

support and approval, and I feel sure, had they been aware, I should
be reluctant that your Lordship would have taken the stand
you now take, that others would not, certainly not have fallen on
your Lordship, nor would you now enjoy the honor and high position
of Bishop of Ontario.
To say to you that the points there referred to are all re-
futed away in the "Thirty Nine Articles," and that those articles
are not taught or read either in Sunday Schools or families, still are
looked upon more as rights to the clergy than any thing else. But
why should there be anything in the Book of Common Prayer
requiring explaining away. If everything should be so plain, and so
simple, as to be understood by all, besides the fact that the
people are so plain that any attempt to say that they are not
what the words express, is simply a search for fault, and a
what they express, they have no business, where they are, and if
they do mean it they have no right to sum a part of any statement
Bishop Bobb and I could not have said that we were going to do
this. We have, my Lord, of threats of another's communication,
and all sorts of naughty things. In Boston the day has long
gone by when those trifles would have any effect. All we ask
is, to be left alone, and we have so far of the result.
I have the honor to be, my Lord, your obedient servant

Your Lordship's

Most obedient servant,

Ottawa, 13th March 1874.

THE REFORMED CHURCH

To the Right Rev. Dr. L. W. Bishop of Ontario:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst., and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, my Lord, very respectfully,
Yours obedient servant,
Wm. L. Bishop of Ontario

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