

My politics are the Gospel. The 'Kingdom' which I desire to extend "is not of this world." And as "I am a debtor to the wise and the unwise" I must endeavour, without "distinction of persons" to acquire and preserve the confidence of all, "that I may gain all to Christ." This, Dear Sir, I could never hope to achieve if I were to descend from the sanctuary and mingle in the strife of those of whom it is written: "Tradidit Deus mundum disputationibus eorum."

When once the Minister of God takes any part in politics, he is sure to alienate the affections and confidence of some portion even of his own flock. He can no longer be equally accessible to all—the common Father of all. Some will view him rather as the political partizan than as the "evangelizer of peace," and the dark clouds of earthly prejudice will thus obscure the bright halo which should perpetually environ the "Man of God."

Now I look upon this as a great evil, because I consider it the interest of the public of every religious and political denomination that the Minister of God should be exclusively devoted to the things of Heaven, and that amid the angry tumult of passion which political differences are so likely to produce, nothing can be more beneficial to the public weal than the existence of a body of men whose profession is peace; and whose duty and delight it is to pour oil on the troubled waters, and by the meek precepts of the Gospel of Love, to chasten and control the impetuous spirit of the world.

As therefore I cheerfully recognize in all the right of maintaining their own political opinions, so long as they do not militate against the principles of religion or social order, I am not inclined to mingle in politics, nor take any step whatsoever which might even indirectly be a cause of misunderstanding with any of my own beloved flock, or of my other, esteemed fellow-subjects in the Province.

Abstracting, then, from political considerations, there is no compliment, nor mark of personal regard which I am not prepared to offer my justly respected friend our late Chief Governor.

I am confident, Dear Sir, that you will appreciate the candour with which I have thus delivered my opinions on a subject which concerns not my personal feelings only, but which is intimately connected with the promotion of those immortal interests to which I have consecrated my life.

I have the honour to remain,

Dear Sir, with much regard,

Very truly Yours,

✱WILLIAM WALSH.

THE REV. MR. HANNAN.

This estimable clergyman has taken his departure for Bermuda. We anticipate the most happy results from his mission to that distant settlement. In no place is the want of a priest more felt and lamented, than in the Bermudas. Brighter days however, are beginning to dawn upon that portion of the flock. The religious destitution under which they labored in times past, had caused the Bishop many a painful thought, and many a bitter pang, and we have reason to believe that it is with no ordinary satisfaction he finds himself enabled to send them such a Missionary as the Rev. Mr. Hannan.

In the Windsor District the Rev. Gentleman left the impress of his zeal and efficiency wherever he went—entirely devoted to his clerical duties, and with that singleness of purpose characteristic of the good priest, he has left a name behind him which will be hallowed in the memory of hundreds. We wish him a safe and speedy passage to the scene of his future labors.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

The zeal manifested in the erection of this Church, is highly creditable to the Catholics of Halifax. One of the first objects to which a christian people should turn their attention is that of providing a temple, in some measure suitable to the dignity, the majesty, the awful solemnity of our holy religion. If those who have nothing but barren words and lifeless imagery to offer to their hearers, manifest so much zeal in the erection of houses of worship, what ought not we to accomplish—we, the children of the promise,—we the heirs of a living, a pure, and a spotless faith,—we who believe that our temples are consecrated by the presence of God himself in our august mysteries, what we say ought not we to accomplish? Our Church will be the Church of God, no matter to whom it may be dedicated, but still a church placed under the patronage of our immortal saint, our national apostle, of him who evangelized Ireland, the glorious St. Patrick, has a peculiar claim on the best feelings of the Irish heart. It reminds us that we are the natives or the immediate descendants of the natives, of a land that made more sacrifices for religion than any nation under Heaven,—it reminds us that we belong to a people who during two centuries and a half, worshipped their God