

trinally unsupported craze of the individual clergyman in a Church so liberal and broad that it would admit of the most musical ornate or florid service desired by a minister and people so unspiritually inclined. Such would then become a religious æsthetic performance, which like Oscar Wild's nonsense, would kill itself in time, and bring the worshipper down to the sober and decent order of which the Apostle Paul would have approved.

If Christ be preached, it matters not whether the preacher have on a black or white vestment or none at all; save as there is an advantage in the emblem of purity, covering up the fashionable vagaries of an empty headed dudish clergyman.

The objection lies in the claim that it is a priestly garment. Have no priest in *name* or *fact*, but let him be simply a Presbyter, and all war about clothes is ended, as would be the inflation of a balloon by the slash of a keen edged sword. Until Bible Christians can get together and discuss the question of union in the first great aspect of loyalty to Christ and his truth, without having it thought that unworthy motives influence adverse criticism of things as they are, there will be no progress made in reuniting the Churches of the Reformation into one communion.

There are points on which latitude of belief is permissible, because they are not questions involved in human salvation, as Christ has declared it; on these let us be broad minded, but on others no broader than the clearly defined truth of God in Christ as revealed in His word. We have too many Bible lawyers who take liberties with "thus saith the Lord." Let us all fix the eye of faith on Christ as our leader, and as uncompromising Protestant Christians of that older Church than Rome can prove herself to be, rejecting all sacerdotal error, dishonouring to Him, close up our ranks until the world becomes alarmed at our unification. Let us give forth the shout "the Lord he is God," and move on modern Baalism, idolatry and atheism as a holy phalanx; let us take our marching orders only from the Bible, the Protestant's rule of faith, and go forward confident in the power of Him who "will put all things under Him, and gather His redeemed after the days of conflict are over, to rest in the one fold, under the one shepherd, in everlasting peace."

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