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Very truly your friend and rector,

F. C. EWER.

To Messrs. GREEN, DIXON, RUCKEL,
and others, of the Vestry.

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INASMUCH as the following Sermons were written to be preached before mixed congregations, the reader will therefore pardon such repetition of ideas as he may observe.

F. C. E.

CHRIST CHURCH RECTORY, N. Y.,
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SERMONS.

I

FAILURE OF PROTESTANTISM.

"I came not to send peace but a sword."—*St. Matt.*, x. 34.

THE history of Christianity illustrates this text. Her career has been marked by crises, when men, stirred by unusual earnestness, have risen against the quiet order of things round about them. These crises have occurred at irregular intervals. They have always been provoked by some evil that has been long and silently growing. They are periods which try men's souls, because they are periods when new men attack old and cherished prejudices. In the second century after Christ the germs of what afterward became Arianism appeared in Lucian of Antioch. Those germs grew and spread in the Church silently, but so widely and alarmingly at last, as to lead earnest Catholics in the subsequent century to rise in their majesty, reassert the Faith in its purity as