

received a certain degree of classical education; let us now speak of those unqualified Preachers of the Gospel, who even deprived of that advantage have rapidly and wonderfully increased the number of their followers. It is easy to guess that we allude to those mechanics, who wander about with no other learning than that received at a common petty school. Either it must be confessed that the miracle which enabled the uneducated disciples of Christ to go and preach amongst the Gentiles, is equally applicable to those comparatively illiterate self appointed apostles, or that classical education is not a *sine qua non* to succeed in making proselytes. Nay we may even go so far as to say that in the non-admission of miraculous interference, it would appear by the amazing number of those who desert the regular Churches to attend meetings, that the simplest and most unadorned elocution is more calculated to make an impression at least in regard to religious doctrines, on the minds of the multitude than all the floridity of elaborate eloquence. A remark which forcibly strikes us seems yet to corroborate this conclusion. It is that not a single instance of apostacy from the Roman Catholic religion has as yet been known in this Country, whilst there are many instances of the contrary.

We repeat and affirm most sacredly that no views of censuring the highly respectable Clergy of these Provinces have dictated these our reflections on that which we look upon as a positive evil in a religious point of view. Whatever might be our private tenets, we are too well impressed with the blessings derived from the Christian religion not to pay the utmost deference to every thing and to every person connected with it, and most probably we should never have made the above the subject of our lucubrations had it not been for a disappointment sensibly felt and arising from the necessity of an education that can only be obtained by pecuniary sacrifices exceeding the means of many, however otherwise qualified for the holy Ministry.

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#### FINAL NOTE

##### *On the State of Agriculture Considered.*

I have now called the attention of the best informed people in the Province to causes which have impeded the advancement of the agriculture of the Country, I have pointed out the means of removing these causes and which appear to have been hitherto unnoticed. I have sown the seed of improvement, it is for the fostering hand of Heaven to produce the harvest. Youth are growing up, instruction may inform them how to supply their own markets, the present peace may continue, foreign markets may be found and the great engine commerce may come in aid of the agriculture of the Country. The respectable holders of large tracts of land may acquire a taste for improving them by modern agriculture and thereby teach their poorer neighbours how to increase their comforts, but time alone must bring these improvements into