

nasailing the faith through his commentary, I wrote a letter, earnestly entreating him not to publish; and when too late to hinder publication, sought to point out to him wherein he had taught amiss. When unable to convince him, I referred the book, and our correspondence, to the Fathers of the Church at home, who met, at the call of the late Archbishop, now with God, to consider it. Before I could receive their answer, the death of the beloved Bishop Mackenzie compelled me to proceed to England. I there received the concurrence of the Bishops generally in the course of which I had pursued; and on the arrival of your late Bishop shortly after me in England, I communicated their views to him. At the same time I entreated him to meet three of the most eminent Bishops of our Church, who had expressed their willingness to confer with him on his arrival, and discuss his difficulties with him, hoping that he might thereby be induced to suppress his book so full of error. He however declined. He would not meet more than one, and then not as if he were in any error, but only as a common seeker after truth. At that time he had not published his open assault upon the Word of God; but hearing that he had printed, for private circulation in the Colony, a work reputed to be sceptical in its tendency, I besought him not to put it forth in England until he had met and discussed his views with the Bishops. But this also was declined, and the work was published."

"Then came the appeal to him from the Bishops, resolved upon at an assembly of all the English, Irish, and Colonial Bishops, summoned by the Archbishop of Canterbury, calling upon him to resign a post which he could no longer with honor fill. Then, upon his refusal to resign, their inhibition of him. And last of all, the charges brought against him by the Clergy of this Province, the trial, and the condemnation.

"Time was allowed for the Bishop to consider his position, and to withdraw, if he saw fit, the teaching which I may truly say, not I alone but the whole Church, has condemned.

"All, however, has been in vain. He perseveres in maintaining and propagating heresies, greater and more numerous than have ever been imputed to a Bishop before; and he has publicly declared that he will treat all spiritual sentences of the Church as a nullity, and attempt to resume the exercise of sacred functions and government over the Church of God, without renouncing his errors, and without being restored, either by the Metropolitan or the Archbishop of Canterbury.

"Should he carry this threat into execution, not only will the clergy and the faithful laity stand aloof from him, and hold no communion with him; but all other methods having failed, it will be the duty of the Church to fulfil her Lord's command, and separate by solemn and open sentence from the communion of the faithful, one who in spirit and belief has already separated himself from them.

"Our Church, in common with the whole Catholic Church, of which she claims to be a branch, holds that the Bible is the Word of God. Dr. Colenso says that it is not.

"The Church holds that Christ died to reconcile His Father to us. Dr. Colenso says that He did not.

"The Church says that faith in Christ is needful to man's justification before God. Dr. Colenso says that it is not—that all men everywhere are justified.

"The Church affirms that the Sacraments are generally necessary to salvation. Dr. Colenso teaches that they are not.

"The Church teaches that the wicked perish everlastingly,—that this is our time of trial and probation,—that in the eternal world there is no more trial,—that the judgment fixes our condition for ever. Dr. Colenso rejects this view, in the teeth of the Word of God, and the faith of the whole Church of Christ.

"The Church teaches that our Blessed Lord was God incarnate;—That the Son took man's nature into the Godhead:—That Christ, in one person, was God and Man.

"Dr. Colenso, while professing to admit this truth, implicitly denies it, by charging the God-Man with ignorance and error.

"How could the Church, without forfeiting her title to be a Church, through ceasing to witness for Christ and his truth, allow such wholly different teaching to