

MELANGES RELIGIEUX.—The editor of this excellent paper, a clergyman, at the close of the 6th volume, addresses its readers in explanation of his course.—He vindicates, in terms to which we heartily subscribe, the right of the clergy to entertain and express opinions in regard to the political condition of their country, and to interest themselves for its welfare, and protests against the injustice of disfranchising virtually so enlightened a class of the community, whose estrangement from the petty interests and selfish ambition of political partisans should give to their judgment a peculiar weight and influence. It must always be a matter of discretion with a clergyman how far he may exercise his civil rights, or give expression to his political sentiments; but no other citizen can object to his free enjoyment of rights which are common to him with all others. To introduce politics into the pulpit, or to use sacerdotal influence in any way for party purposes would be a criminal abuse of the sacred ministry: as, in general, it brings down the priest to the common level, when he is seen in the crowd of political agitators. Apart from extraordinary circumstances, we believe that he consults best for the interests of Religion, by abstaining from politics beyond the calm expression of his convictions, where the public good may require it. We cannot praise entire difference to the welfare of our country: but the governing principle, and if we may so style it, the ruling passion of a clergyman, should be zeal for the advancement of the kingdom of God. The *Melanges Religieux* will continue, we trust, for a long lapse of years its very creditable exertions in the good cause.—*Catholic Herald*.

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