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My dear Bishop,

I have read with great interest Miss Picton Turberville's very clever and pointed letter. No one, as you are aware, has been more anxious than I to get the whole question of Women's Ministry properly considered, and I have been on what is called the progressive side. Surely Miss Turberville is mistaken in her view of what has taken place. There never was an undertaking given that we were going to open the doors to women if the Lambeth Conference approved of our so doing. All we said was that the subject of Women's Ministry would come before the Conference, and that the Conference would advise how far in its judgment a Convocational or other sanction might legitimately extend. There has been no sort of undertaking by Convocation that it would certainly go as far as the Conference would approve of its going, and Convocation when it again has the matter before it must be allowed a perfectly free hand. My own hope is that a progressive view will prevail, whether or not we can at once go as far as Miss Picton Turberville suggests. To say that there is a breach of honour if Convocation fails at once to enact everything that the Lambeth Conference

might tolerate is a total misapprehension. It has to be remembered that the Conference was speaking for the whole world and that conditions which might be possible in the back blocks of Australia or the outlying stations in the Prairie Provinces of Canada must be, at once permissible in England is to forget the conditions of our discussions. I say all this not because I think we shall necessarily be forced to disappoint Miss Turberville's expectations but because I am jealous to contend for the honourableness and regularity of our whole procedure.

I am,

Yours very truly,

(signed) RANDALL CANTUAR

The Right Rev.

The Lord Bishop of London.