

to controversy, and thus materially to increase the difficulties in the way of the preachers of the Gospel, who are laboring for the conversion of sinners, and for the edification of the body of Christ.

In conclusion, I have no hesitation in saying that, if my published comments upon your letter have appeared to be in any respect unfair, or if I have at all misrepresented your meaning, I have done so unconsciously, and I cheerfully apologize for my error. If in rebutting your accusations, I have used any needlessly severe language, I sincerely regret that I have done so, as it has been my desire to exercise all the forbearance that is compatible with the faithful discharge of my duties to the flock over which I am appointed overseer.

I am happy to hear that you have a goodly number of candidates for Confirmation, and I earnestly pray that they may come to that sacred ordinance, with a due sense of its solemnity, and a sincere desire for grace to enable them to perform their vows. If you will let me know what day will be most convenient to you for my attendance at St. Paul's, I will endeavor to meet your wishes in making my arrangements. I shall be truly thankful if such relations can be established between myself and the Parish of St. Paul's, as ought always to exist between the Bishop and every congregation in his Diocese.

I am, Rev. and Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully.

Rev. G. W. HILL.

H. NOVA SCOTIA.

76, DRESDEN ROW, Feb. 25, 1867.

*My Dear Lord Bishop,—*

I beg to thank you for your letter of the 22nd inst., in reply to mine of the 19th. On mature consideration, I feel that what I stated in it, conveys my sentiments and judgement on the subject of our correspondence, and that it would be unwise to enter into particulars; as such a course I am convinced, would only reopen a discussion, which would prove extremely lengthy. For this reason I now avoid touching upon any of the special points mentioned by your Lordship, leaving my letter, as written, to speak for itself, and for that fair and just interpretation to be put upon it which every honourable and candid mind will suggest.

Although not so satisfactory to your Lordship as you could wish, I am truly glad that you are willing to accept my explanation and come to St. Paul's Church, for the purpose of administering the rite of confirmation. I can, moreover, add that (to use your own language) "I shall be truly thankful if such relations can be established between the Parish of St. Paul's and yourself, as ought always to exist between the Bishop and every congregation in his Diocese."

According to your Lordship's wish, I shall be glad if you can make it convenient to hold the confirmation on some day, named by yourself, of the week next preceding Passion week, and if you will, at your leisure, send me word what day you have appointed, I will have the candidates in readiness to meet you.

With sincere and earnest prayer that the blessing of God may rest upon your ministrations, and that all of us who serve in holy things may be guided by His spirit and His spirit alone, so that we may be wise to win souls to Christ.

Believe me,

Very truly, and respectfully, yours,

Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia.

GEORGE W. HILL.

USEFUL HINTS.—Urgent trials should awaken fervent prayers.

Three times our Saviour was spoken to while on earth by voices from heaven and they all three found Him *praying*.