

spirituality of the religion of Jesus Christ? Whersin? wherein? wherein?

P. S.—The *Darlington Times* thinks that a remark made by John Wesley, might be applied to the late Archbishop of Canterbury—"He died wickedly rich."

THE SUCCESSORS OF JUDAS ISCARIOT.

In 1836, under the administration of Sir Robert Peel, an Ecclesiastical Commission was appointed, ostensibly to reform the financial abuses of the National Church, specially to lessen the income of the higher, and to increase the incomes of the poorer Clergy, and to endow new Churches. This Commission was actually composed of the Archbishops and Bishops themselves! together with the principal Ministers of State. It obtained from various sources, large amounts of money, much information, and in the end, aggravated the evils it was intended to remove!

Some of the working Clergy, it is notorious, get from £20 to £30 a year! while the great Drones get from £12,000 to £30,000! This Commission was actually chosen, to correct this evil. How was it done? The small living of Barnsley was augmented £6; Long Busbley £12; Lewston, £15; Prior's Lee, Shifnal, £6; St. Mary's, Exeter, £9; Wrenbury, £6; Worsborough, £9; and a few others, by smaller sums; while a few new churches were endowed, at from £120 to £150 each. In 1841 and 1842, in answer to the appeal for more churches and more ministers, for a people "perishing for lack of knowledge," £13,624 was devoted for this purpose. But what did the Drones do for themselves during the same period? 1st., two sums, £8,482, and £8,600=£17,089 were given to augment the Sees of the Bishops!! 2nd., another two sums—£492, and £1000=£1,492 were given for House Rent for Bishops! 3rd., another two sums—£3,258, and £11,222=£14,480 were given to provide residences for Bishops!! Thus, while less than £14,000 had been spent in the objects of the Commission, £35,492 were spent in the augmentation of their own revenues, and the increasing of their own comforts and luxuries!!!

In every Episcopal "Charge," the destitute condition of the country is dwelt upon, and the Clergy are appealed to for the purpose of relieving the destitution! Yet, in 1844, when appeals were made to the Commission for aid, they said they could do nothing; yet they had spent in that year, between £30,000 and £40,000 on themselves! Yet, at this very time, 2,000,000 of the population of England, were declared to be destitute of Churches and Ministers, and about 2,000 of the working Clergy had incomes less than £100 a-year! while many had £50, £20, and some only £10 a-year.

One instance of the shameless perfidy of this Commission, was given to the House of Commons, in December, 1847. Dr. Mark, the Bishop of Gloucester, wanted some repairs done to his palace, the cost of which his Surveyor estimated at £1,000. Application was then made to the Commissioners, (himself being one of them,) who sent their Surveyor to look over the premises, and he returned the amount at £10,000! and this sum was actually expended and paid by the Commissioners!!!

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