

pleased. As it is, they were quite sick of O'Connell, and if we may judge from appearances, would willingly throw him overboard.

"O'Connell is the slanderer of the women of England."

*False*, and its falsehood has been demonstrated over and over by O'Connell himself. He has proved that in all he said of the women of England he was merely repeating the *ipsissima verba* of English Protestant Clergymen, of Poor Law and other reports, and of examinations before the House of Commons. Surely it cannot be denied that in the rural districts of England, as well as in the manufacturing towns demoralization has progressed to a terrific extent amongst the people. How could it be otherwise deprived as they are of the true faith, and of all those wholesome restraints which it imposes? There is nothing peculiar to the English as a nation which could account for this sad decay of morality. Her children were once eminent for every virtue, and her Catholic annals are filled with the labours of her saints. But, the direct tendency of the Reformation doctrines is to produce immorality, and hence we feel on the testimony of Protestants themselves that the other Protestant countries of Northern Europe, Prussia, Denmark, Sweden, and Norway are notoriously degraded in this respect. Have we not had within the last five years a report of the House of Commons in which it is stated that in the capital of the land of Bible itself, there were eighty thousand unhappy sinners of one sex alone? However, unless provoked, we shall not enter into further details upon this most painful subject. We repeat that O'Connell's language on the women of England, was the language of English Protestant ministers, and if they had spoken falsely, they have calumniated their own country women. Any one who is at all acquainted with the history of the English Poor Laws for the last twenty years, must be aware that immorality and profligacy were directly encouraged by them, and not only encouraged but rewarded. How could the poor people be moral, when their spiritual interests were neglected by the richest Church in the world—when there was no church accommodation or instruction for the poor—when they were the victims of a cold, heartless, unchristian legislation? The hypocrisy of the English Bishops in this respect is the most disgusting that was ever witnessed on earth. They subscribe hundreds of thousands for the conversion of the Jews, for the Propagation of the Gospel among the heathens, for barbarous translations of the Scriptures which are never read, for the support of lying missionaries in foreign countries who fabricate sham reports, and trade upon their credulity. They cant and rave about the benighted Irish and the African slave, and the Indian savage; whilst there are at home in England tens of thousands of their own countrymen steeped in ignorance and vice—leading the lives of brute brutes—knowing neither the name of God who made them, nor of Jesus Christ who redeemed them, nor even of the gracious Sovereign who rules over them; (we write from recent Reports to the House of Commons,) addicted to perjury, fraud, bribery and all manner of unnatural crimes; setting aside all the laws of decency, both sexes working in mines and pits in a state of almost stark nakedness, the females so degraded and so brutal in their habits and language that it is difficult to distinguish them from the men, and all continually deprived of Church, of Sacrament, of Sermon, or kind pastor to correct their vices, and teach them the value of their immortal souls.

We may well ask why does not the charity of those English Pharisees begin at home? Why do they not endeavour to reclaim the moral waste of their own country, or penetrate a amongst its howling wilderness, before they attempt their foreign crusades? We are confident that there is more sound religious information amongst the people of one Irish Parish than in an entire English County. The narrow-minded bigots of our calumnious Press here may fret and fume at this declaration, but they can never shake our honest convictions on this point. We cannot be surprised then if immorality be the handmaid of gross English ignorance.

The allegiance of the Irish people is divided between the Pope of Rome and Queen Victoria.

*False*, and the vile calumny has been repeatedly denied by us on oath. Our allegiance to the successor of St. Peter, is altogether of a spiritual nature. But, in giving to God what he loans to him, we know how to render his own to Caesar. We owe all temporal allegiance to Her Majesty, and we have been always ready to defend her throne as loyally as any Protestant in the Empire. If our fastidious enemies say that Catholics are unworthy of credit on their oaths, then they should exclude us from all power, they should hold no intercourse, and transact no business with us. But strange to say, one third of the British army is composed of Irishmen, most of them Catholics, and who shall dare to say that they have failed in their allegiance on the battle field, or in the moment of trial? If the oaths of Catholics are not to be trusted, why admit them into the service, or into any public office at all? If they had no respect for the sanctity of an oath, they were the veriest fools that ever breathed, because for many a long year before Emancipation, there was nothing but the barrier of an oath to keep them out of Parliament or to exclude them from the highest offices in the Kingdom. We therefore respect, honour, and obey our Gracious Sovereign in all temporal matters, but we will not pay her the poor compliment of venerating her as an Apostle, a Bishop, or the Head of our Church, or the Director of our consciences, or the Depository of any spiritual power over us, because we know it would be unscriptural to do such a thing, our Saviour having ever founded his Church on women nor ordained women as Apostles or Preachers, nor sent them forth to evangelize the world, nay his inspired Apostle has told us that women are to be silent in the Church, that their voice is never to be heard in that sacred place, and that if they be ignorant of anything that is said, they are to learn it at home from their husbands.\* Our spiritual and temporal allegiance are two parallel lines, which, though running in the same direction, can never meet.

The conduct of Archbishop Cromer in the reign of Henry VIII. was factious. If he, as Primate of Ireland had followed the Noble example (!!!) of Cranmer and others in England &c.

Was ever such an insult offered to common sense and true religion, as to hold up for imitation the conduct of that monster Cranmer, one of the greatest pillars of the mis-called Reformation in England? Cranmer's example noble! The vacillating hypocrite, the ruthless persecutor, the sacrilegious Churchman, the abettor of adultery and murder, the savage assailant of an inno-

\* "Let women keep silence in the Churches; for it is not permitted to them to speak, but to be subject, as also the law saith. But if they would learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home; for it is a shame for a woman to speak in the Church." 1 Cor. xiv. 34, 35. See also 1 Timothy, II. 11; 12.