

you know that I have given those documents to the committee to be published, last Spring ; and that the committee has sent them to you to be published ; then my friends will know what to think of Mr. *General Suspicion*, and they will turn him out, as he deserves, of their doors if he goes again to tell his stories.

Truly Yours,

C. CHINQUY."

GAIN NOT GODLINESS.

It is clearly the duty of every professing christian, to devote a portion of his means, large or small, according to the measure of prosperity with which God has blessed him, to the Lord ; but it is to be feared that this duty is greatly neglected by many professing christians amongst us. Too many adopt no fixed rule in the matter, but dole out with unwilling hand, in answer to some urgent appeal, a sum which is but a miserable pittance in proportion to their income ; and to supply their lack of service, it has become only too common,* to unite the raising of funds for the purposes of benevolence or religion, to some scheme of pleasure, to substitute some poor earthly equivalent for the rich promises of God, to degrade the cause of religion, and bring reproach upon the christian name, by casting into the treasury of the Lord the results of an evening's pleasure, or of some worldly-wise scheme for drawing aid from closed purses and unwilling hearts. For some time back we have noticed, with much sorrow, a growing tendency throughout our Church, to collect money by such methods. We hear every now and then of a minister's salary being eked out with funds raised by a soiree, of debt being liquidated, or churches erected or repaired, with money collected at parties of pleasure (styled sociables) which are too often so conducted as to make the very name of religion a bye word and a scoffing, and are at best a too fruitful source of the levity and indifference to holy things, so sadly prevalent amongst our young people. It is not to the amusements themselves that we object, those may be innocent enough, it is in the connecting them, however remotely, with our sacred things that the evil lies. We would, with all humility and earnestness, intreat our pastors to look to this matter, and to frown down every attempt to introduce such practices in their congregations ; we ask them to consider whether they have not had something to do in bringing about the want of liberality which they lament so much. Do they not from motives of false delicacy, neglect to lay before the people their duty in this respect ? Or worse still, do they not often urge them to it, not by setting before them the love of Jesus, who for their sakes became poor, but by endeavouring to shame them out of their niggardliness, and coax them into giving, by amusing anecdotes and pertinent appeals to their pockets, not to their hearts ? We confess that we have heard addresses of this kind, which have caused us to blush for the speaker, and mourn for the reproach he was bringing upon his Master's cause. Let them speak of the grand motives which ought to prompt to christian beneficence, and of the precious promises to the cheerful giver ; let them point to the noble examples of liberality given in the scriptures, of David who consecrated his talents of gold and silver, and of the poor widow, who cast in all her living. Let them seek by God's help, to melt hearts and quicken affections, and purses will be opened and gifts poured into the treasury, which the Lord will own and bless, for the furtherance of His own glory, according to His promise, Mal. iii. 10 : " Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me