



## Ignatian Difficulties and Historic Doubts: A Letter to the Very REV. the Dean of Peterborough (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Excerpt from Ignatian Difficulties and Historic Doubts: A Letter to the Very Rev. The Dean of Peterborough The learned and acute (scharfsinnige) performance of the much-lamented Bishop Lightfoot has not altered my judgment in this respect. I agree with you fully in the view that the representation of the power of the bishops is incompatible with a writing of the second century. We have here the matured judgment of a divine, as far removed from the teaching of the Tubingen school as the Bishop himself, and whose study of the writings of the Apostolic Fathers began still earlier than his, and has probably been more continuous. It cannot be expected that any new documentary evidence, such as is daily discovered in the domain of modern history, can throw a fresh light upon the history of the primitive Church, involved as it is in the gloom of three centuries of conflict and persecution. The oldest of our ecclesiastical historians could only gather up a few fragments of its earlier records, and many of these are not trustworthy. The...



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