

lets slip a word or two, he makes an admission or two which ere ever he is aware unmasks his real character, and makes him stand out in the black and bold relief of cunning hypocrisy. I do not charge the Romish priesthood with hypocrisy deliberately practised, but I charge the system of which they are the exponents and upholders, with so over doing itself, and this is surely intelligible enough, as after all to reveal its own hollowness.

There is an Edition of the Romish missal which is intended only for the use of the priesthood, and which it is probable few of the people, whether rich or poor ever saw or ever see. There are some curious things in this book, and among the rest there is a chapter or section entitled "De defectibus missal" or concerning the defects of the mass. I have not seen the book myself, and can only avail myself of the authority of another. When I mention Dr. Cumming as my authority, every body ought to be satisfied; as he of all laymen, especially in controversy with Rome, is least to be suspected of taking anything on trust he can help. According to this Book as quoted by Dr. Cumming "unless a priest be a priest there is no sacrament at all." Unless the Individual priest, says Mr. Higginbottom, be able actually to prove that he was consecrated to his office by a Bishop, who could prove that the Bishop who consecrated him was a true Bishop, all the way back to Peter himself, there is no sacrament—such is one serious difficulty—and then if the bread be not wheat, or if mainly wheat, it have a considerable mixture of barley, and a sprinkling of maize pea, something like our Musquodoboit wheat—or if perchance the wheat be somewhat runny, being somewhat touched with the frost in the fall, the sacrament is not made; nay, if the wine be quite sour or putrid, or if it have been made of sour grapes, the sacrament is not made. Now is not this astonishing? would it not rather be thought that when the powerful words were in due form and with due