

"of England, remain without retraction or explanation, &c. &c., you feel that you "cannot with propriety officiate in St. Paul's Church."

Now I will gladly endeavour to meet your Lordship's wishes by the following explanation: first, with regard to my "condemnation of your preaching and practice." On those points wherein I wrongly attributed erroneous views or practices to you, I am bound as a gentleman and a Christian to accept your plain and positive denial that you hold or teach such, and I believe and accept your word as you, doubtless, would believe and accept mine—regretting that I should have misunderstood you. Secondly, I utterly repudiate the charge made against me by your Lordship of denouncing the formularies of the Church, which charge was made, I feel sure, from not apprehending the real point of my observation. You will understand my explanation; I denounced the expression used by a writer in the CHURCH CHRONICLE,—“the most holy sacrament of His *sacred* body and blood.” This, in so far as respects our Prayer Book, is a foreign phrase—we have a number such as might fairly be considered its equivalent, e. g. “most blessed body, &c.,” “most precious,” and my notice was specially attracted by the fact of the writer having gone out of his way to copy an expression found in Romish Books but not in our Liturgy or Articles. The phrase may be found in the “Use of Sarum” and in a very objectionable book of modern days, but I think, after considerable search, it is not to be found in Hooker, Jewel, Harold Browne, or our other standard divines. It is not the mere quibble on a word. That word occurring in certain books, has a pointed and peculiar meaning relative to the body and blood of our Lord, as corporeally present in the emblems. Had the writer employed the familiar phrase of our own Prayer Book, he would have elicited no criticism from me on this point.

In conclusion, my Lord, as I have already done in my published letter, I am willing to do again, namely, express my sincere regret for any language or expression which may have hurt your Lordship's feelings or in any way seemed disrespectful either to your person or office.

Believe me, my Lord,

With all due respect, yours, &c.

The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia.

GEORGE W. HILL.

HALIFAX, February 22nd., 1867.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—

I have some difficulty in answering your letter of 19th instant, because I am compelled to say, that I cannot regard your explanations as altogether satisfactory and sufficient, and yet I sincerely desire to do every thing in my power towards the removal of the impediments, by which the parishioners of St. Paul's would be deprived of the advantage of having the rite of Confirmation administered in their own Church, to those who may be prepared for it.

In the case of any *personal* insult or offence, I trust that I always am, and shall be ready, to forgive and virtually to forget, whenever a desire to be on friendly terms is expressed, or manifested, by the offender, but in this case I am not at liberty to act simply in accordance with my own feelings. It is in my *official* capacity, as the Chief Pastor charged with the oversight of the Church in this Province, that I have been assailed, that my teaching has been misrepresented, and sinister designs have been imputed to me, while the members of the Church have been exhorted to receive with suspicion, if not to reject, the directions given in the discharge of my duty for the more orderly and decent performance of the several parts of public worship. Moreover, the whole Diocese has been held up to the world, as more or less tainted with false doctrine, and tending towards that extreme ritualism which has been so unhappily introduced into many Churches in England.

Thus in my opinion, a grievous injury has been done to the whole body, *which cannot be entirely repaired*, and it is on that account that I have required, on behalf of its members, a retraction of the statements lately published, previous to a renewal of official intercourse with those who have either originated or endorsed them.