

So speaks the learned and talented brother Knox to the 'Prince Edward Island Association'—an Association, we judge from its name, made up of the protestants, catholics, saints and sinners that the Island contains. The construction of the sentence above quoted calls for notice, but it is our present business to look at two things clearly brought before us in the first words:—The existence in the past of an order of evangelists possessing authority; and the revival or re-existence of such a class of officials in these days, with superadded authority. We candidly opine that evangelizing revivalists such as these, if there be any of them on the Island in the St. Lawrence Gulf, or elsewhere in this great little world, are unworthy of grave attention. They can do little injury. Could we logically or theologically slay ten dozen of such revival men at every time of taking aim and firing, we should be compelled to conclude, on cool reflection, that our labor and ammunition would be wasted. Still, when we learn more concerning these former dignitaries, and the nature of the effort to create or manufacture their larger successors, it may appear to us, as it appears to the esteemed Knox, the part of wisdom to give them a sharp salute.

It would not accord with our sense of propriety to omit noticing the singular specimens of language employed by teachers and taught in this partizan age relative to highest and lowest, greatest and smallest officials. It seems impossible to take the flesh out of men's hearts, or extract the politics from their minds, sufficiently to teach them scriptural conceptions and a corresponding style of address. In the kingdoms and republics of what we may call the civil world, it is popular and appropriate to speak of low and high officers. Human power and human pride must and will bloom, flourish, and bear fruit after this style. But the Teacher of teachers has different lessons for us; and to us it appears very like a species of spiritual rebellion to believe and speak concerning his government as we believe and speak of earthly governments. The Gentiles exercise lordship, says the Sovereign Master: it shall not be so among my subjects.

What piles of religious nonsense and ecclesiastic haughtiness the Froud Mistress at the seat of the Babylonian Government has put into the minds and instilled in the hearts of the people of this generation. We cannot say that we are free from the darkening influence and jargon of this 'Holy Mother;' but with us, even at this date, to say nothing of what shall be, if the Lord gives us life and opportunity to study his oracles, there are no high offices or low offices in the kingdom of