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Our English Reformation.

The following Sermon, preached by the Rev. Canon Brock, D. D., Rector of Kentville, in S. James' Church, Kentville, in July 1897; in S. John's Church, Truro, and in S. Paul's, Charlottetown, P. E. I., in September 1897; and in S. Luke's Cathedral, Halifax, on Sunday evening, November 21st, 1897, is now published at the earnest request of many who heard it:

Jeremiah VI, 16.

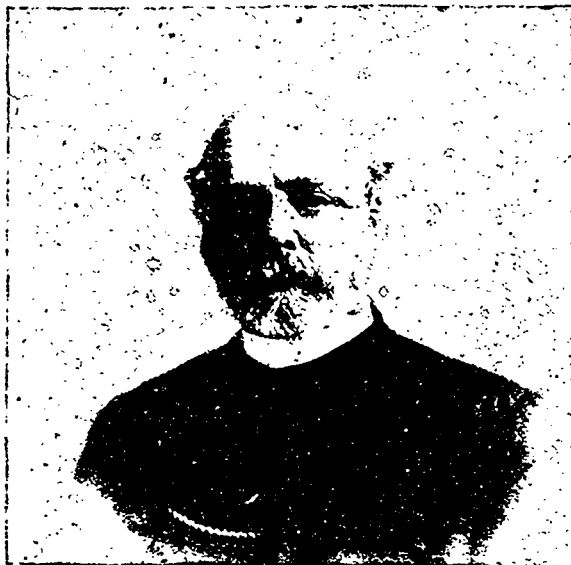
Thus saith the Lord:

information not always accessible, information not always presented in an attractive and readable form.

It is surely the duty of the pastors of the Church of England to supply, as far as they are able, this information, and thus to endeavour to remove from the members of our own Church and from the minds of others, misapprehension upon a Subject, which is of great importance to us all.

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I. First then, I wish to speak to you on the



CANON BROCK, D. D., RECTOR OF KENTVILLE.

“Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.”

I wish to direct your thoughtful attention this evening to the subject of OUR ENGLISH REFORMATION: ITS NATURE, AND ITS BLESSINGS.

It is a Subject upon which there exists a large amount of mis-apprehension: mis-apprehension fostered to some extent by the necessarily brief and imperfect statements in our Common-school Histories: mis-apprehension also arising in part from want of information on the subject;

subject of the NATURE of our English Reformation: and that under three aspects:

1. *It was a work of time.*
2. *It was a work of restoration.*
3. *And it was not a work of schism.*

1. IT WAS A WORK OF TIME.

Our English Reformation was not the work of one mind, one generation, or even of one century. Wickliffe and Wolsey, Craumer and Parker, Jewel and Cosins, men of different periods, and of different minds, all had their share in this great and glorious work.