge him as their Bishop."

The consequences of acknowledging him as still in communion with the Church, would be—First, that he and all