

the writer. Its position as regards the Separate School law, and the recent amendments to that law, is true and impartial. **Your warning that the very existence of the Association depends upon the scrupulous impartiality with which all matters that affect or involve party shall be treated was most timely,** and the spirit of your communication will furnish as good a guide as can be desired for all who do not desire to make the Equal Rights Association subordinate to party purposes.

While thankful for the great results that have already sprung from the Equal Rights movement, especially in Manitoba and the North-West Territories, and while in thorough accord with the great principles upon which it was organized and upon the line of which it should prosecute its mission, I deprecate any act which may beget the suspicion that its influence is to be made in the most remote degree auxiliary to mere party aims.

I beg to acknowledge my high appreciation of the services which you, as President of the Association, have so admirably performed, and to state my belief that its success has been largely due to your high character, your knowledge and your rare discretion. It is with diffidence and some degree of misgiving that I venture to criticize, in any respect, the work of the Committee on Address, of which I was appointed a member, and to withhold my signature from the address for the reason, as above stated, that I am unable to agree with some of its material statements.

Faithfully yours,

JOHN CHARLTON.

To WM. CAVEN, D.D.,

President Equal Rights Association, Toronto.

Ottawa, May 24th, 1890.