

This invitation is officially accepted by a published advertisement from both Societies.* The Clergy of the Church of England thus become acquainted with what many of their people propose to do. They feel that they have to give account at the bar of Christ for the souls committed in the Providence of God to their charge. Their responsibility to God and to the Church, whose Ministers they are,—their responsibility to their people,—compel them to bear testimony to the truth, and to speak in guidance publicly and privately as need shall require and occasion shall be given. Will any venture to say there was here no need, no occasion? The Clergy of the Church of England, having cure of souls, did not think so: they felt at once that they ought to speak plainly to their people, both from their proper place of warning, their pulpits, and also by notice as public (else it would not reach as far) as the occasion of their warning was public.

* Copies of these advertisements are added at the end of the Notes to this Letter. (1.)