

A LETTER.

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To the Parishioners of St. Paul's,—

MY BRETHREN,—A correspondence which has lately taken place between the Bishop and myself has been so much spoken of, and so much misunderstood that it has become necessary to publish it, in order that you may be able to form your own judgment on both the correspondence itself and the points at issue.

My fears have been awakened concerning the state of our Church in this Diocese for some time past, and these fears reached their crisis when I read in a public print professing to be the organ of the Church of England, certain letters which appeared therein. In these letters doctrine and practices are openly proclaimed and approved which strike at the very root of those distinctive principles and truths which it has been the honor and glory of our Church to maintain before the world for centuries; and he is no true friend of that Church who will fear to point out those errors to his people, and solemnly warn them of the peril which impends.

It is, my Brethren, to great principles that I desire to draw your attention, and with which alone I ask you to grapple. We have to do with something far more grave, more serious and deep-reaching than simply whether a man may wear a certain vestment, bow or turn his body at different times during Public Worship. These things have an importance, but this importance arises from the