

(without an insincerity, which they have given us no right to charge them with) to love the parts of a system and wish for them, while they would reject the root and only secure support of them, the system itself, is, to my mind, revoltingly contradictory."—*Pevers' Letter to McNeile.*

THE JERUSALEM BISHOPRIC.

We are permitted to take the following paragraph from a letter written by an intelligent gentleman in the Holy Land, to a friend in this city.

"You doubtless know something of the English bishopric of Jerusalem, lately established by the Church of England, in connection with the King of Prussia; and that the London Jews' Society are carrying forward, in connection with it, the erection of a church and sundry other buildings in Mount Zion. About three weeks ago the pasha of Jerusalem caused these buildings to be stopped, in consequence of a firman from the Sultan. The English consul refused to interfere in the matter; the pasha was applied to directly, in vain; and Mr. Nicolayson and the bishop, in consequence, started for Beyroot, intending to proceed to Constantinople. At Beyroot, however, they were induced by the British authorities to change their plan, and they have since returned. The appearance is, that the British consuls have no instructions to interfere in the premises; and there is reason to suspect, that while the government of Great Britain is bound to protect the bishop's person, its present policy is to afford no special countenance to the Jews' Society. Hence that Society may find great difficulty in carrying forward its operations, much greater than if it had not taken a course calculated to draw upon it so much attention from the Turkish government. How much better it is to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes."—*New York Observer.*

APOSTOLICITY OF INDEPENDENTS.

We, the Independents, are precisely in the situation of the first Christians. *They* had no political head, no splendid hierarchy, no State connexion. For three centuries they continued separate from the world, managing their own affairs, relying on their own resources. *Ours* is not the guilt of innovation! *Ours* is not the temerity of experiment! If we are wrong, we are not singular! We have as much alliance with the national church, we are as closely related to a political religion as ever were Tertullian, Polycarp, and Ignatius; as ever were John, Peter, and Paul.—*The Rev. R. W. Hamilton.*

DR. ADAM CLARKE, ON CHURCH AND STATE.—The following extract from Dr. Adam Clarke's "Commentaries," is well worthy of the serious consideration of our Wesleyan friends:—"The government of the Church of

Christ is widely different from secular governments. It is founded in humility and brotherly love; it is derived from Christ, the great Head of the Church, and is ever conducted by his maxims and spirit. When political matters are brought into the Church of Christ, both are ruined. The Church has, more than once, ruined the State; the State has often corrupted the Church: it is certainly for the interests of both to be kept separate. This has already been abundantly exemplified in both cases, and will continue so to be over the whole world, wherever the Church and State are united in secular matters."

A THOUGHT FOR MILLERITES.

"The present life is the time for doing; the future is the period for knowing. If we do the will of God as far as we can here, we shall know hereafter; but if we should substitute speculation for practice, all our knowledge, whatever it may be, will prove but the rich lading of a vessel that sinks in the gulf; and which will only precipitate and deepen its fall. I am told that I must be looking for the personal advent of Christ, for the resurrection of the dead, for the miraculous conversion of the Jews, and I know not what beside. I do most solemnly expect the coming of Christ, and that very soon; I expect he will come to me by the angel of death, and I wish that messenger may find me doing his will, because I remember that it is said, "Blessed is that servant whom his Lord shall find at his coming, not so knowing, but so doing."—*Rev. Dr. Liefchild.*

IT TAKES TWO TO MAKE A SLANDER.—"My dear friend, that woman has been talking about you so again! She has been telling the awfulest lies you ever heard; why she railed away at you a whole hour?"

"And you heard it all, did you?"

"Yes."

"Well, after this, just bear in mind that it takes two to make a slander—one to tell it, and one to listen to it."—*American Paper.*

POETRY.

THE THUNDER STORM.

BY JAMES MONTGOMERY.

O for evening's browest shade,
Where the breezes play by stealth,
In the forest cinctured glade,
Round the hermitage of Health,
While the noon-bright mountains blaze
In the sun's tormenting rays.

O'er the sick and sultry plains,
Through the dim delirious air,
Agonizing silence reigns.

And the warmth of despair:
Nature faints with fervent heat,
Ah! her pulse has ceased to beat!