

- 3.—*It is objected that if all Protestants were to keep away from the polls, Papists would get into power, and the whole fabric of our Protestant institutions and liberties would soon be completely demolished.*

Well, even if they should get into power, as the result of a general adoption of our position, would that feared result justify us in doing evil to prevent it? We are not in any case to "do evil that good may come"

But what have the elections done in the past to keep Papists out of power? Protestants have been voting almost universally for many years, and yet Romanism has been advancing in political influence. In England, Popery is rising to still higher power. In Scotland, the land shadowed by martyrs' monuments, where all classes of Protestants vote, with the exception of a few Reformed Presbyterians, Romanism is still advancing to higher power. In our Dominion where almost universal suffrage is the rule, Papists are still advancing higher and higher in the scale of political influence. The polls, as at present constituted, have no power against Rome. How could they? Here is a candidate for Parliament. He is considered a staunch Protestant. Listen to all his speeches. Mark all his votes. Measure his influence, and in the majority of instances, Protestantism is a loser by him and not a gainer. What is the reason of this? Look at that man on his entrance into the Legislature. What is the pledge that he takes at the very threshold of his political career? The very first thing he does is to take an oath, by which he is committed to a legislation that, in many important particulars, is favourable to Rome's pretensions. He commits himself to a political system that is in league with it. He swears allegiance to a constitution of government that, in its most essential particular, is Romish, viz: the anti-christian supremacy over the national Church that is vested in the Crown. He swears to support laws framed for the very purpose of conciliating "the man of sin," and that are most effectually promoting its interests.

After having taken such a pledge as that, with what consistency can he set himself, like an honest man, to resist Romish aggressions? All the influence he exerts against a