BRIGGS TO BE ORDAINED.

THEY THE HIGH CHURCH MEN WILL ASSAIL HIM VIGOROUSLY.

Their Plan Is to Have Him Tried for Heresy —Talk of Possible Impeachment of Bishop Potter—Higher Criticism Denounced by Dr. Clendenin and Dr. Richey

[illegible] will advance the Rev. Dr. Charles A. Briggs to the priesthood of the Protestant Episcopal Church to-morrow morning at the Pro-Cathedral in Stanton street. The Bishop made the announcement yesterday through the Churchman, the official organ of the Church. The latter reads:

"The Rev. Dr. Briggs and the Rev. Charles H. Smith will be ordained on the day officially [illegible] by the Bishop of New York, May 14, in the Pro-Cathedral, Stanton street, this city. The Rev. Dr. George William Douglas will preach the ordination sermon. The Rev. Cornelius B. Smith will present the Rev. Dr. George Francis Shelden and Mr. Snedeker. Bishop Potter has selected the Pro-Cathedral as the place for ordaining Dr. Briggs because Dr. Briggs had asked to be assigned to work there and will work there in the future."

The Rev. Dr. George William Douglas, who will preach the ordination sermon, lives at Tarrytown and is an occasional preacher at Grace Church. Dr. Briggs attends Grace Church and it was there that he was made a deacon. The rector, the Rev. Dr. Huntington, leader of the Broad Church party in America, was one of the three clergymen presented by Bishop Potter for the ordination of Briggs. The Rev. Dr. Cornelius B. Smith is a clergyman of St. James's Church where the Bishop will hold the Trinity ordinations. The Rev. Dr. George F. Nelson, who will present Mr. Snedeker, is the rector of the diocese of New York and a friend of the Bishop. The opponents of the Briggs ordination the Bishop has made the ordination a "private affair," even to selecting the Pro-Cathedral as the place for the ordination. The Bishop is charged with "railroading" Dr. Briggs into the priesthood. The high churchmen now point to the fact that Dr. Briggs was made a deacon in Grace Church a week ago to-day, and with only one day's notice, and that he is now to be made a priest with only two days' notice. The Bishop's critics infer, they say, has been high-handed and beneath the dignity of a churchman of his high position.

No one will make a protest against the ordination service, in all probability, for the High Church men who oppose the admission of the Union Theological Seminary professor to the priesthood want to let the Bishop run the end of his rope. At first they were expected to make a protest during the service when the Bishop should say:

"But yet, if there be any of you who know of any impediment or notable crime in any of them, the candidates, for the which he ought not to be received into this holy ministry, let him come forth in the name of God and show what the crime or impediment is."

The High Church canonists give it as their opinion that a protest during the ordination service, based on Dr. Briggs's teachings, would be futile. Only by alleging some crime against Dr. Briggs, the canonists hold, could they prevent the Bishop from going on with the ordination. They point to the rubric as clearer evidence of the futility of a doctrinal protest. The rubric reads: "And if any great crime or impediment be objected, the Bishop shall cease from ordering that person whom it concerneth, the party accused shall be found guilty of that crime." The opponents of Dr. Briggs cannot charge him with any crime; they can only point to his teachings. Unless some one of the High Church extremists—for example, the Rev. Dr. Benjamin F. De Costa—should make a scene during the ceremony, the ordination will go off without special incident.

But even Dr. De Costa is ready to let the Bishop ordain Dr. Briggs. Dr. De Costa's two letters sent to Bishop Potter, protesting against Dr. Briggs's ordination, are unanswered. Dr. De Costa said yesterday afternoon that he would not oppose the ordination.

"The Bishop will wreck the Church," he exclaimed. "Let him go on."

That the High Church objectors to Dr. Briggs gain nothing by a protest during the service, that the belief in the Rev. Charles H. Snedeker, who assisted in the ordination, and will be made a priest, with his old teacher in Union Seminary, Mr. Snedeker is not a canonist, nor is he a higher critic, although he is a Broad Church man, who believes that the higher criticism of the Scriptures ought to be welcomed by the church, Mr. Snedeker says that if any one knew some moral impediment would he bring it forward to prevent the ordination. But the war in the Protestant Episcopal Church in America against the higher criticism has not ended; it is only begun. After Dr. Briggs has entered the priesthood the High Church lines will organize and fight the Broad lines, with Bishop Potter, the Broad Churchman, presiding. Dr. Briggs to the crucible to-morrow morning will throw a firebrand into the camp. The Bishop, they assert, has put the war and he must be held responsible for the result. Steps will be taken to try Dr. Briggs for heresy, and the High Church men will win their fight, and the High Church men will continue their warfare. The members of the priesthood, ordained, are heretics. Keeping their vows, they will seek "to draw away from the Church all such as have strange doctrines contrary to God's Word."

Dr. T. H. Clendenin of St. Peter's, Westchester, leader of the fight against Dr. Briggs, said last night that the opposition would begin.

"We will appeal to our Bishop," he said. "We will say that our Lord was crucified between two thieves. This is a calamity for the Church. The Bishop will never recover from the blow that he gives us on this occasion. Our time will come. The ordination is neither here nor there. He has acted against all the wishes of the whole Anglican Church in this matter. We cannot tell what the outcome will be, but the light will not be put out. The devil is not as beaten. It is a large enough for all of us, big enough to hold Dr. Briggs.

"I sent out last night an address to the clergy of the Diocese of New York concerning the Proposed Action of the Rev. Dr. Charles A. Briggs, D. D." Dr. Clendenin read from Dr. Briggs's "Introduction to the Study of the Bible" and makes comments on the passages. "Dr. Briggs," says Dr. Clendenin, "is attacking the foundation of divine truth and the foundations of the Divine Revelation, or the real Bible. His [illegible] all this rubbish." Dr. Clendenin, "the Bible writers and lexicographers read with so much delight, is not, after all, some travesty which other evil ecclesiastics had given them. Our dear old mothers in memory pictures their children as they read that Holy Book, seemed to them; but, now, we decided they were all wrong. Yes, and Dr. Briggs, the Bible, the Bible, the Bible, and the Bible, and the Bible, and