

"To walk knee deep in Heretics blood."

He immediately shook hands with the gentleman, and swearing said: "You are the brightest boy I have met since I left the old sod. I saw none had it so well as you." At this stage of the proceedings Patrick was interrupted by a horrible oath from another, wishing his soul where he did not wish it

himself, saying, "What are you doing, man? Didn't I see him come out of the Presbyterian Church last Sunday."

The gentleman that related the above to us resides now in Port Hope. His truthfulness and respectability are most unquestionable, and he has been an Orangeman for 50 years.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

IN our last we briefly considered the grand benefits resulting from Secret Societies. First, in a religious and spiritual sense, by inculcating a strong belief in the minds of the initiated of a future state, spirit existence in that state, and our accountability to our great Creator. Secondly, by inculcating, in the most practical sense, charity, benevolence, and brotherly love, which are the very elements of practical Christianity. These, as we understand it, are the peculiar characteristics of the Secret Societies referred to: and, we think, there are few to be found that will deny that, at least, our Orders teach these principles, and that every Society of them try to practice them in their intercourse with each other in particular, and the world in general. Now the Christian ministry either aim at these principles or they do not. If they do aim at them ought they not, in all reason, to rejoice with unspeakable joy, that Societies are formed among the people to aid them in this much neglected department of

duty; and if they do not aim at the principles referred to, they too evidently represent the apostolic and selfish traitor, Judas, who, we are told, was a thief and held the bag, and who cared not for God's poor.

But they tell us the Church is sufficient and we do not need other Societies to do the Churches work; but very many of those so-called ministers of Christ, by their practices in other matters, acknowledge the impotency of this argument; for they are free to acknowledge the supreme value and importance of Temperance Societies, of Bible Societies, of Sunday School Societies, and of Missionary Societies. With a far greater show of sincerity might they argue that the Church is the divinely appointed engine for the reformation of mankind, therefore, all these other benevolent Societies just enumerated are not only useless but wicked. The Church is appointed by its great head to teach all nations, therefore our public schools, colleges, and universities, are dan-