

The Immorality of a DOMINANT CHURCH in the ISLAND of CEYLON.

A Missionary in that Island writes under date 14th April 1841: "The present system of ecclesiastical monopoly here upon the subject of Marriage, as on others, is a premium upon irregularity and disorder." *None are permitted to marry but THE CLERGY OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, and they refuse to marry where one or both parties have not been "Christened," by an Episcopalian, or where they have been Scripturally Baptized upon a profession of faith in Christ,—but not within the pale of the dominant sect.* Many pious people Non-Episcopalians could not legally get married upon the Island without renouncing their faith and becoming proselytes to Episcopacy! And Non-Episcopalian Christians were obliged therefore to act "upon the intrinsic sanctity of the Marriage tie apart from human Laws of ratification"! The writer also remarks "we have no means of redress in this instance without lodging a complaint through the Archdeacon to the "Bishop!" at Madras and then it would be labour in vain."—Thus the boasted "*purest Church in the world*" (as saith the Clergy of the Diocese of Toronto) is openly promoting vice and hypocrisy in Ceylon under the protection of law, and the people have no redress.!!! The inhabitants of Canada should never forget that *not many years ago the same party claimed exclusive right to marry in this Colony.* and only relinquished their hold in 1831, when compelled by the strong and repeated action of the People's Representatives.

The same persecuting spirit exists now as may be seen from the rabid effusions in the Church Newspaper, and but for the fear of the People we should now fare worse than the Lancashire Labourers or the Inhabitants of Ceylon. *Query.*—Is it to promote such crimes against humanity and religion that the Public Lands of this Province have been devoted to the Episcopal Clergy, and that our Educational Institutions have been placed under their controul? Christians and Philanthropists are only half awake to the importance of this question.

BEAUTIES OF PRIESTCRAFT.

26th Article } "That the Sacraments be effectual because
of "the Church"! } of Christ's institution and promise, *although they be administred by EVIL MEN.*" If this has any meaning it implies that a Swearer, a Drunkard, a Liar, a Thief, a Whoremonger, or Adulterer, being a Priest of the Episcopal Succession is nevertheless the Glorious Channel through which Apostolic Grace is Communicated to man in the Sacraments of the Church!

The Electricity of the Succession loses none of its virtue by passing through dirty Hands, over empty Skulls, or through hypocritical Hearts, but it meets with a powerful *non-Conductor* in *Common Sense.*—Now while the efficacy of the Christian Ordinances depends, we admit, upon the character and condition of mind of the