

you or any gentleman on any occasion, or for any purpose. In order, however, to convince you, as far as in my power, of the truth of this, I shall endeavour to answer as succinctly as I can your two questions. I may remind you that, before the appointment of a successor to the late Professor Halpin, I called one morning at your house, suggesting that if he would accept the position, the then Archdeacon Sweatman would, in my opinion, be a suitable person; this I did from my conviction of his fitness for the post, both as a good classical scholar and as a clergyman of sound Protestant and Evangelical views, and I need scarcely say that recent facts have proved that in my estimate of him I was correct.

"I was therefore not a little surprised when you objected to the present Bishop of Toronto on the ground of his not being Evangelical, giving as the reason for your opinion what you have stated, though more fully in your letter of the 30th of April, and this reason you also gave to Dean Grasett for the same opinion. With regard to your second question, any statement I made was upon your authority *and yours only*, and I beg to state that I repeated a great deal less than fell from your own lips in regard to Archdeacon Sweatman, and that only when I was obliged to do it as a reason for not continuing to urge his appointment to the vacant professorship, and I am perfectly innocent of any inference which may be drawn as to your insincerity. I hope this will satisfy you that the charge of perverting your words is altogether groundless, and you will oblige me by giving the bearer a mere acknowledgment of its receipt.

"Yours faithfully,

"M. BOOMER."

My friend Dean Boomer indulges in righteous indignation at the bare idea of any charge being brought against himself, though he does not hesitate (upon such foundation as these explanations show) to charge a friend, of a lifetime, with duplicity, deception, &c. But in his indignation he gets "mixed," for any visit he paid me must have been some days before that on which the appointment of Classical Professor was made, and my conversation with Dean Grasett was on the afternoon of the day previous to that on which the appointment was made, and the conversation with Archdeacon Sweatman in "the train"