

But to return more immediately to the anonymous pamphlet itself; respecting which, however, I am glad to feel that there is not very much more that the special object I have in view requires me to say.

The present mode of the disposal of the "Clergy Commutation Fund" constitutes another of the charges which our pamphleteer brings against his Bishop. Now, the Synod well knows that, as an individual, I deeply regretted the present arrangement; but, nevertheless, that cannot blind me to the fact that the Bishop had a perfect right to hold and express his own strong convictions on the subject, and that if the Clergy were so convinced by his arguments as to vote for the present plan, they have no one but themselves to blame. It was simply impossible for the Bishop, had he wished to do so, to exert any "Episcopal Absolutism" in the affair.

Nevertheless, surely the Bishop of the Diocese, who is the Chief Shepherd on earth of the flock of Christ therein, is not to be the only individual who is forbidden to counsel his assembled Synod on the various important matters brought before it, particularly at the close of any debate?

It is worthy of note, as being very singular, that with all his professed reverence for Holy Scripture, the writer of the pamphlet under review, in his remarks on the right place and proper functions of a Bishop, never once even alludes to the teaching of the Inspired Volume thereon! And as to his ignorant and flippant assertions that the "Divine right" of Episcopacy is an "exploded theory," I have only to say, that if the Book of God does not teach it to be so, then the Anglican Church, in common with the whole Catholic Church of Christ,