

shoals,—regardless of the syren songs of the “Apologia,” or the “Essays and Reviews.” Following this course we hope to earn the confidence of good and moderate men. “Sound teaching has been condemned not when it was put forth distinctly, but whilst there was any indefiniteness about it.”

The peace of stagnation is now over. On all sides there is a yearning for catholic truth and unity. Lord Ebury’s confession now is—“we do not exactly know what we believe about Apostolic Succession.” Let our teachers arise and teach, or the Ritualists will teach for them after their own fashion.

ADDRESS TO THE BISHOP.

On New-year’s day, the Dean, accompanied by several of the clergy, waited on the Lord Bishop, to present an address. The Dean prefaced the presentation with the following words of explanation:—

“*My Lord Bishop*,—It is with mingled feelings of pain and pleasure that I meet with your Lordship to-day to present this address,—pain that circumstances should have made such an address expedient,—but, pleasure that it should have been so readily and heartily adopted by the great body of our faithful clergy. On the present occasion, we represent no less than *sixty* of our brethren *sixty* having signed the address. Of the small number who compose the exception, nine have in some way or other avowed their concurrence with the spirit of it. Two only have expressed their want of confidence in the bishop, and one only has declared his sympathy with his assailants—the remaining few have either refused to sign or expressed no opinion at all.

The clergy have been desirous that this address should be accompanied with some more material token of their esteem: and they have selected, as the most appropriate, the symbol of the office you have exercised so well. As soon as it is finished they will present to your lordship a *Pastoral Staff*. We hope thereby to give to the address a permanent and practical use: it will remind us of your episcopal power and authority,—it will remind you of our submission, respect and confidence.”

To the Right Reverend Father in God, HIBBERT, by Divine permission Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia:—

We, the Dean, Archdeacons and Clergy, of the Dioceses of Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, approach your Lordship with profound veneration for your sacred office, and with much respect for your person.

We have read with astonishment and sorrow the letters recently addressed to your lordship, in which grave charges, as to doctrine and practice, are preferred against you. Of these your Lordship’s replies may well be considered a sufficient refutation.

We desire, while acknowledging the obligation of obedience to your office, to record our testimony to your wise and consistent teachings and your abounding labours throughout the whole term of your Episcopate, and also to assure you of our entire confidence in your administration. Permit us to express our sympathy with your Lordship in the trouble and anxiety which these letters have caused, and heartily to thank you for your late Pastoral, which we shall preserve as an effective