

ECCLIASTICAL PROSECUTIONS.—It is remarkable how men of different Schools are coming to very much the same conclusions with respect to the uselessness of prosecutions for doctrine or ritual. In the former case, nearly every action has failed in the latter nearly all have been ineffectual. The three great prosecutions for doctrine, the Gorheem case, the Essays and Reviews case, and the Bennett case, simply had for their results the establishment of the rights of the parties assailed to a place in the Church of England. As regards the prosecutions for Ritual, they have not failed as the others did, to obtain judgments against the parties incriminated; but the result has been very much the same. Three or four clergymen have been imprisoned, and one or two have been deprived; but the unwisdom of the methods of the prosecutors has robbed them of the fruits of their victory. Instead of making the extreme men objects of distrust or dislike, they have not only excited a large amount of sympathy with them, but have driven moderate men to espouse their cause. The uselessness of these prosecutions seems to be coming home to the more moderate of the Evangelical Party. In the February number of *The Churchman* an English monthly Evangelical organ, we have a remarkable proof of this fact