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TO THE
ELDERS, DEACONS, AND CONGREGATION OF
ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, LIVERPOOL.

My dear Friends—Allow me to inscribe to you the following pages, intended as a vindication of our conduct in seeking, with such success, to obtain improvement in our psalmody. The improvement of which you are every week witnesses, will be, to most men, sufficient vindication of the means of which it is the result. There are, however, some, happily not very many, who regard the expedient which we have adopted as opposed to the very nature of the Christian

dispensation, and therefore inadmissible in its service. The name of Dr. Candlish has secured a hearing for this very serious charge.

Lest any of you, who now, for the first time with liberty and comfort, join in the offering of the fruit of the lips to God, should be, by the influence of a great name, troubled by the suspicion that you have ceased to be Christian worshippers,—and that the friends of the organ may not be summarily disposed of as men who are not led either by conscience or judgment, but driven by mere sentimentality,—and that I may utter my protest against that style of conscience, so common among those who oppose us, which holds its own liberty by bringing its neighbour into subjection;—for these ends have I, in circumstances most unfavourable, written the following pages.

Trusting that the twofold harmony which now exists among us, may abide with us for ever, and that our every effort to do good may be as speedily and perfectly accomplished as the improvement by the innovation:

I remain,

My Dear Friends,

Your Affectionate Pastor,

ALEXANDER CROMAR.

LIVERPOOL, *April 3, 1856.*

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