

masses and purgatory, holy water and candles, or absolution from crime by sinful man, so she can not, dare not resort to any of these abominable tricks to defraud her people of their money. And we are well assured that there is not a Romish priest in the land who believes a word in these superstitions himself, and that they are practised solely for the purpose of making money out of them. Some two or three years ago a poor servant woman, a widow, in Halifax took us for a Romish priest, and told us the following pitiable story, which we received from her own lips, and which we, at the time, published in the *Burning Bush* newspaper. The narrative ran thus:—

"I think it very hard, 'sir, my money is all gone. When my husband died he left me \$200 in money. Some time ago Father — called on me and said that my brother was in purgatory, and that he required the money to take him out of it. I gave him the \$200, sir, and he wants more yet for it.

I now give him one-half of my wages, and I try to live on the other half myself, sir, and I understand he is not out of purgatory yet, sir!"

The above, if not verbatim, is the very substance of what the poor widow told us, and our readers may rest assured that this is but a small specimen of the religious frauds practised by Romish priests upon their unsuspected victims.

Our readers will notice the great fuss there is made when a rich man dies in the Church of Rome. What costly masses are offered for the repose of his soul, and how many long toilsome months it takes to get him out of purgatory—Dan O'Connell for instance, while the poor man papist has had hardly a mass offered for him at all; and yet Christ declared that to the poor the Gospel was preached. Why the Roman Priests would not give up the one item purgatory for all the tythes that was ever collected in England! Why are the sons of martyred Protestants so recreant to the trust reposed in them?

### CLOSING OF THE GATES OF DERRY.

*From an Address delivered by Bro. B. Chudwick, at the recent Grand Celebration of the above event, at Montreal.*

The glorious defence of Derry in 1689, is one of the brightest incidents in the history of the British Empire. Lord Macauley has asserted that the siege of Derry is "the most memorable in the history of the British Isles." Protestants have not been the only thoughtful and rejoicing party. Enlightened, liberal-minded Roman Catholics, by

whom the cause of freedom is esteemed as precious and priceless, have not been ashamed to acknowledge that the triumph of Derry was not so much the triumph of religious party, as the prostration of an intolerable, grinding, cruel, despotism; and the securing to all classes throughout the Empire of the enjoyment of untrammelled civil