

accept the statement from being previously aware of the wide-spreading infidelity which is lamented by thoughtful Americans. •

Our friends cannot expect to be free from criticism. In the working of their institutions we take the deepest interest, that we may copy their many good things, and carefully guard ourselves against evils seen and deprecated by true-hearted and philanthropic men among themselves.

No one is more open to appreciate the excellent qualities of my American neighbors than myself. I have had occasion in correspondence to allude to that noble spirit of enterprise for which we are so largely indebted in these colonies; and also gratefully to acknowledge the kind and generous open-heartedness which, in San Francisco and elsewhere, my clergy and myself have experienced from them.

It was this sentiment of respect and regard, and my earnest desire to draw more closely the tie of kindred origin and tongue, that made it a delight to receive and welcome to my dwelling several American friends, who had come over to help us at the recent consecration of St. John's Church.

While upon the subject of the "Occasional Paper," I may allude, though you have not named it, to a paragraph which has been commented upon,—the part taken by the Roman Catholic Bishop in the election. I do not believe the extract is correctly made, and I have written to Bishop Demers regretting the publication of such an imputation.