

was pardonable, and that of your converters unpardonable. It is likely you would be filled with disgust both for them and also for the religion itself which they had thus attempted to forge upon you.

Regarding the blasphemous and bigoted nonsense which we had occasion to denounce in our last, his Grace is equally Christian and sensible in his views. The conduct of the presumptuous fanatics (or knaves) which his Grace reprobates is calculated to injure, in the eyes of the unreflecting, all religion, when they behold men with the reputation of morality imputing injustice to the Deity, and daringly assuming an acquaintance with the intents of the Eternal. Dr. Whately says:—

‘But advantage has been taken of the exulting clamour to inculcate, with a view to the conversion of persons whom I believe to be in error, doctrines which I cannot but think utterly unsound, and of dangerous tendency, by arguments which will not stand the test of calm and rational examination. There are some who represent the present famine (as indeed they did the cholera some years back) as a Divine judgment sent for the punishment of what they designated as national sins—especially the degree of toleration and favour shown to the members of the Church of Rome. Now this procedure—the attributing to such and such causes the supposed Divine wrath—is likely, when those of a different creed from those of our own are addressed, to be, by some of them, rejected as profane presumption, and by others *retorted*. When once men begin to take upon them the office of inspired prophets, and to pronounce boldly what are the counsels of the Most High, it is accessible to do this on the one side as on the other. Roman Catholics who are told that a pestilence or a famine are sent, as judgements on the land for the toleration of Romanism, may contend that, on the contrary, it is Protestantism that is the national sin. And without the evidence of a sensible miracle to appeal to, neither party can expect to convince the other.’

If all the State Church dignitaries possessed the good sense, or displayed the Christian feeling of Doctor Whately the memories of the myriad wrongs inflicted upon the Irish millions by a hostile establishment would lose at least some portion of their bitterness.

GOOD NEWS FOR THE CHURCH.

There were sold at the Market-place, Berkhamstead, on Saturday last, a cart loaded with hay, a cart and load of straw, a bridle and saddle, a sack of wheat, a sack of oats, and two loaves of good sugar, all of which were legally stolen in broad daylight by the officers of justice, from members of the Society of Friends, for the benefit of the ever blessed Church of our native land; and we understand, the blessing of God was not asked upon the solemn occasion!—*Aylesbury News*.

ANOTHER PROTESTANT THUMPER.

A literary assassin in the last Times prints a terrible oath, and subjoins a more terrible comment, and then tells his “fellow citizens to bear in mind” that this Oath has been ‘swallowed’ by the ‘Right Rev. Father in God’ the Catholic Bishop of this Diocese. We distinctly put our brand on this, and proclaim it to be a Big Protestant Lie, and one concocted without a shadow of proof to sustain it. Will the Times have the common honesty to tell its readers that the Catholic Bishop did not swallow this Oath?

What calumny is to be issued next from that forging establishment?

THE CHAPEL OF EASE!

On dit, that the gentry, or lay Bishops connected with this small tower of Babel, goaded by the taunts of the Cross, have resolved on completing the edifice without delay. Nay more, it is said they are to take down the large gilt Cross and Ball from the spire in compliance with our request. This is both gratifying to us, and consistent in them. They cannot abide either the name or sign of the Cross. We hope they will follow out our advice by the substitution of the weathercock. Nothing could possibly be in better taste. It would *veer* about most convenient! with “ever wind of doctrine.” He must erect

an expensive scaffold for the occasion, and we hope they will give notice of the day of taking down, in order that all the Christians in Halifax may be present on the occasion.—We will not fail to attend, and report the proceedings, which we think will be highly interesting. We should certainly like to get a peep in broad day light at those “Enemies of the Cross of Christ.” We are tempted to envy the workmen who shall be employed in hauling down the Cross, as no doubt they will acquire a cheap and glorious immortality by this illustrious deed. But, we have not heard what they intend to do with the Cross after it shall be taken down. This will be a puzzler. They must either burn it, hew it with Protestant axes, or make a present of it to the Catholics. We would feel much obliged for the gift: we would preserve it with care, because we know the day will come when we can replace it on the spire with all due enmity. More unlikely things have come to pass even in Halifax. We protest against this Cross’s being taken down at night, or at an early hour in the morning. Don’t be ashamed good people to perform this affecting and instructive ceremony of the Protestant religion in broad day light, and before your fellow-citizens.

Only think of a Protestant tradesman sharpening his axe to cut down the Cross of Christ!!! O Lord! O Lord! O Lord! O Envy of surrounding nations and admiration of the world!

After taking down and disposing of the Cross the Chapel of Ease ought in consistency to look out for a discreet layman, ordain him themselves, or give him a call (with a silver whistle) and induct him as a hector of the Crossless Church without any reference to their good Bishop. The sign of the Cross should also be omitted in all Baptisms to be administered in the New Church, and the rector should receive orders to that effect, under pain of being unfrocked.

The Guardian publishes from the London Record an account of the collections made by the English Pharisees for the conversion of the famishing people of Ireland. We direct the Editor’s attention to the sentiments contained in Archbishop Whately’s pastoral. Why does not the Criminal get up a similar collection here, if he so warmly approves of the object?

There was an Ordination at our Cathedral on Easter Sunday when Rev. Edward Daly received the order of Deaconship.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We are obliged to decline several communications for the reasons mentioned elsewhere, with many thanks to our numerous friends. Our task is so light and pleasant, that we do not suffer the smallest inconvenience. In fact as our readers may perceive, it is all mere child’s play, with those contemptible Protestant mice.

MORE CONVERTS.

Amongst the converts to the Catholic faith in Oregon, says the Catholic Herald, we are delighted to see announced the names of Doctor Long and family, and also of Judge Burnet and family. These two gentlemen had emigrated from the United States to the valley of the Columbia.