

blamed for non-observance of them. It is true, they might be blamed for ignorance of the fact, when there are so many papers published.

Dropping for the present that part of the subject relating to the manner in which the days are kept; and turning to the character of the party who deliberate upon the institution of such days. Imagine a heterogeneous mass, composed of Infidels, Universalists, Roman Catholics, and nominal Episcopalians, Presbyterians, and Baptists, sitting in solemn conclave; and in conclusion, announce in the Royal Gazette, that such a day is to be kept by all Her Majesty's loving subjects, as a day of Public Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the many blessings with which the past year has been crowned.

Such days, set apart by governments, may be considered a public recognition of our right to thank God for the many blessings we enjoy. And this, we must confess, is the principal good arising out of the matter. But when we look at the moral complexion of the men that generally compose our governments, the course they generally pursue with regard to the running of rail-cars on Thanksgiving days, and their attention to other matters of business; and looking at the manner in which such days are announced, along with the manner in which they are generally observed, we must confess, that we doubt very much, the propriety in a christian point of view, of having such days set apart by Governments.

In New Brunswick, the rail-cars ran as usual. And in Nova Scotia extra inducements were offered to the public to travel by railroad, on Thanksgiving day, as the following notice will shew:—

“RAILWAY OFFICE, 3d Dec. 1869.

On Thursday, 6th December, Passenger fares will be reduced to second class rates, over all parts of the lines.

J. McCULLY.”

What shall we expect from the mass of society, when our public men thus mock Him whom they pretend to worship, and thank for His benevolence.

The only remedy we can point out—the only way to avoid the evil, positive evil, arising out of the appointment of such days, by governments generally, is, let governments confer some two months previous to the day to be set apart for such an important object, with the heads of the various religious denominations of christians, and induce them to notify the various congregations, under their respective charges, that such a day is to be observed as a day of public thanksgiving, when it would be kept in a proper manner. And even then, it would be difficult to observe the day in a becoming manner, when the members of the government who appointed it, are the first to violate their own act, by running rail-cars, &c., &c.