

Dr. McIlvaine, Bishop of Ohio—and which so singularly harmonized with my own views on this subject that I adopted, in this paragraph, his language for my own. These are his words—

“under such morbid sentimentalism, calling itself the real spirituality, to introduce, by degrees, the whole sacerdotal doctrine and practice of a sacrificing Priesthood, and of sacraments efficacious (*ex opere operato*) to salvation, because received at such hands; the visible church, the only depository of saving grace; true Ministers, *real Priests*, having a real sacrifice to offer, and at a real altar—remission of sins obtained only through their ministry, in which they stand as mediators between us and God, so that by them only we come to Christ, and through him to God.”

If you will compare my letter with these words, you will observe that I was even more guarded than the Bishop, who, like myself, was attacking “a system,” and so I added “all this, and more than this—the *development*,” etc.

I now leave the correspondence to speak for itself. No one will rejoice more than myself if it be proved that my fears are unfounded. My sole object has been, and now is, to contend with *principles* and not *persons*, and most deeply do I regret that personal offence should have been taken, since I meant, as I now mean, to show no disrespect to any. No one more earnestly and sincerely prays that “all who profess and call themselves Christians should hold the faith in the unity of the Spirit, the bond of peace, and righteousness of life.” But he is no man who will have peace at the expense of conscience; and humbly hoping that the painful duty performed in striving to repel error in its beginning will in the end promote the glory of God; and that we may ever be one and all to wait in seeking to advance the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour.

I am your faithful servant,

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