

I have seen a statement in one of the papers, quoted from the *London Times*, to the effect that the constitution of England had ceased to be Protestant; its laws had ceased to be Protestant; the Empire had ceased to be Protestant. I trust that by the grace of God the time will never come when the Church of England will cease to be Protestant. (Cheers.)

Rev. Mr. Darling pressed his question.

Archdeacon Fuller said he did not remember the exact words Dr. Pusey had used. (Cheers and laughter.) But the effect of his advice was that they are to gain their point by gradual steps. If this be the case, then it was time they should take measures to prevent the spread of the evil. The Archdeacon next read extracts from the *Catholic World* for September, which stated that the Romanizing of England was all that could be expected or hoped for. The *World* went on to say that the people of England were being taught the elements of the Roman Catholic from alien teachers, who laid down doctrines the so-called Reformers had laboured to explode. Thus the Catholics of England were greatly encouraged. The Church of England was dying by the hands of its own pastors. Such were the opinions of Roman Catholics respecting Ritualism. What better argument did they want to show the Romanizing tendency of Ritualism.

Rev. Mr. Darling said he desired to see the fullest and freest discussion on this subject; but he did think they ought, in their discussions, to avoid anything like an attempt, by introducing side issues, to frustrate a fair and straightforward issue. An understanding had been arrived at, when the Committee on this subject presented their report, that the discussion would not come up till to-morrow. But, by an unexpected line of action, the discussion was precipitated. He did not think this course quite fair, straightforward and manly.

Rev. Mr. Givins trusted that he had acted in a manly manner. The conduct of the rev. gentleman reminded him of an anecdote—(Cries of "order.")

Rev. Mr. Darling begged to withdraw the objectionable expression. There were several persons who intended to take part in the debate, who were not present, not expecting the question to come up.

Rev. Mr. Givins was willing to allow the debate to be adjourned till to-morrow. He wished to know if he might be allowed to finish his anecdote. (Laughter and cries of "order.")

Rev. A. J. Broughall wished to know if it was to divest the clergy of their bands. He thought that would be the effect of this canon. He did not use bands himself, but wanted the matter understood.