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demn any such attempt at endowment, would be
that one of the people most forward in promoting
the affair, was personally disagreeable to those in
authority.—Thus the benefit of the community is
sacrificed to private whims and prejudices. It has
always puzzled me why such particular stress
should be laid upon the endowment and consecra-
tion of a church. The service of consecration is
comparatively a novel ceremony.—Surely a build-
ing is as much consecrated by having service said
in it as water in baptism is rendered holy by hav-
ing the prayers read over it. We now supersti-
tious prejudices to take too great a hold of us. If
those in authority object to consecrate, from some
private whim, a building which is to be dedicated
to the purposes of religion, we have the right to ap-
peal to our Metropolitan; and from what is known
of that prelate's character, we have every reason to
hope that our appeal would not be in vain. The
public opinion of this community is not much
dreaded by those in authority; but the public opi-
nion of the English nation would be a very dif-
ferent thing, and to them we must appear a most
tame-spirited and most priest-ridden people. The
Bishop tells us that we shall have to give an account
for every idle word which we speak or write. May
I be pardoned for saying that his Lordship would
confer a lasting benefit upon the laity of his diocese
if he could impress this maxim upon the young
preachers from Lennoxville when they are writing
and preaching their sermons.