

HALIFAX, Nov. 16th, 1866.

DEAR SIR,—I have received your letter of the 12th inst. As it contains no apology or expression of regret for the tone and temper of your first letter, as you rather appear to glory in your disregard of ordinary courtesy and in ignoring the relationship of a clergyman to his Bishop, and more especially as you have passed over without notice the most important part of my letter of 5th inst. and have evaded answering the questions contained in it, I feel that I should not be justified in continuing a correspondence which cannot be productive of any good result, if it is to be conducted after this manner on your side.

Since you have proposed publishing the correspondence I of course claim the same liberty, and I desire that it may be widely circulated throughout the Diocese.

I am, Rev. Sir, Yours faithfully,

Rev. G. W. Hill.

H. NOVA SCOTIA.

To this note I of course made no reply; but as his Lordship says "that I have passed over without notice the most important part of his letter of 5th inst.; and have evaded answering the questions contained in it," I feel it imperative upon me to state that I have not evaded them, simply because I did not make the charges of which I am, in that part of his letter, accused; and therefore could not be asked to substantiate them. I beg to call your special attention to the fact, that I said *the system of which I believed certain doctrines and practices were a part, sought to introduce other doctrines*, and that those doctrines were the development of that system. I did not make the charge that this system was yet so developed, and I do not make it now; but what I did say was—that if such doctrines and practices as those published and approved had taken root, this whole "sacerdotal system" would be the full-blown flower—and I believe it still. In order to show that I am not singular, permit me to say that I met, in the course of my reading, with the very observations made in my letter, in a published address of one of the most eminent Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States—