

In the midst of all this disputing, there are some quiet men who would advise that the disease of unlawful ritualism be treated in this country as our farriers are treating the Rinderpest, viz.: by waiting till it comes. "What is the first thing you would do with a person who had been blown up with gunpowder?" asked a Medical Board of a student whom they were examining. "I would wait till he came down," replied the young *Æsculapius*. But doctors differ.

In the days of the Reformation the Jesuit Cumming called the English prayer-book "the English Mass Book," and taught that extemporary prayer could alone cope with the specific evils of the day, and that no form of prayer could meet them. Much other evil did he originate in the disguise of a reformer; and when he had fairly set the heaven to work which has been fermenting ever since, went back to Rome and received from his master the Pope 8000 ducats, and the commendation of a zealous and faithful son of the Church.

There always will be defections from the Church, so long as men are taught to expect that clergymen, of all others, must promise strict obedience to a book of rules, which nevertheless they must daily disobey or be branded as traitors in the camp, and Romanists in disguise. Men and women will read and reason in these days, and untruth and inconsistency are bound to fall. The true friends of the Church must see to it that consistency and obedience be found within our own pale, and among our own teachers.

The work of a moderate man is a thankless one in our day, but never were charity and moderation more needed than in this very time. May the Father of us all grant to us that most excellent gift of Charity, without which all our doings are nothing worth!

ADDRESS TO REV. J. HILL. WITH HIS REPLY.

At the request of the parties concerned, we have much pleasure in publishing the following Address and Reply:

To the Rev. James J. Hill, Rector of the Parish of St. James, Newport, April 1867.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

As the tie, which for the last nine years has bound us together as pastor and people, is about being severed, it is with feelings of the deepest regret, that we contemplate the event.

The earnestness and zeal displayed by you, in your attention to the spiritual wants of your Parishioners, has ever been a marked feature in your ministrations, whilst your teachings from the pulpit have revealed such an interest in, and anxiety for the future well-being of those over whom you have had pastoral charge, as could only be displayed by one, who deeply and personally realized the awful magnitude of the issues involved. The earnest sincerity of your belief in the importance of your teachings, has been most emphatically endorsed by your "walk and conversation in life" ever endeavouring to lead us to a true appreciation of those things which the cares and anxieties of the world so often hide from our view.

That a course so consistent in teaching and practice, should be blessed with a large measure of success, is no more than might reasonably be anticipated, whilst the fact that the parish of St. James stands second to none in the Diocese, and far in advance of most other parishes in its proportion of communicants to Church members, is a result, the magnitude of which can only be realized by those who were conversant with the state of matters in this respect, at the time of your coming among us.

Nor have the temporal affairs of the parish been less carefully attended to. To your almost unaided efforts do we owe the erection of a new church, in a locality where church accommodation was much needed, and where you gathered a large and increasing congregation; whilst the alterations and improvements in our parish church,