

The following letter from Mr. DAY, is reprinted from the *Globe* of Dec. 9, 1873.

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(To the Editor of the *Globe*.)

Sir,—After waiting some days, in order not to act in haste, I believe it my duty, as one of the clergy of Holy Trinity Church, to inform the Chief Justice DRAPER and the public of what I have said to that congregation. After speaking as strongly as I can against the Calvinistic doctrine of Election, on the text, S. John x. 20, I added :—"Brethren, one reason why I have brought forward this important subject is this : certain members of the distracted Church of our Baptism have thought fit, in their *charity* and great Christian love towards us, to charge us, both clergy and laity, with unfaithfulness to the principles of the Reformation. Probably these accusers of the brethren, who talk so unctuously about dwelling together in love, have never considered *the fact*, that the Reformation took *three distinct lines*. In England, bishops, clergy, and people *combined*, and the result was, in brief, the first Prayer Book of Edward VI ; the second line was that of Luther, in Germany, who invented a *new doctrine*, that priests can ordain priests ; and the third line was that of Calvin, in Geneva, who professes to have got from St. Augustine that doctrine of Election, against which our English Church protests in every page of our Prayer Book." If, then, this new society, headed by a distinguished Chief Justice, publicly charges the clergy and laity assembling here for worship and public teaching, with unfaithfulness to the doctrine that Christ died only for a few, I, for my part, gladly plead guilty. Years ago I discovered that the baptismal services in the Prayer Book (to say nothing of other parts of the book) can never be true if the cruel doctrine of Calvin be true. Everything in religion turns on this question of our position *now* in the Church of Christ. Some of us may love more of outward ceremony and some less ; but until we can agree as to our being or not being *now* the sons of God, as St. John says we are, we had better work in our several parishes *on our own plans*.

Nothing, in my view, can be more *hollow* and *delusive* than the pretence of working *together*. But in other matters, in social family life, and in urging forward a better understanding of the ground we have chosen, something has been attempted here in the City in our Church Union ; and the men who have refused to join us on the broad basis of obedience to our church-head—our Bishop—have come forward now, and *publicly* made an attack on us, and so worded it as to point the finger of scorn at the clergy and laity particularly of this congregation. We of the clergy are so accustomed to this kind of treatment, that we do not much lay to heart this charge against us *as clergy* ; but we much grieve that our less instructed brethren through all this Dominion should possibly be misled by that which is from beginning to end *entirely false*. This is my only reason for drawing attention to a public statement intended to hinder us in our up hill work. It is not my intention (I speak only for myself) to take further notice of this matter, but simply to say publicly that I repudiate the charge of being unfaithful