

but, according to the Archdeacon of Llandaff, they cannot bear with a Church in which "they believe that 'the mass' is being made the centre of religious worship; that ministers have, in practice, become sacrificing priests; that Sacerdotalism, a train of dangerous error, has become the prominent power of our churches; that the private Confessional is being made the door of full membership." "The Welsh nation," says the Archdeacon, "does not want a Church that busies herself in drawing narrow lines of demarcation. It wants a Church that can appreciate Christian virtue and Christian work wherever these are to be found. When it finds such a Church, it will not refuse to cherish it."¹ Disestablishment will be one of the first consequences of the triumph of Ritualism; and immediately after Disestablishment will come the necessity for, and the certainty of, a NEW REFORMATION to re-establish the truths which Ritualism endeavours to overthrow.* Of one thing the bishops, and the Ritualist clergy, and the members of the English Church Union, may rest assured: it is that, even if they re-establish the Inquisition, in all its terrors, and not in its present milder forms, as they are exercised in the *Church Times* and similar "religious" newspapers—

"Fagot and stake were desperately sincere,
Our cooler martyrdoms are done in type—

there are—in spite of this tyranny—myriads of Englishmen, and not a few even among the clergy, who will not stand a Church of England which shall tend to become Romish in all but name, or perhaps Romish even in name. The day of disruption are being hastened on with giant strides. May God avert the unspeakable evils which they will inevitably bring in their train!

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¹ Speech of the Archdeacon of Llandaff at Neath, April 25, 1893.

² Dr. Pusey was not usually regarded as "a rabid Protestant." Pope Pius IX. compared him to the bell which is always ringing the people to the church, but does not itself go in. Yet Dr. Pusey, preaching before the University of Oxford in 1838, said that the Church of Rome "had incurred the Apostolic curse," and "showed herself the descendant of them which slew the Apostles." "There is not," he said, "an enormity which has been practised against people or kings by miscreants, in the name of God, but the divines of that unhappy Church have abetted or justified." As she has never confessed and repented these crimes, and boasts that she is infallible and unchangeable, I cannot understand the "ardent desire" of Ritualists for reunion with her.