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NU26 XX OPINION.

THE BISHOP OF DURHAM, WHO IS FAR FROM BEING AN ANGLO-CATHOLIC, ALREADY DEMANDS DISESTABLISHMENT ON GENERAL GROUNDS AND, WITH THE REJECTION OF THE NEW PRAYER BOOK BY PARLIAMENT, SUCH A DEMAND HAS SPREAD PRETTY GENERALLY OVER THE WHOLE ENGLISH COMMUNION.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE IMMENSITY OF SEVERING BONDS WHICH HAVE EXISTED THOUSANDS OF YEARS AND MORE IS SUCH THAT ANY GOVERNMENT WOULD BE APPALLED AT UNDERTAKING IT. SAVE FOR COMPARATIVELY SMALL AND SCATTERED BODIES OF BITTER PARTISANS, THERE EXISTS EVEN AMONGST THE MOST HEEDLESS SECTIONS OF ENGLAND'S TEENING POPULATION WHAT MAY BE CALLED A SNEAKING AFFECTION FOR THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND. MANY PRACTISING NONCONFORMISTS EVEN TODAY PREFER TO BE MARRIED IN CHURCH INSTEAD OF IN CHAPEL. BUT IT IS CERTAIN THAT UNLESS EVENTS TURN OUT HAPPILY, THE MOVEMENT FOR SEVERANCE WILL GAIN AN IMPETUS WHICH IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO WITHSTAND.

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