

me, even so send I you."—John xx. 21. Can you deny the passage? Did our Lord act in his father's name? (John x. 25) so accordingly his ministers act in his name, and therefore our blessed Lord acknowledges the official acts of his ambassadors as his own acts, and as he has surely promised absolution from sin to the penitent so he has empowered his ministers to declare that absolution — precisely what the church teaches and the very thing to which you object. Nor is this all, sir, for he added, "Whosoever sins ye remit they are remitted unto them, and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained"—John xx. 23. You, sir, tell us you plant yourself on the Bible. Tell me honestly do you believe one word of the passages I have quoted from the words of Christ? Our Lord leaves no room for your unbelief, for he tells us in what sense he sent his priests forth, even as his Father sent him forth, namely, to declare and pronounce to the people being penitent the absolution and remission of their sins—thus he says, "Whosoever sins ye remit they are remitted. It is not the priests that absolve it is Christ that absolves through them, just as he preached to the antediluvians through his ambassador or minister Noah.—1 Pet. iii. 18, 19. In St. Matthew's gospel, and to St. Peter our blessed Lord taught the very same truth "If he neglect to hear the Church let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican."—Mat. xviii. 17. Now, sir, you must pardon me while I inform

you that from this passage of God's word we must entertain but one opinion in relation to your conduct in avowedly neglecting to hear the Church; for she has taken your authority from you, and still you exercise it contrary to her bidding and directions. But our Lord does not end his instructions there, for he proceeds and says, "Verily I say unto you whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."—Mat. xviii. 18. Comment upon this passage could make the fact no plainer than Christ himself puts it, that when his priests "declare and pronounce to his people being penitent the absolution and remission of their sin," this absolution thus pronounced is ratified in heaven, for he himself has spoken the words, and yet, sir, you boastingly declare that you have taken this out of your prayer book; and I must add my conviction that, if you dare, you would take the passages I have just quoted from the New Testament also. At all events whatever dispute you and your friends in schism have had with the Church of the United States, what right have you to send servants of Satan to raise up strife and contention in Canada? The Canadian Church surely has sought no quarrel with you, why therefore do you not let her alone. Have you learned this unseemly spirit from your brethren, the Fenians, who tried to avenge Ireland's wrongs upon the inhabitants of our unoffending Dominion? If you quarrel with your church