

are respected by all creeds. I would have preferred it should not have been followed by the toast of His Majesty the King. I think it would have been better if the relations between the Church and State had not thus been expressed in this city. I could not refuse to join following that in drinking the toast of His Most Gracious Majesty. I am sure every Roman Catholic present joined most heartily and loyally in the toast, and I know you meant nothing more than expressing a sentiment in which I do not think I could refuse to join you, that the spiritual is higher than the material." Just so. Mayor Howland knows and gives the only reason why in a Catholic banquet the toast of the Pope precedes that to the King. The two orders, spiritual and temporal, are perfectly distinct, and independent one of the other, within their own limits. True, they are too often opposed as rival claimants; because the same individual happens to be at the same time subject of the spiritual and the temporal authorities; though in view of essentially diverse ends, of which one is our eternal and supernatural destiny, having under present conditions a more or less indirect bearing on the second, viz., temporal and material prosperity in this world alone. More or less indirect bearing, we say; for temporal and material good is not the ultimate, but it can either vastly facilitate or vastly impede one's ultimate welfare. Friction arises, only because one of the claimants in the dispute, not fully alive to the proper adjustment of things, unadvisedly steps over the frontiers of his neighbor. The trouble for some people is, that, more zealous than wise, they wish to subordinate the spiritual to the temporal, a subversion condemned by tight sociology, execrated equally by common sense and Catholic conscience, and fraught with mischief to both spheres. It is likely such persons—and they form a powerful class—Mayor Howland had in view when he spoke. At any rate Messrs. Ross and Howland touched on this delicate subject with considerable tact and frankness. Their speeches do as much honor to their perspicacity as to their courtesy to their respected guest.

Mgr. Falconio's stay in Canada was short, it has been singularly fruitful in good; it has conciliated the respect and friendship of a whole people. Mgr. Falconio has gained our esteem and our gratitude. In spite of our regret at his departure, we are glad his success with us opens a wider field of usefulness and honor. His future will be followed with interest and sympathy.

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