

## EDITORIAL.

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The present number of the Diocesan Magazine completes the 6th volume, and the issue will be suspended for the present, owing to the lack of support. The loss incurred in the publication has been somewhat heavy, and has fallen mainly upon the editor. He feels justified therefore in asking those persons who have received the magazine, and who have not paid their subscriptions, to kindly hand the same to their clergy as soon as possible.

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### *THE BISHOP OF WINCHESTER ON THE LAMBETH JUDGMENT.*

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The Bishop of Winchester has just issued a pastoral letter to his diocese. On the Lambeth judgment the Bishop's remarks derive peculiar weight from the fact that he himself, as Bishop of Rochester, was one of the assessors who sat with the Archbishop of Canterbury to hear the case against the Bishop of Lincoln. He said,—In place of any formal mandate, I simply express my distinct and emphatic hope that the Archbishop's judgment will be cheerfully and completely accepted by the clergy of the Winton diocese, and I feel sure that these statements of what I desire, as their father in God, and not only as one set in authority over them, will be felt to be worth much more than an equivalent for a coercive direction from my Court. Certainly there was one redeeming feature in this painful conflict—I mean the unflinching courage with which, instead of attacking some obscure incumbent in a remote village, they went straight up to the one man in all the land whose past career and loveable nature were certain to rally round him the passionate support of the young, and the devout sympathy of thousands everywhere, to send their spear running into the very centre of his shield and to challenge him to defend his cause. You may dislike and deplore this if you please, but you cannot despise it. They have failed, as others have failed before them, and some of the circumstances may seem to aggravate their defeat, but they could not help failing, because they espoused the cause of truth in an utterly wrong way. We all of us want more clear apprehension of doctrinal truth, more jealous love for it, more unflinching firmness in declaring it, more absolute refusal to condone the cheap and mischievous and paltry civilities that must end in no creeds at all; but we should not think to do our duty by hindering other men from doing theirs. If we expect toleration