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one of the contracting parties to a body which I, the other party, may deem to be less responsible. And even the vote of a majority of the body cannot annul my bond, or absolve the whole body from the obligation it has assumed. Others may think that the security of a smaller body would be equally good, and may be willing to accept it; but so long as I, or any single clergyman, refuses to release the whole Society, I do not see how it can break faith with me, or divide the fund of which it has accepted the administration. I for one (and I know that I am speaking the sentiments of nearly one half, if not more, of the clergy of the new western diocese) will never voluntarily consent to release the undivided Church Society from the engagement into which it has entered with me. Nor can I believe that the Legislature of the country would, by granting to a new body a charter of incorporation, sanction such a breach of faith.

The same view holds good in the case of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. With respect to that fund the Church Society may be considered a Mutual Assurance Society. I have paid my annual subscriptions; I have performed various duties in compliance with the laws of the Society; and in return for this the Society has promised a certain provision, in case of my death, to my widow and orphans. That promise I look upon as good security; a similar promise from a smaller and weaker body I am unwilling to accept in place of it. And shall I be told that, after I have for years fulfilled my part of the contract, the Church Society has the power to transfer its obligation to such a body? No; I maintain that the compact cannot be broken; the whole body has no right to divide itself without my consent, and to give me a claim upon a part in place of the claim which I now have upon the whole. Again I assert that no vote of a majority can be binding upon me; if I choose to consider the security offered to me less satisfactory than that which I now hold, I have a right to claim that the Widows' and Orphans' Fund shall remain inviolate and undivided.

I am willing, however, to admit that some changes ought to be made, and very advantageously can be made, in the constitution and by-laws of the Society, so as to adapt it to the new state of things.