

have been thought of; and uniformly, the Colonial State Establishments have been designed to repress, rather than to extend missionary labors.

In the last number of the *United Secession Magazine*, we find an Appeal on behalf of the Trinidad Mission. The Secession Church has two Missionaries in that island; and recently, a place of worship has been erected by private subscriptions. These steps towards supplying the spiritual destitution of the colony, appear to have excited the slumbering zeal and jealousy of other bodies, in consequence of which "a teacher was sent by the Episcopalians; and the Roman Catholics commenced preaching the very day after the place of worship was opened, and are making arrangements for the erection of a chapel. Such facts, in themselves," is remarked, "are not much to be deprecated: they tend to excite a spirit of inquiry. But in Trinidad, both Episcopalians and Roman Catholics are armed with the might of an establishment; and whatever is raised by public subscription for the erection of places of worship, is doubled by a Government grant. Thus, an Episcopalian chapel has lately been commenced at their nearest station, to assist which, the Government has voted upwards of £1,000 sterling, besides £1,200 for the minister's residence; and the Roman Catholics are at present doing all they can do to swell the amount of their subscriptions, that the Government may have to furnish as large a sum as possible. The minister of the Secession Church at this station would not look for assistance from such a source; but he knows that the unexpected appearance of the Roman Catholics, with all their gaudy and attractive observances, will render his prospects darker for a while; and he is therefore very reluctantly forced to make the circumstances of the Mission known to Christians in Scotland. That the necessity of prosecuting the Mission is now, if possible, greater than ever, all who are acquainted with Roman Catholicism in Trinidad, must admit; and, though there is reason to believe that, even if left to itself, it would gradually surmount its difficulties, still, for a while, its obligations would be felt as a burden, and tend to mar its efficiency. The struggle is between Voluntary Protestantism and the errors of Established Roman Catholicism."—*Patriot*.

A SHREWD REPLY.

Sir Walter Scott says that the alleged origin of the invention of cards, produced one of the shrewdest replies he had ever heard given in evidence. It was made by the late Dr. Gregory at Edinburgh, to a counsel of great eminence at the Scottish bar. The doctor's testimony went to prove the insanity of the party whose mental capacity was the point at issue.