

The objects of the Alliance are such as must recommend themselves to all true-hearted and intelligent Protestants. The work to be done is to counteract the machinations and operations of Popery, which stands forth the unchanged enemy of knowledge, of human freedom and progress, and consequently, of the Bible and of religious education. Jesuitical organization must be met by Protestant union. Information respecting the nature and designs of the Papal conspiracy must be diffused by tracts, lectures, sermons, and periodicals. We see that it is farther proposed that the Alliance, if properly sustained, shall attempt some missionary movement, after the example of similar efforts in Ireland and Canada, to give divine truth and the gospel of Jesus Christ to one or more of the races which, in this province, blindly obey the Papal Priesthood.

It is high time that such a mission was instituted. We rather incline to the idea that it will be more efficiently carried out by Churches through their own ecclesiastical judicatories. The Baptists and Free Church have had the subject before them, and have had committees on Popery for several years. We feel rather more sanguine of success by such instrumentality. The Alliance, we trust, will at least stimulate such movements. Only let the thing be done, and we shall rejoice that a reproach which now rests on the Protestantism of the province will then be wiped off. At present, Nova Scotians are carrying the glad tidings of salvation to Polynesia, to Burmah, to Patagonia, and to Damascus, while there are *within the province many thousands who have never read a single chapter of that Revelation which God has given to enlighten and to bless all nations.*

So far as the Alliance intends to aim at exercising *political influence*, it has defined its position in a manner (see that portion of the address which we have inserted *in italics*) which must prove satisfactory to all except Romanists, and those who are bidding, or who intend, whenever they have the opportunity, to bid for their political support. To such parties, the Alliance will always prove distasteful in the extreme. Even its members individually may lay their account to meet with their imbittered hostility. We trust that none of these things will move them, but that, through good and evil report, they will continue "earnestly to contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints," and present an unbroken front against all the enemies of our "common salvation."

We have noticed with satisfaction that nearly all the Protestant denominations of the Province are represented on the committee. The Presbyterian and Wesleyan elements seem to prevail. There are many who are willing that the Bible should be maintained in our Schools, and our Protestant institutions maintained, but *they wish the battle to be fought by others.* It was not by such caution and worldly prudence that our Protestant rights and privileges were won; nor will they be secured, if Christian ministers and men pursue an indecided and temporising policy. The aggressions of Romanists have aroused the friends of religious freedom in Canada, and the time has come in the lower provinces, when that *alien power* within them which wars against their free Protestant institutions, must be watched with jealous care, and a "combined opposition organized against all claims which any sect or body of men may advance inconsistent with the general good."

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