

REPLY.

For some time past, complaints had been made to me that the sermons preached by Mr. Wiggins contained attacks upon the doctrines of our Church. As these complaints came, in many instances, from persons upon whose judgment I could rely, and who, I well knew, were not actuated by hostile feelings against Mr. Wiggins, I felt it to be a plain matter of duty to inquire into the case.

The necessity for doing so was the more obvious from the fact, that the tenets complained of struck at the great fundamentals of Christian truth. It was no mere shade of opinion upon questions that distinguish the high and low portions of our Church, but points which comprised the very essentials of Christianity; such as the Holy Trinity, the Atonement, the Judgment, the Resurrection, the second coming of our Lord, and the inspiration of certain parts of the New Testament.

As it was only occasionally I could hear Mr. Wiggins deliver his sentiments in public, and when I had done so, the peculiar topics in question did not happen to be touched upon, I requested an interview with him, and plainly stated to him that exceptions were taken to his public teaching. A conversation of some length ensued, in which nothing very explicit was elicited; but the impression left upon my mind was, that the complaints had not been without foundation. I therefore expressed to Mr. Wiggins, when parting, the wish to renew the conversation at another time, to which he assented.

Before this proposal was carried into effect, Mr. Wiggins