

in 1825, by a Bishop, he called upon all the faithful then present "to join him in beseeching the Deity to preserve this *holy and happy family!*" This hollow mummery--this pitiable desecration of Scripture and sacred things, receiving the countenance of any civilized community, especially of reflecting and cultivated minds, proves to a demonstration, that the **DESPOTISM OF PRIESTCRAFT** issues either in the total subversion of the human faculties, or in the production of a *cool Infidelity*, which, while it openly and from motives of policy yields to its damning delusions, yet secretly laughs them to scorn!

There is a future and eternal retribution: the deceiver and the deceived have souls of equal value: the blood of the Redeemer has been shed for all; "it is the will of God that all men should be saved"--saved from ignorance, sin, delusion, and misery: the light of the Divine Spirit in the Scriptures will always effect this when the mind sincerely and fully submits to its influence.--But if men will close their eyes to the light of truth and sit in darkness--if they will prefer **THE IGNIS-FATUUS OF PRIESTCRAFT**, or the pale glimmering of the taper, to the full blaze of heaven's meridian Sun--**THE LIGHT OF LIFE**; they must go down into darkness" must "die in their sins."

How awful the responsibility!--how terrific the condemnation! of those **PRIESTLY DECEIVERS** who first wrap the Soul in Superstition as with chains of adamant, and after amusing it with toys and mummery of their own invention for a few years, calmly apply to its mental fears or agony in a dying hour the murderous soporific of "Extreme Unction", and thus launch it into the presence of God immortal in sin--immortal in misery!--All these only confirm the Divine testimony; for Paul the Apostle foretold them thus "now the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith giving heed to seducing spirits and Doctrines of Devils speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron., (1 Timothy 4. 1 & 2.)

"If any man have ears to hear let him hear."

EXTRAORDINARY CONVERSION.

"Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind" (Rom. XIV. 5.)

Conversion from error to truth from motives of Religious principle is a rare thing in this evil world, altho' it is not unfrequent to find transitions from sect to sect through the bias of education, prejudice, or worldly interest.--The peculiar opinions of Luther, Calvin, Knox, Wesley and the Episcopal and other Fathers have more to do in forming the religious character and profession of men than the doctrines taught by Jesus Christ and His Apostles.--Yet there are degrees of error, and it is cheering to any benevolent mind to discover any fellow traveller to immortality rising above the degrading bondage of priestly darkness, and breathing the purer atmosphere of a better system--far removed though it may be from "the faith once delivered to the saints."

It was but two or three years ago that a benevolent medical practitioner in the township of Toronto believing conscientiously that he was called by the Holy Ghost (as he declares) to become an Episcopal Minister, was ordained a Deacon of the Episcopal Church at Port Sarnia. Subsequent study and reflection however, with experience, opened his eyes to the abominations and