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ROMAN CATHOLICS.

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not 2,000,000 ; or, according to R. Mullen, a Roman Catholic priest,—

Roman Catholic emigrants from United Kingdom, from 1835 to 1844	800,000
Roman Catholic emigrants from 1844 to 1852	1,200,000
Roman Catholic emigrants from other countries	250,000
American Roman Catholic population 12 years ago	1,200,000
Increase by births since	500,000
Number of converts.....	20,000
Number who ought to be Roman Catholics ...	3,970,000
Number who are Roman Catholics.....	1,980,000
Number lost to Roman Catholic Church	1,990,000
Or, in round numbers, 2,000,000.	

It is extremely uncertain how far a statement of this kind, which rests on no accurate enumeration, is to be accepted, but all Americans, whom I have spoken with on the subject, agreed that the system is losing ground here.

From the first of these lists which I have given, it is hardly necessary to observe that one of the measures most grateful to America, which England could take, would be to put all religious sects upon an equality. These branches in the United States are all intimately connected with their respective mother churches at home. They have each their own religious publications in which the wrongs, the slights, the disabilities of their brethren are recorded and commented on, much in the same way that the treatment of Protestants in Spain and Italy is commented on in England. It is surely more prudent to cultivate the good-will of a nation, that will, within no very distant