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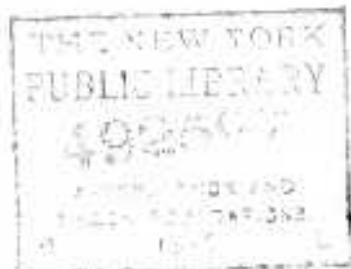


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TO THE RT. REV. L. SILLIMAN IVES, D. D., BISHOP OF  
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*Washington, N. C., May 27th, 1844.*

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR:

We have been appointed by the Convention of this Diocese, whose session has just closed, to communicate to you the unanimous request of the Convention, that you will consent to the publication of the five Sermons which you have recently preached in the principal Churches of this Diocese. We cannot forbear to add the expression of the high satisfaction with which we listened to these discourses, and of our conviction that the publication of them will be of eminent service to the cause of Christ and His Church.

We are, Rt. Rev. and dear Sir,

Most respectfully and affectionately,

Your Brethren in Christ.

F. M. HUBBARD,  
R. S. MASON,  
J. SINGLETARY,  
S. J. JOHNSTON,  
JON A. H. JACOBS,  
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TO THE REV. MESSRS. HUBBARD, MASON, &c., &c.

*Raleigh, June 2d, 1844.*

DEAR BRETHREN:

In communicating to you, under shelter of your too favorable judgment, my consent to the publication of my *five discourses*, I feel it my duty to remind you of a wish expressed by me to the Convention, that no pecuniary responsibility, on this account, should be incurred by the Diocese; but that all risk of the publication should devolve upon the Author.

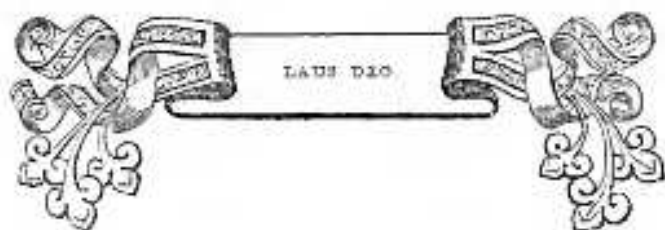
My object in preparing these discourses, was to do what I might, by the help of God, to protect His truth from harm at this time of extraordinary confusion on matters of Faith; a confusion growing out of unfounded and indiscriminate charges against Church-Catholic doctrine, as *Romish heresy*;

thus unsettling the minds of some, and threatening loss to the Church of Jesus, and to the souls for which He died. Hence I felt called upon, as a Christian Bishop, to attempt something within my proper sphere, to avert the growing evil, by placing before you in a scriptural light some of those fundamental verities upon which, as Churchmen, we rest our hopes of heaven. That I have so far succeeded as to secure your united approbation, is matter to me of heart-cheering encouragement amid the arduous and trying labors of my Episcopal office. In addition, I ask only the blessing of God upon these labors, that they may redound to His glory, and the advancement of His Holy Church.

With daily prayers for your welfare, and affectionate regard for you as my fellow-laborers, I remain, dear brethren,

Your faithful friend and servant in Christ,  
L. SILLIMAN IVES.





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SERMON I.

THE CASE OF THE FIRST CONVERTS.