# THE CASE OF THE REV. MR. GORHAM AGAINST THE BISHOP OF EXETER—CONSIDERED.

*ADDRESS—To the Clergy of the Diocese of Vermont, by* JOHN H. HOPKINS, D. D., *Bishop of the Diocese. November*, 1849.

REVEREND AND BELOVED BRETHREN—

The topic to which I desire to call your attention, is the old and much disputed question of Baptismal Regeneration, which has lately attracted so much notice in our venerable Mother Church of England, and in our own, through the extraordinary interest excited by the case of Rev. Mr. Gorham against the Bishop of Exeter. It was my intention to have appended some remarks upon the subject, to my Address, when I had the pleasure of meeting you at our last diocesan Convention.—But believing on further reflection, that its importance demanded a much more thorough treatment than I at first proposed, I thought it better to omit any allusion to it at that time, in order that I might present my opinion to you with the advantages of a fuller and more careful exposition.

The circumstances of this novel case are briefly as follows: The Rev. Mr. Gorham was presented to a living in the diocese of Exeter, and applied to be instituted accordingly. The Bishop required him to state his opinions on the point of regeneration in infant Baptism. The statement was not satisfactory, and the firm and fearless diocesan refused to institute him. There was no charge against Mr. Gorham for irregularity in the administration of the established forms of the Church.—There was no impeachment of his general orthodoxy and soundness in the faith. His character and ministerial standing, in all other respects were fair and high. But because his theological theory upon the Baptismal office did not accord with what the Bishop believed to be the doctrine of the Church, he was rejected as disqualified to hold his living.

Being persuaded that his claims had been unjustly set aside, he instituted a suit in the Ecclesiastical Court of Arches, which has been recently decided in the Bishop's favour. An appeal has been taken from this decision, and the question will come up, for final adjudication, before the Sovereign in Chancery. By the twenty-fifth Statute of Hen. 8. c. 19, it is provided that "*for lack of justice in the Archbishops Courts, the party grieved may appeal to the King in Chancery*, and upon every such appeal, a *commission shall be named by the King, whose sentence shall be definitive.* These commissioners are usually some of the lords spiritual and temporal, or both, and commonly one or more of the twelve judges, and one or more doctors of the civil law."[*] Meanwhile, the dispute excites intense solicitude, as well throughout the established Church, as amongst the various denominations of Christians who are styled, in England, Dissenters; being regarded as a struggle between the two great parties commonly known by the titles of High and Low Church-men. And should the ultimate judgment be in favour of the Bishop's course, the result may be such as to impress a new aspect upon the Church, which a multitude of her warmest friends cannot anticipate without pain and apprehension.

It is solely on account of the practical bearing of this important controversy on ourselves, that I have thought it my duty to give it the most serious consideration. For it would be a great mistake to suppose that it only affects our Mother Church of England. On the contrary, it comes home to you, and to me, and to all our brethren. If the learned and admired Bishop of Exeter be right in making this question a test for the admission of an otherwise worthy minister into his diocese, you cannot fail to perceive that it must be equally right for every other Bishop to do the same. And therefore, as one of the parties concerned, I ask for a hearing while the point at issue is still undetermined, under the fullest conviction that a graver inquiry has hardly arisen since the era of the Reformation.

In order to present a more satisfactory view of the whole subject, I shall first state briefly the three principal varieties of opinion on the baptismal regeneration of infants, which the Church has hitherto tolerated. Next, I shall place before you the arguments relied on by the class of divines to which Mr. Gorham is supposed to belong, and then you will be prepared to see distinctly the precise ground on which his doctrine has been condemned by the Bishop of Exeter and the learned judge of the Court of Arches. I shall afterwards examine whether this ground has not been left open by the Church to the liberty of individual opinion, and conclude with some considerations of duty and expediency, connected with the course of episcopal government and the welfare of the Church, which compel me, notwithstanding my high regard for the eminent attainments and ability of both these distinguished personages, to regret and dissent from their decision.

I. The prevailing doctrine amongst us as to the operative results of infant Baptism, in which I fully concur, is that which naturally arises from the language of our formularies; always remembering, however, that the term Regeneration in the Baptismal office imports, not a spiritual change of *heart*, but a spiritual change of *relation*, equivalent to *adoption*. The ground of the doctrine appears in the divine command by which the children of Abraham, at the age of eight days only, were made parties to the covenant of God in the rite of Circumcision. With this must be connected the remarkable narration of St. Luke's Gospel, (xviii. 15) where we read that "they brought unto Jesus *infants*, that he would touch them; and when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them.—But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."—In the parallel passage of St. Mark's Gospel, we read that "he took the children up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them." Now as this was unquestionably recorded for the instruction of the Church, we are authorised to believe that the Saviour still receives, with equal tenderness and favour, the little ones, brought to Him in the holy Sacrament of Baptism. Therefore we hesitate not to teach that the infant, being dedicated to the Lord by faith, in the Ordinance of His own appointment, is graciously accepted as a party to this covenant of redemption, taken up, as it were in His own sacred arms, and blessed by Him, with the remission of sin, and the pledge of all spiritual influences required for salvation. And thus, in Baptism, the infant is truly "regenerated" or "adopted" as a "member of Christ, a child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven. For being by nature born in sin and the child of wrath, he is hereby made the child of grace," according to our catechism. Nevertheless, although this inestimable privilege is indeed a spiritual gift, and therefore the Church offers a thanksgiving to God that "He has regenerated the infant with His Holy Spirit," yet it does not imply that the recipient has undergone a "change of heart," or spiritual renovation of nature, equivalent to conversion. For this is a subsequent work, connected with the actual exercise of repentance and faith, and cannot take place, as a general rule, until the period when he shall be capable of believing and obeying the Gospel. Therefore, in infant Baptism, to use the words of Dr. Waterland, "Regeneration *precedes*, and renovation can only *follow after*, though infants may perhaps be found capable of receiving some seeds of internal grace, sooner than is commonly imagined." (Works, Vol. VI., page 368.) For a full exposition of this view, however, I may refer you to the second and third Lectures in my volume called "The Primitive Church," where I have presented, substantially, the same doctrine which I suppose to be maintained by the Bishop of Exeter.

The second opinion, held by some, extends the benefits of infant regeneration, in all cases where the Sacrement is rightly administered, to a complete spiritual renovation of nature: the child being made, in the very act, a living temple of the Holy Ghost, and becoming a new creature in so excellent a sense, that the future aim of the Christian life is chiefly to be directed to the maintenance or recovery of baptismal purity. This notion, to my mind, seems quite untenable.

The third opinion considers the effects of infant Baptism to be various, according to circumstances: that the inward and spiritual grace does not always accompany the administration of the ordinance: that in the lowest sense of regeneration the child is only made a member of the visible Church by a sacramental consecration: that in a higher sense, he can only be pronounced *spiritually* regenerated, by an assumption of the fact that the Holy Spirit has previously implanted a *disposition* to sanctity, which shall incline his heart, in due time, to repentance and faith: while the true and full results of spiritual regeneration, in the highest sense, are confined to those who are of the elect, which, of course, is the complete doctrine of the Calvanastic system. I do not know whether Mr. Gorham would subscribe to this statement throughout, but I suppose it probable that it would not differ in any important respect, from his views of orthodoxy.

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[*] Burn's Ecclesiastical Law. Tit. Appeal, Vol. 1, p. 61.


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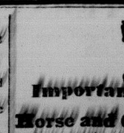

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June 2.

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