

of Christ be *not* only badges or tokens of Christian men's profession," and all who attribute to them any virtue as channels of grace, or believe that any spiritual powers or special gifts are conferred in ordination, are stigmatised as Sacramentalists and Romanisers. The *Record* advocates the admission to our pulpits and our cures of Nonconformist ministers, and the *Rock* prefers the new Reformed Church to the old Catholic Church of England, and these party organs do not hesitate to insist upon the necessity of such alterations in our Prayer-book as would involve a virtual repudiation of the tenets by which the Church is distinguished from the Sects. If all were thus reduced to the same level, it would be hard to justify the recognition by the State of Church dignitaries, or of the claims of the Church to any special privileges, and we could not expect to gain any adherents from other bodies, for we should have nothing better to offer them than they previously enjoyed.

It is evident from the reiterated complaints in these papers of the scarcity of evangelical curates that the prevailing tendency of the clergy, including the most able and valuable men, is towards the High Church party, which is no longer dry and formal, but manifesting zeal and energy, and a readiness to adopt any and every method whereby sinners may be converted, the lukewarm quickened, and the whole body of the faithful edified; and I fear that unless we recognise this fact, and show that we appreciate them, and, regardless of popular favour, give our countenance and support to the upholders of definite Church principles, we shall alienate many of those whose influence we should be most anxious to secure.

These observations have extended far beyond what I intended when I took up my pen, and I have to apologise to your Grace for troubling you with so long a letter, and to request your favourable construction of anything that I may appear to have spoken presumptuously, or without due respect to your high office.

I am, my Lord Archbishop,

Yours very truly,

H. NOVA SCOTIA.