No one has ever heard of a succession of Poets, Painters Sculptors, Mathematicians, &c, in any order or caste among men because native genius and talent cannot be created by belonging to any Club or Society. But it is assumed as rational, that Theologians—or authorised Religious Teachers, may be created at pleasure by the mere fact of union with an Episcopal or Romish Junto, in the absence, it may be, of common sense, sound knowledge or even ordinary moral character! and men are so insane as to believe this lie palmed upon them by a self-intersted Priesthood!!!

A SCENE IN THE 19TH CENTURY!

"God shall send them strong delusion" (2 Thes. 2c. 11v.)



The Baptism of 10 Bells. On the 20th June, in the Year of our Lord 1843 in the Romish Cathedral Montreal, in the presence of from 8000 to 10,000 persons was exhibited the ceremony of "Baptizing" a peal of Bells previous to their being elevated in the Towers of that building for religious purposes! A similar ceremony was performed in 1818 for the 2 Bells in the old Tower. An address being delivered by a Priest as to the pious feelings to be cherished on such an occasion These Sonorous Subjects of Baptism were gaily dressed for their Christening in elegant

velvet and gold flowered Cloth bestowed as a gift on the occasion, valued at about \$2000. The water being duly consecrated they were Sprinkled,---the sign of the Cross was reverently set upon them, prayers were offered, they were anointed with Oil, perfumed with Incense, --- and named!!! Moreover, as the modern notions of baptism generally assume unconsciousness in the subject as forming no barrier to the ceremony, and Bells are not more unconscious of the rite than Infants, there were appointed, as usual, 10 Godfathers and Godmothers who with becoming decency made the responses, took the vows, and assumed the accustomed responsibilities for their several Bells not omitting on so pious an occasion to pay over into the hands of the Priests their respective freewill offerings in money, in sums it is said varying from \$200 to \$2000 each!!! These Sponsors were it is said Men and Women of sane minds, having consciences, and free access to Divine Truth, and it is even affirmed that several were men of Education and Learning, and one or more of them are now holding eminent places in Canadian Society.!!!

There succeeded the Ceremonial farce, a triple ringing of the Bells by the Priests and Sponsors, when a general permission was given to all the devotees to come forward and toll them while presenting their offerings of money to the Priest! On the conclusion of a like ceremony for 6 Bells at Chalons in France

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