

^{In reply to the allegations}
The complainers say "we think matters have reached a point
where it would be impossible to resume the cordial relations which
should exist between priest and people". There has been no
breach of cordial relations between the Rector and the people
of S Johns and where ~~nothing~~ no tie has been broken there
is nothing to regret. If there be any lack of cordiality
between the Rector and any of the Congregation it is no
fault of his breach of his making but is the gratulations and
wanton work of the promoters of these Complainers.

They say "we come to this conclusion with deep regret. Our
Rector has always had in the past our hearty Support
and sincere friendship". regret and friendship are
states of mind and far be it from us to say that
the complainers are not judges of their own mental
states - but as far as our observation goes their
"heartily" "Support" has not been in ~~fact~~ due proportion
to their professions but has been rather grudgingly than
heartily rendered.

Their assurance that "nothing of a personal nature has
entered into this trouble - nothing but a sincere desire &c"
seems to us to lack the essential element of truth -
it seems to us that it is all personal and that the

surely shown for the good of the parish and myself.
The Church Springs of action have been sincere desire
to ruin if they should not rule, and love of contention
rather than for the Church. Previous to the ~~former~~
concoction of the Complaint there was no disaffection
worth naming in the ^{S Johns} ~~Parish~~, those complainers have
made a systematic canvas of the parish, going from
house to house using every means argument and influence
possible to create disaffection ^{in the congregation} among its members,
but in spite of all their efforts the members of S
Johns are loyal to their parish and their Rector,
and we think we have demonstrated the fact
that unless those complainers shall succeed in
breaking down both, S Johns will continue to
go on in the same successful manner as for the
past 7 years.