

TO
REV. E. M. SAUNDERS,

Pastor of the Granville Street Baptist Church,

HALIFAX.

MY DEAR SIR,—Our long friendship and the high respect I entertain for your Christian character, coupled with the nature of your present position as Pastor of that religious body, from which circumstances of the most painful character have compelled me recently to withdraw my fellowship, render it imperative that I should state frankly to you why I walk no longer with the people of your charge, and with the denomination to which they belong. You can well comprehend, if you believe me actuated by the dictates of conscience and common honesty, that while I have thus adopted the only path which duty seemed to me to point out, I have done so at a cost so great as only to be incurred where principles of a character too sacred to be trifled with were at stake. In leaving you I am leaving the Church of my fathers—the Church in which I was educated—the Church around which the sympathies, associations and pleasant recollections of a quarter of a century gather; and in whose fold I believe I first, in earnest, learnt to

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