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NOTICE.

In the following pages, I have often used the tone of defence, of meeting "objections," &c. I would here say that in this, I referred solely to popular objections and criticisms, and in no way to the friend who wrote that statement as to my teaching, and who, I believe, understood it in a different sense from that in which (I am persuaded) it has been popularly misunderstood. I wished to take the statement simply as it has been brought against me in tracts, (circulated in order to inflame people's minds against me,) or in newspapers, or on platforms,— I wished, entirely forgetting every thing besides, except the desire in no way to pain the writer, to treat it as a statement about myself which I was called upon to explain by the use which had been so extensively made of it, the popular misunderstandings (as I was convinced) about it, and the fact that the Bishop, to whom I have addressed my answer, had thought it necessary to allude to part of it in blame.

I add this, lest I should be the occasion that any should

misunderstand Mr. Dodsworth. For all these misunderstandings are in themselves to be avoided if possible, and are a heavy aggravation of all our common ills. I understand that he wrote that statement about my teaching, as objecting not to it, but to the line which I felt it right to take, when the decision of the Privy Council burst upon us, and which he thought inconsistent with my former teaching.

2nd Week in Epiphany, 1851.

Mr. Dodsworth has now thought it necessary to publish a statement in vindication of that which he originally made as to my teaching. Until I shall have time to put together what I have to say upon it, I must request the reader to take my own summary of what I have taught or done on these subjects. (See below, p. 175—180, and the additional note, p. 100, and on confession, p. 13—16).—Ed. 2.

5th Sunday after Epiphany, 1851.

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