

Barrowden Castle,

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Dear F. Barrett

The kind and liberal
tone of your letter does not sur-
prise me. I should have been sur-
prised had it been otherwise.

Religious controversy is un-
pleasant to me, for two reasons. One
that I have had of contention e-
nough, and a satiric approaching
to nausea. The other that I think
with the movement of the times
an increase of relative weight

attached to those great matters, in
which Christians are agreed, as
compared with those on which
they differ -

Moreover, as my life stretches out
its wondrous length, I find more &
more occasion for suspension of
of judgment. I am a sceptic - in
the sense of Bishop Butler though
in no other. I seem to have light
which leads me up to a certain
point, and there to be suspended. So
here I desire to stop. It may be a
poor attitude to assume. True the
poverty is ordained; and belongs
to our condition.

In reply to your question, I feel no
dissatisfaction whatever with Rowan

Catholics who blime and as-
sert, as they may think fit, the ne-
cessity of union with the Chair of
Peter: or who deny the Anglican
orders. What I find too prevalent
with them is the resort to extreme
and even absurd arguments when
they want to make good a position.
For instance the contention of many
or some among them that only one of
the then officiating Bishops consec-
rates. Or when they tamper, a sort
of belittling ~~transposition~~ transposition to them, with
the facts of history.

These questions are too large to
pursue in ~~any~~ occasional
letters such as this. If my library

by God's favour reaches a certain
point of development on its way
to an institution, I should much
like you to accept its hospitality
and then we might transact amic-
ably over some of these matters

With sincere regard

Most faithfully yours

W. L. G. Stone

Pray remember me kindly to
Mr. Thomas Coleman if you chance
to see him.