Choose ye this day whom ye will serve

TO THE

PROTESTANT PARISHIONERS
OF
HAGGERSTONE.

FELLOW PARISHIONERS,

Now that your Church is re-opened and you have seen the alterations which have been made, both as regards the re-arrangement of the Church and the extraordinary mode of conducting the service, are you of opinion that they are consistent with your principles, as Protestant members of the Church of England?

An altar has been introduced, elevated in a similar manner to those to be found in Roman Catholic Chapels, a stone super-altar is placed over it, and the whole surmounted with a cross inserted in the wall above. The Hymn Book is tainted with passages that are to be found in the works used in all the most notorious Puseyite pest houses in London; the offertory has been brought in, and you are insulted by having a tawdry Popish bag emblazoned with a cross thrust before you, to ask for support for the wretched burlesque of religion you have been witnessing. In short, a number of practices are carried on totally different to those you have been accustomed to. What would your Protestant Pastors (who in years gone by have so faithfully preached the gospel as it should be preached in spirit and in truth) say, could they revisit the scene of their former labours, it is not to be supposed they could find words sufficiently expressive of their abhorrence and grief, that the spot hallowed by their teaching should be so transformed and desecrated; or your relatives who have worshipped there when the simple, pure, and holy truths of your bible were plainly expounded to them, without this tinsel and mummerly, borrowed from the Church of Rome.

Now our glorious Protestant Faith has been handed down to us by our forefathers, sealed with their blood shed while contending for the truth, and shall we remain idle while that truth is being undermined in a more dangerous and insidious manner than even in their time.—I trow not. Should we not rather unite in some legal and constitutional manner, to resist the encroachments of the enemies of our religion, and call upon our Bishop to put his veto upon these proceedings in the same way that he has done elsewhere. In the meantime, let us not be deceived by politeness or suavity of behaviour, nor deluded by gorgeous and imposing displays, for these are the means by which Puseyism attempts to disguise its real character.

PROTESTANTS OF HAGGERSTONE!
Let us nip in the bud the introduction of PUSEYISM INTO OUR PARISH, AND Remember, that Union is Strength.

A LOVER OF PROTESTANTISM.