

the eloquence and reasoning of Dr. Stuart.—As new, and more enlarged prospects of honour and emolument open before him, we find him growing in abhorrence of all Sectarianism, and built up and established in the good principles of High Church, until the spirit, at first weak and diluted with an undue mixture of *liberalism*, is now become concentrated to its utmost degree of purity and force. To be serious, all this exposure and mortification would have been spared to Dr. Strachan, if he had not somewhat indiscreetly made such strong and gratuitous professions, of the conscientious motives which produced his conversion, and that of others, who have forsaken us; because as many are uncharitably disposed to think like Demas—they loved this present world;—and had he candidly admitted, which he might have done; as we humbly think, with far less reproach to his moral feelings, that prudential considerations and motives of expediency, rather than any impulsion of conscience, had moved him to withdraw himself from the faith in which he had been educated, and the venerable Establishment to which he in common with every Scotsman owes so much.

Having now stated the circumstances of the Doctor's conversion, from which an estimate may be formed of the motives which led to that change, we proceed next to observe, that it has not been without a suitable recompence of temporal honours and emoluments. From being Missionary at Cornwall, he was soon translated to the Metropolis of Upper Canada, and became Rector of York. His civil dignities have at least kept pace with his ecclesiastical preferments, until he bears, like his celebrated prototype, Cardinal Wolsey, his blushing honours, thick upon him; and in one and the same person, unites the dignities of Archdeacon, Legislative and Executive Councillor, to which have been superadded recently, the newly created offices of Superintendent of all the District Schools, and President of the College of which he has been the projector. One day this wonderful modern Proteus may be seen in the Council Chamber among the Elders and Senators of the Land; another, in the midst of Bank Directors and Money Changers; on another day you will see him among the Priests in the Temple, and officiating at the Altar. Verily, here is a glorious confusion of Offices, Sacred and Secular, Civil and Academic, which have been rarely, we imagine, conjoined in one, and the same person; and yet the weight of all these dignities and duties is so far from bearing down our Modern Atlas, that it is shrewdly conjectured the addition of a Mitre would not be felt as any incumbrance. In one word, he pants after the Ecclesiastical Supremacy of Upper Canada, and it is supposed that he would pronounce the words *Nolo Episcopari* with the same blushing sincerity, and maiden bashfulness, with which a young lady says nay, to the first overtures of a secretly favored lover.

Animated with these views of no vulgar ambition, he has formed a mighty plan to Episcopalise the whole of Upper Canada. By inducing the Government to withhold support from all other denominations, by