

To show how differently people regard things, I was afraid that I had laid myself open to censure, for not having given notice earlier, as I heard that the other churches were a week before me in their attention to the order. I regret that any appearance of want of respect should arise out of my action in the matter, and fully apologise for an unintentional error.

I now write to ask what are your Lordship's wishes and directions, and shall be glad to receive them as to the time at which you desire that the Church should be open for the service, and the Candidates presented to you.

I hope and believe that there will be a goodly number.

Believe me, my Lord Bishop,

Respectfully yours,

GEORGE W. HILL.

Rt. Revd. Lord Bishop of N. S.

HALIFAX, February 15th., 1867.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—

The rumour mentioned in your note of Wednesday is wholly unfounded, for I have not uttered a word that could have given occasion for it, and you rightly judged that the notice in the 'Chronicle,' was official. In fact, I have purposely abstained from mentioning St. Paul's, in connection with the subject of Confirmation, because I did not care to determine at present, whether I should be able to go there or not, and I have hoped, even against hope, that the unity of the Church might before Easter be so far restored, that I might be at liberty to do so.

But since you ask for definite information, I must give you a definite answer. So long as your public condemnation of the preaching and practice of the Bishop, under whose jurisdiction you have been in God's providence placed, and your denunciation of the language of the formularies of the Church of England, remain without retraction or explanation, and your Congregation appear to signify, by their silent acquiescence, that they "love to have it so," I feel that I cannot with propriety officiate in St. Paul's Church. You can send any young persons, who may be prepared for Confirmation, to the Cathedral, where arrangements will be made for them, provided that a list of their names and ages be forwarded either to me or to the Dean previous to the day appointed, which will probably be a fortnight before Easter, and will be duly announced.

I am, Rev. and Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

H. NOVA SCOTIA.

Rev. G. W. HILL.

76, DRESDEN ROW, Feb. 19., 1867.

My Lord Bishop,—

I thank you for your letter of the 15th inst., and am glad to find that I had not caused you any offence by acting on your notice, respecting the proposed Confirmations, but was correct in regarding it as official.

I regret that you find yourself unable under existing circumstances to perform your Episcopal functions in St. Paul's Church, and feel bound, both as a Christian and a minister, to do all that lies in my power to remove the difficulty; for I am unwilling to be the cause of severing the flock committed to my charge from their chief Pastor, and depriving them of those ministrations which belong to his office.

I now write with a sincere desire to restore unity, and on my part to say all that can be truly said by me, to manifest to the church and the world that however, I may conscientiously differ from your Lordship on certain points, there is no unchristian bitterness or want of charity between us.

Your Lordship says, that "so long as your public condemnation of the preaching and practice of the Bishop, under whose jurisdiction you have been in God's providence placed, and your denunciation of the language of the formularies of the Church