

As to your intimation that the subject of controversy between us will be presented to the public through the medium of the Press, I can only say that whenever you, or others, are so unwise as to place it there, I shall know how to meet it.

I am, my dear Sir, yours very truly,

I. W. D. GRAY.

(No. 17.)

St. John, 3d March, [3d Feb.] 1851.

Rev. I. W. D. GRAY.

Dear Sir,—The course taken by you on Sunday, coupled with the claim that I made at the conclusion of my last note, necessarily involved the assurance on your part, that my services as Curate were no longer required. I acted accordingly; and considered the connexion thenceforth to be at an end.

I proceed now to reply to your note, and to add some remarks at the close.

I did *not* mistake* the object of my brother's visit, which was merely as I stated it to be—something definite from yourself as to your intentions in my case. This you eluded in your notes to me, and it was hoped that you might give him some information on the subject. It appears that you took the occasion of his visit to support your own cause, at my expense, for he could have had no idea of the doctrines in controversy, when he proposed a personal interview between us. His object therefore *was* definite, though it appears he was diverted from it. "Sed hæc hactenus."

Your claim to honesty and courtesy towards me from the first, must be resisted, not only in the present case, but in your general course of conduct. When I "first" came to this parish, you wished to enforce upon me the condition, that if I disagreed with Mr. Stewart, who had differed with the Clergymen who had been associated with him before, that for the sake of peace, which was all important, I must resign quietly without assigning any cause; and this I was to do, even if he were wrong. There was but one answer to this question, and

* What Mr. Wiggins was charged with doing was, not *mistaking*, but *misstating* the object of his brother's visit. That he did *this* is apparent from the account of it which he here gives, which differs essentially from his former account. It is remarkable also, that in his published "Statement," Mr. Wiggins says, (p. 12,) that he requested his brother to call upon me, "to know, in so many words, whether I had dispensed with his services as Curate, or not;" but adds on the next page, "I knew nothing *definite* could be obtained by any *visit* or letter."