

withdraw their names from the Society's subscription list, if any other mode of contributing to their Ministers' support were open to them, he probably would not have ventured to make such an assertion.

Before coming to a conclusion, it is due to the Laity of Harbor Grace, the second town in the Island, to state that they have not only always viewed the Tractarian innovations with disapproval, but have also manfully and consistently resisted their introduction into the Church of that place, and consequently to this day the Gown is worn in the Pulpit. By this conduct, they have to a great extent imbued the people of Conception Bay with a Protestant, anti-Tractarian spirit, which, it is to be hoped, will increase more and more.

From the foregoing history, it will be manifest that the Church of England in Newfoundland has for years been groaning under the incubus of a Tractarian Bishop, who, under cover of the Committee of the Church Society invested with little or no power, but directed and controlled, by an Archdeacon of similar views with, and always informed of the wishes of, his Ecclesiastical Superior,* has contrived to fasten upon the unsuspecting Clergy and Laity a debasing system of inquisition and exaction which is rapidly sapping the foundation of the Church.

His Excellency Ker Baillie Hamilton, Esq., the Governor, under a just sense of the duties of his high position as a gentleman and a Christian, has endeavoured to arrest the progress of arbitrary and vicious principles, but finding his benevolent and philanthropic suggestions met with a determined resistance, he has nobly and disinterestedly sacrificed, in some degree, his own quiet and ease, devoted his valuable time, and exerted his superior talents, to eradicate this deleterious system from the bosom of the Church. His Excellency's object is as exalted and elevated as the system of his opponents is unworthy and grovelling—the former desires to raise the Clergy to their proper position as Ambassadors of Christ, "proclaiming (to use the Governor's own words,) in their heavenly purity those evangelic truths which are alone effectual to diffuse regenerating life," and thus "evoke the noble sentiments of generosity and affection towards God's consecrated Ministers,"—whilst the effect of the latter is to lower them to mere officiators at certain rites and ceremonies, for

*Archdeacon Bridge has avowed, it "shall be his constant endeavour and prayer" that "more and more of the Bishop's purpose shall be attained."