

He, as you will see by the following extract from his speech, proposes to leave only a very small portion indeed of the thirteen millions, which he estimates as the Church's property, with its members. You will observe that he both "levels up" and "levels down." He would bring down the Irish Church from its position of independence—I will not say wealth, for, considering its work, it is far from wealthy—to one of comparative helplessness and obscurity, and he would bring up the Romish Church to a level with it by giving of the Church's spoils to the priests of Rome. But let us hear himself:—

"I think with regard to the Presbyterians of Ireland who are receiving £40,000 a year from the State, it would be quite easy and PERFECTLY JUST, and probably most politic, to make some moderate appropriation to them out of the same fund while the *Regium Donum* of £40,000 a year was henceforth to be discontinued. (Hear, hear.) And I believe that Parliament would also feel justified in making to the great Catho-

lic population of Ireland a SIMILAR MODERATE OR SMALL APPROPRIATION to enable the Catholic Church in certain parishes to have a SMALL GLEBE AND A MODEST HOUSE for the minister of that Church; but that in all these cases it should be distinctly understood and enacted that when THESE TWO OR THREE MILLIONS—FOR IT COULD NOT TAKE MORE—were thus appropriated that all those Churches were independent and free Churches in Ireland, not in any way connected with the State, and that henceforth NO PERSON IN AUTHORITY, and NO LAW OF PARLIAMENT should recognize, by any special favor, any member of any one of these three Churches. (Applause)."

You cannot fail to notice how Mr. Bright has falsified his own story about the *Regium Donum* being a *bribe* by his admission that it would be "perfectly just" to spend a portion of the revenues plundered from the Irish Church on those who now receive it! And he would confer the same favour on the Romish Church, like that spirited gentlemen,

"Who out of his great bounty,  
Built a bridge at the expense of the county."

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