

CAPTURE READINGS.

is God's means of enlightenment, and I say that it would have been a terrible sin for us as Protestants, giving an open Bible to our own children, to refuse to give it to the Roman Catholics. (Loud applause.) We are stronger than the Roman Catholics in this Province. Is that a reason why we are to put their neck under our feet? (Cries of "No.") Is that any reason why we should deal with them only on the principle of brute force and brute strength? (Cries of "No.") We are stronger than they. Then let our strength show itself in magnanimity. (Loud applause.) Let our strength show itself in generosity, in a determination that as Protestants we stand shoulder to shoulder against any attack that the Romish hierarchy might make upon our creed; but as Christians and brethren in this grand Province let us not taboo a man who conscientiously worships God in a form different from ours. I claim as large a share of religious liberty myself, and it is

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that I claim for myself that makes me desire to give others the liberty that I claim for myself. (Terrific applause.) **It would be childish if it was not wicked, folly if it was not a sin, to think otherwise.** I am here this evening because I feel in this case that there has been one of the most pernicious attempts that has ever been made to introduce religious discord into this country to affect an election which should be tried upon the merits of those who are in, and the demerits of those who are out. (Applause.) And as they knew that they would have no chance of success if the issue were tried upon these questions, they sought to direct the attention of the public from the legislation and administration of the Government. It is always, when the mind is roused, a dreadful thing to raise a religious cry against any person. **My friends, let us trample that under foot.** (Applause.) **Don't let us get the thin end of the wedge of discord and disunion into this grand land of ours. Let us determine that all should feel that they can worship God as they please. We are not going to encroach upon the liberty of anyone, and we are not going to allow any to encroach upon our liberty.** (Applause.) At this epoch in the history of our country the man will be a recreant who does not do everything that he can to sustain the honest, upright, true Administration that we have in Ontario, to put back the invaders from our land. Let everyone get up straight before the time, and at the battle "let not your earnest slacken into play," and before this grand audience I may say, "Men who think, and men of action, clear the way!" (Loud and prolonged applause.)

Rev. Dr. Castle,

Principal of the Baptist College, Toronto,

On coming forward was received with cheers. He said:—Mr. Chairman, I am not here to-night as a politician. I have never taken any part whatever in purely political questions during my residence in Canada. My name has been associated, however, with the infamous committee composed of hypocritical ministers of the Gospel, who, in the guise of Protestants, are really Jesuits—(loud cheers and laughter)—and who have been selling out Protestantism to Archbishop Lynch (Renewed laughter.) A great deal has been said about us, and I think it is only fair that some one of us should stand upon this platform to-night and deliver our souls from

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which have been hurled against us during the last few weeks. I did suppose I was a Protestant. (Hear, hear, and laughter.) I did suppose I was a Protestant of the most ultra kind. (Cheers.) I did suppose that I belonged to a class of people who prided themselves on the absence of bigotry—(cheers)—who knew what religious liberty meant, and who prized religious liberty—(renewed cheering)—a class of people who, **because they claimed it for themselves, granted it to everybody.** (Great applause.) I have begun to think within the last month, however, that probably, for religious liberty, some Protestants of the Province of Ontario will really have to go and take lessons from the Archbishop. (Loud and prolonged laughter and applause.) I did suppose that the