The Prayer Book he as an Officer of the Church looked upon in the same light, as when wearing naval uniform, he regarded his "sailing orders";—a code of instruction, not to be paltered with, ignored or broken, but loyally observed and obeyed as a whole.

It was this adherence to order that made his Churchmanship of a character somewhat in contrast with the general laxity, which at that time marked the Anglican Church.

Perhaps it was in his great respect to the orders and the aspirations of the Prayer Book that a tradition is grounded, that knowing mere wishing to be an ineffective factor in reforms, he attempted to restore in Newfoundland a primitive custom, the restoration of which every clergyman declares once a year is much to be desired, "the godly discipline that such persons as "stood convicted of notorions sin were put to open "penance."

Humble minded as a man, and anxious to live peaceably with all men, there was never absent from his mind the dignity, as well as the responsibility of his "Orders," and he was ever ready to assert and magnify his office, as a Watchman, Messenger, and Steward of the Lord.

There was in him no flinching from duty, or weighing of personal consequences, when the honor of God and His Church were involved, and in season and out of season he was fearless "to rebuke and exhort with all authority." Proofs of this in his early ministry are found in the household stories still told in the homes of Trinity. Two will suffice:—