

have only to refer to facts connected with the Prince's visit to convince him of his error. At Toronto, the Bishop and the Clergy were received, their Address read to the Prince, and a respectful reply was delivered by the Prince to that Address. The Bishop being afterwards invited to a place among the Prince's suite at the Levee. Dr. Willis had a similar honor. In Lower Canada the Roman Catholics presented their Address, and so did the Anglican Bishop and Clergy: to these a respectful Address was returned. At London, the Bishop and Clergy presented their Address and a similar favor was granted. Thus three churches have been recognized—the Catholic, the English Church, and the Presbyterian Church; as to the rest, with the exception of the Wesleyans, whose luck at Hamilton we are not aware of, they were permitted simply to present but not to read their Addresses, and any reply they received came from the Duke by mail, stating that he had the honor of conveying the thanks of His Royal Highness for the address, and signing himself Newcastle.

In the case of our own (New Connexion Methodist) Address, we wrote twice to Mr. Pennefather, each time enclosing a copy of the Address, and requesting instructions as to the presentation, but no notice was taken of either communication. Like the rest of those who had given notice of Addresses to be presented our deputation met at Hamilton on the 19th: we agreed that if the Address would not be permitted to be read it should be withheld. We could not gain the ear of any person who could give us the least information. While we were waiting in the crowd, the Roman Catholic Bishop stood very near us, and before any of us had any chance of moving up the stairs, his "lordship" was called by one of the officers keeping guard on the stairs, and thus he was summoned to the royal presence by a special message.

When on the stairs the cry was raised, "the stairs are giving way," and considerable confusion was the result. Our deputation became separated, and as those on the landing were ordered to "pass on" part of us were presented before the rest could make their appearance. All that we could learn in answer to any question was, "pass on, gentlemen," and that part of the deputation who were left behind, and had the Address, were obliged either to assert their right to read the Address in the presence of the Prince, or simply deliver it into his hands without any remark. To avoid the ungraciousness of the former course, the Address was simply delivered, and thus the business ended.

Here then is the fact, Catholic and Anglican Bishops, and Presbyterian Professors invited to the royal presence, and a place offered them on the dais near the Prince, and the rest treated, as the Montreal *Herald* expresses it, "as the tag-rag and bobtail of underrated people, unworthy to come, without lawn sleeves or purple, anywhere near to the new fangled blue coats and gold lappets worn by the civil hierarchy of our paltry court."

Now we wish it to be understood that these remarks are not dictated by any feeling of mortified vanity, for if we had consulted our own feeling we should have kept away from a scene such as a levee presents, so formal and soulless as all its arrangements are, but we, in common with our brethren, had a duty to perform on behalf of the Connexion, and we went to it to discharge that duty, and for that reason alone. We went to it to feel the humiliation that those who had the control of these arrangements had a tariff of ecclesiastical respectability of their own, in which we and the like of us were not included, and which they had the bad taste to parade in the very face of many of the ministers of Protestant denominations, and that in Western Canada. We went to see with our own eyes a Roman Catholic Bishop in the city of Hamilton noticed, and invited to "come higher," while the ministers of other bodies were to struggle as they best could, for admission, and to receive the curt reply to every enquiry as to the course of duty on the occasion "pass on gentlemen."

We of course do not blame the Prince, but there are those in his suite whose bad judgment and worst taste have caused all the heartburning and ill-feeling in various parts of the Province, by their marked preference for those whom they