

Sutherland. Dr. Sutherland by his character as well as by his ability as a preacher and speaker, is well-entitled to lead a moral movement, and he is perfectly in his right even on the principles of the party system. That system must have a remedy for cases in which both the regular parties fail to do their duty. In the present case not only have they failed to do their duty but they have actually coalesced, as Dr. Sutherland and his friends would say, against "truth and righteousness." Coalesce they assuredly did in the Stanstead election, and throughout this conflict they have in great measure dropped their hostility to each other while they combined to assail independence. Mr. David Mills could not abuse Tories more roundly than he abused Liberals who were so unreasonably faithful to principle as to refuse to court Ultramontaniam for a political end. But the creation of a new party is an expensive as well as a troublesome process. It involves the erection of a new Machine. Nor can you be at all sure that your new party will not presently bear to Truth and Righteousness about the same relation as the old parties. Six or seven times in some countries of Europe the impure liquid of faction has been run off from old party receptacles into new; and it remains as impure in the last receptacle as it was in the first.

Not the formation of Third Parties, but the emancipation of public life from party altogether and a return to national government, will be the ultimate aim at all events of the true reformer, while he may see that the party system is established at present, that he cannot hope at once to disestablish it, and that so long as it prevails public men and actions must be judged by its rules. The system is everywhere in a pronounced state of decadence. Sectionalism has thoroughly set in, and all attempts to restore discipline have proved hopeless, so that hardly anywhere can a party be found large enough to form a stable basis for a Government. In France no Government has been able to live six months, and Germany would be in the same plight did not the iron hand of Bismarck uphold a rule practically irrespective of party. In England, the mother of the