

"If you had a friend or sister," he said, "would you not think celibacy a holier state for them? The apostle also recommends it"

"But God hath said, by the same apostle," I replied, "that marriage is honourable in all." This includes priest as well as laymen; and surely Adam, in a state of innocency, and Moses, and David, and Aaron the priest, and his successors, were as holy men as the priests of the present day."

"Celibacy is a rule of the Church," he said.

"But," replied I, "the Church has no right to make such a rule, and by doing so the Church of Rome has showed she is the apostate Church"

"In the Church," he said, "Christ appointed a vicar on earth to regulate the affairs of the Church."

"Christ," I replied, "is both head and foundation of His Church. He is King in Zion, and he has given laws and regulations to His Church. It is no human foundation on which God's Church rests. 'Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Christ Jesus.'"

He bade me good morning, saying "We must hear the Church."

I followed him to the door, saying, "Christ is its head. We must receive His teaching and obey His laws." I bade him good morning, and said that I would be happy for him to call whenever he found it convenient.

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