

PROTESTANTISM.

A Protestant is one who protests. It was a term which arose in Germany in 1529, and is used in two or three Parliamentary documents to express the independence of the Church of England, and her distinct position from that of Rome. The Church of England is only incidentally Protestant in face of the pretensions of the Roman Church; Protestantism is not of the essence of her being. In the same way the Roman Church is Protestant because she protests against the independent position of the English Church. Indeed the word "Protestant" is nowhere used from the beginning to the end of our Prayer Book; and in no single official document does the Church of England allow herself to be called by that name. And what is more, Convocation in the time of William III. distinctly refused to use the words "Protestant Religion," or to include the Church of England amongst the "Protestant Churches." The more a man objects to religion, the more right he has to be called Protestant, and he would be the most perfect Protestant who objected to Christianity altogether. The symbols of Protestantism are negative,—I won't believe.... I don't believe.... I can't believe.... I shan't believe.... etc., but the symbol of our faith is positive,—"I do believe".... We protest against nothing that is Catholic, and it is only when novel and uncatholic doctrines are pressed upon us we find occasion to protest. Surely it is time to drop this objectionable name, and no longer to keep alive feelings of bitterness which it engenders. Of course members of the Roman Catholic Church will do their utmost to make the name "Protestant" stick to us; but we need not be so unwise as to play into their hands by calling ourselves Protestant. Let us remember, and take every opportunity of insisting that we belong to a true branch of the Catholic Church and are therefore "Catholics," not "Protestants."—*St. Alban's Monthly Paper.*

DIOCESE OF CALEDONIA.

The following interesting item, showing the progress of the good work in the Diocese of Caledonia, is clipped from the *English Mail*:—

"The Bishop of Caledonia has forwarded to the Church Missionary Society a narrative account of the conversion to Christianity of Shenksh, chief of the Kitkatlah Indians, who had