

the genuine true than that by impatient action it should impair the sphere of a free approach to the Lord in the Word; that it is better to look to the eventual harmony of the opinion with the genuine true than by any arbitrary or ill-considered action to reject an opinion which might by orderly development contribute to the genuine understanding of the Word in the Church; and that it is better that the true and good should be so clearly manifested in the Church that the evil and false will separate themselves therefrom, rather than that the Church by external means should have to separate from itself those who would introduce what is evil and false. These truths express the spirit in which we administer the order of the Church.

It is hoped that all in the Church will see that the life of the Church depends on the purity and integrity of its Doctrine and that they will therefore welcome and from the heart cooperate with the order provided in the Church for their safe-keeping and safe development. And it is hoped that all in the Church will avail themselves of the freedom of approach to the Word, and of the freedom of the orderly expression and communication of their thoughts and feelings that is recognized in the Church.

It had been intended in this letter to consider certain things said in the Principles and Plan of Order about the future form of the episcopal office in the Church, and the relation thereto of the present form of that office instituted in the "Resolutions on the Government of the Church." Due to the delays caused by my illness and the pressure of other work that part of my letter is not yet finished. As it is desirable that the additions and changes in the Resolutions should be sent to you as soon as possible without further delay, the consideration of the above-mentioned things will be sent to you shortly in a separate letter.

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