

willing to declare it, and prepared to abide by it, at all times, and at any sacrifice.

I am, yours sincerely,

R. B. WIGGINS.

(No. 18.)

St. John, February 6th, 1851.

To Rev. R. B. WIGGINS.

Rev. Sir,—The course taken by yourself previous to Sunday last, determined mine on that day; as you were fully apprized it would do.

You now inform me that you consider the connexion to be thenceforth at an end, and have acted accordingly.

This notice on your part is quite sufficient. I therefore take an early opportunity of enclosing to you a cheque for £50, being the amount of salary due to you up to 1st January, 1851, and shall call upon my Vestry to make arrangements for meeting, in due course, any further claims you may have.

I am, your obed't serv't,

I. W. D. GRAY.

In the above correspondence, I have confined myself to an official duty. Personalities I have passed by in silence. They were not relevant to the point at issue, and were obviously introduced by Mr. Wiggins to divert attention from that point. His own position was not an honest one. The readiest way to obscure this fact was to hurl the charges of dishonesty against the person who had brought it to light, and to call for public sympathy as a persecuted man. As these charges are before the public, the time has come for meeting them, and this I shall briefly do.

His *first* goes back to 1847. It antedates his removal to St. John. I attempted, he says, to enforce upon him the condition, that if he disagreed with Mr. Stewart, he was to resign quietly, without assigning the cause, even if Mr. Stewart were wrong,—a proposal which he regarded as dishonest, and indignantly repelled.

To this assertion I give the most unequivocal denial. The proposition made to Mr. Wiggins was fair, honourable, Christian. Whatever is mixed up with it of a contrary nature, is *his* addition to it, not *mine*. What I expressed to him in my