

And pronounce without favor his stern condemnation,
 Of unstable Peter's weak dissimulation."
 If Peter's the Rock, as per Rome's explanation,
 Sure Paul did not build upon such a foundation.
 And what if some Cardinal now should but dare
 To censure *his master* with such a bold air?
 Assumption like this would at once be put down,
 And the rebel would meet the whole Catholic frown,
 As condensed in the look of surprise and disdain
 From him who now o'er the great city doth reign!*

Not so with good Peter, how meekly he took
 The stern, but much needed, and faithful rebuke;
 And years after this, in his letter to all
 The brethren, he speaks of "belov'd brother Paul."
 'Tis clear 'twas not known, or by Peter or people,
 That he had been made both foundation and steeple;
 For had he but known his position and pow'r,
 He soon would have made the bold Tarsian cow'r;
 For all who have pow'r always know and assert it—
 This truth is so plain that you can't controvert it;
 It has ever been so, in the Church and the State,
 And Army and Navy, since earliest date.
 King, Captain and Priest, Premier, Bishop and Czar,
 If you question their rank they are ready for war;
 And at once you will notice their countenance low'r,
 If you dare to resist their legitimate pow'r.
 And so it is plain neither Peter nor Paul
 Ever knew that the Lord had set *one over all*?

LETTER FROM MR. GEORGE SPENCER.

(From "*Owen Sound Times*" of February 23rd, 1871.)

To the Editor of the Times:

SIR,—I was surprised to see in your last issue, a letter from Mr. W.A. Stephens about the lecture on "Infallibility," lately delivered in this town, by the Rev. Mr. Ferguson.

When the Rev. lecturer commenced, he told his audience that his purpose was not to create a controversy, but merely to explain the grounds on which the Catholic Church believed the dogma. He repeated this more than once during his lecture, and it was not hard to see that he did not wish to hurt anybody's feelings, neither did he say anything calculated to do so.

Well then I ask, what crime has been committed by Mr. Ferguson against our common christianity, or even against the laws of politeness or good breeding, that he, a gentleman, a christian, and a clergyman, should receive such gratuitous insults at the hands of a man who also calls himself a christian, and who, if he believes in Christianity at all, must believe in the doctrine preached by St. Paul in the thirteenth chapter of the first epistle to the Corinthians? I will

*Just after I had written this, I observed an account of the Pope summoning a Cardinal to his presence for daring to dispute the dogma of Infallibility, and treating him as I here state he would do.