

In December, 1872, the new cathedral was consecrated, and the Dean invited the Archdeacon of Vancouver to preach on the occasion. To the horror and astonishment of the Dean and many of the congregation, the Archdeacon's sermon was in support of Ritualism. At its close, the Dean, taken aback by the course pursued, stood up and denounced the Archdeacon and his doctrine, telling him he had violated the law of the Church, the law of the land, and the law of God in the Scriptures—and which received the approbation of a large portion of the congregation. But it did not meet the views of the Bishop of Columbia, who addressed the Dean a long letter of censure, winding up as follows: "As your Bishop, then, I censure you for your conduct on Thursday, the 5th day of December, 1872, and I admonish you to be more careful in future."

But not one word of censure or disapprobation of the Archdeacon's Ritualistic sermon on so important an occasion as the consecration of a Cathedral.

Proper thinking people believe than Dean Cridge was correct in applying the antidote the moment the poison was administered, and it showed the prompting of an honest Protestant heart, but the Bishop objected to time and place, according to some musty old rule of ecclesiastical law.

There is one point I ought to refer to in conclusion. Your Lordship has referred to the fact that we do not call our Church "The Protestant Reformed Episcopal Church." This we deem quite unnecessary, inasmuch as none will doubt our Protestantism. We have left the "Episcopal Church of Canada" on account of its *unprotestant* doctrine, teaching and practices, and its sacerdotalism and Romanizing tendencies. We do not believe in a Church with one portion of its clergy preaching Protestantism and another portion holding up "Birmingham," ware in the shape of Ritualism, a miserable imitation of Roman Catholicism.

In your Lordship's printed address you state "that it is just possible that we may be disappointed in the result of this schismatical attempt * * * * and may suffer a dangerous downfall into Romanism or Infidelity." Don't be anxious on that score, My Lord; we will endeavour to avoid both, but the remark does not come well from a Bishop of a Diocese, where one of his shining lights, in the shape of a Ritualistic Priest officiating in this very city, has so lately left the Church and been received into the Roman Catholic communion. It would almost appear that there was more danger in your own house than ours, and if we are to judge of the action now being taken by the Orange Society, they seem to be of that opinion also.

I have the honor to be,
Your Lordship's obd't Servant,

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