

Divines, and the interpretations of the Church, proceed from the same inspiration as the Word of God, and that the man who neglects them is guilty of sin! I cannot regard the writer of such passages as the above, however much I may admire his zeal and industry, as a fit candidate for the office of Bishop in the United Church of England and Ireland, which everywhere teaches the sufficiency of Holy Scripture for salvation; which solemnly pronounces the decision, that Churches have "erred not only in their living and manner of ceremonies, but also in matters of faith"; and that "general councils may err, and sometimes have erred in things pertaining unto God; wherefore things ordained by them, as necessary to salvation, have neither strength nor authority, unless it may be declared that they be taken out of Holy Scripture" (xix. and xxi. Articles). Could I be induced to embrace these views, I should at once renounce the communion of a Church which instructs all its members, lay and clerical, "to search diligently for the well of life in the New and Old Testaments, and not to run to the stinking puddles of men's tradition, devised by men's imagination for our justification and salvation" (1st Homily).

I could name other articles in which the Editor of the *Church* has shown a decided bias in favor of unprotestant doctrine, such as his remarks upon the Sermon which caused the suspension of Dr. Pusey by the University of Oxford; but I forbear, as the above doctrine concerning Holy Scripture and the authority of the Church has ever been, and still is, the prolific source of all the errors of the Church of Rome, and of all those evils which have of late troubled our Church.

Knowing then that "a Bishop should be blameless, holding fast the faithful word, that he may be able by sound doctrine, both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers," I cannot agree with you that the Archdeacon of York is "a fit and proper candidate" for the Episcopal office. I must, therefore, decline pledging my vote and influence in his favor.

I remain, my dear McMurray,

Faithfully yours,

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P.S. The above has been written for several days, as you will perceive by the date, but having been absent from home, and otherwise very much engaged, I have not had time to forward it before. As I have learned that there are several persons canvassing the Clergy in this part of the Diocese, I think