

Rev. Dr. Workman (Methodist), Toronto: "I view the P. P. A. with humiliation and surprise. It appears to me as a lamentable manifestation of religious bigotry and sectarian prejudice. I regard the organization as unworthy not only of the name it assumes, but also of the object it avows. * * * Instead of protesting against public abuses, this association sanctions plotting; instead of protecting personal liberty it proposes to destroy it."—*Toronto Globe*, 16th December, 1893.

Rev. James Grant (Baptist), Toronto: "I speak with the utmost confidence when I say that on historic grounds the Baptist body to a man will be opposed to such an organization. We believe in fair play, and have suffered too much ourselves for our religious beliefs to countenance for a moment any disability resting on any man, whatever his religious opinion may be. * * * I am not only a Baptist, but a Scotchman, and I detest with all the emphasis of my nature a blow below the belt, or a dagger in the dark."—*Toronto Globe*, 16th December, 1893.

Rev. D. C. Hossack, of the Parkdale Presbyterian Church, in a sermon preached 17th December, 1893, said: "If the P. P. A. have a correct opinion of Roman Catholicism, and if they practice diligently the rules of their order, with a few years' training they will be good Jesuits, so similar is their constitution to the errors of the Roman Catholic Church of which they complain. Is this Protestantism? Is it Protestantism to fight an enemy with his own poisonous weapons? The P. P. A. propose to fight fire with fire. In doing so they will kindle a flame which, when it once begins to rage, may never be extinguished. The P. P. A. may be satisfactory to its members where they are in a majority, but what is to become of Protestants when they are in a minority? * * * Once establish the principles of the P. P. A., having it clearly taught to the generations growing into manhood that it is proper to have two great religious and political bodies, and between them a great gulf fixed, and we may well ask what will be the condition of our country when another generation passes away."

Rev. G. D. Bayne (Presbyterian), Pembroke, in a letter published in the *Toronto Globe*, 24th January, 1893, says: "I submit that the devices of the P. P. A. are subversive of true Protestantism, that they can only tend to defeat its objects, and that they cannot be defended on Christian principles. * * * The P. P. A. a means in God's hands! Where or when is God ever represented as in sympathy with the ways of darkness? How can God be assumed to be in league with political trickery? 'Shall a throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?' * * * I challenge the P. P. A. to defend their scheme on Christian principles. They cannot do it. It is at variance with the spirit of Christianity, and with the genius of true Protestantism."

Rev. Dr. Grant, Principal Queen's College, Kingston: "I know nothing but that it is a secret society, and that its object is to proscribe Roman Catholics. On both grounds I can have no sympathy with it, except when it is viewed as a protest against a supposed solid Roman Catholic vote. One extreme always begets another, for human nature is prone to the sin of extremes, but I think that there are enough moderate, fair-minded, reasonable men in Canada to make any solid vote the refuge only of the weak and the fanatical. The fact that the organization has, through a combination of circumstances, gained a victory in one constituency, ought not to be enough to make anyone lose his head, or suppose that the sun-dial has gone back fifteen or thirty degrees, and that we are in the dark ages again. The true way to conquer sectarianism is not by more sectarianism, but by more catholicity, more freedom, more independence, more love of country, and more interest in public affairs. It is difficult, however, to speak of a secret organization, because no one can know what its principles or its oaths are, except by newspaper reports, and I think, therefore, that in the meantime the less said about the subject the better. I have every confidence in the people of Canada, in the great mass of Protestants and Roman Catholics alike, that they desire nothing but fair play, justice and equal rights for all."