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"If the foundations be destroyed by them, what can the righteous do?" What? why simply, if they build at all, they must build on sand; and all such builders are ruined men. Puseyism saps the very foundation of the religion of Jesus; it places the writings of uninspired men, on a level with, and above the inspired book of God; the regenerating operation of the Holy Spirit by which the heart, the whole fallen nature is "made new," they tell us is done, or left undone, just as the Infant is baptized, or not baptized; the matter of baptism has no efficacy unless it drops from the finger ends of an Episcopal or Catholic Priest; Justification by Faith, and Sanctification full and complete to God, by a living Spirit dwelling in the heart, and keeping that heart ever under the enlarging and realizing influence of the blood of sprinkling, is by these Doctors set aside as *heresy*, or what is even worse, it is *dissent*; and all the advantage of Salvation here and hereafter is made to rest on, the "due reception" of Baptism and the Sacrament, from the hands of men who are legitimate descendants of the Apostles; all men outside this pale, are, say they, given over to the "uncovenanted mercies of God"; a very strange expression, and meaning nothing less than "the fire that is never quenched."

Being, through several channels, both public and private, made aware of the rapid spreading of such anti-scriptural doctrines in this City and Province; having also some very painful evidences of the pernicious tendencies of such tenets, on Protestant Churches both in England and Ireland; and, moreover having my attention called to the subject by some Members of my own Congregation in Toronto, who are most desirous to have the truth as it is in Jesus, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, preached to their families and fellow citizens; I resolved to defend the "foundations" to the best of my means, by presenting the real character of the present alarming tendency of many in high places, to apostatize from Christ, and seek alliance with the "mother of harlots and abominations."

In taking up the subject of these Lectures, I resolved that the Puseyite teachers should tell my hearers in their own words, what they believe, and wish, and teach; hence, I invariably quote their own writings, and in combatting their opinions I make no scruple to use, the writings of others, when they suit my purpose; my great wish is to give information, so as to awaken attention, and guard my hearers of all Churches against the insidious poison of men, who while nominally Protestant, are really the worst foes of true Protestantism, and the most successful abettors of Popery.

The attendance on my Lectures far exceeded my expectations, and the interest in them often expressed, convinced me I had taken a right step in this matter;