

services by the idolatries and tomfooleries of Popery. And now when the whole Protestant establishment, English, Irish and Scotch, is threatened, in the *Church Times* of the 18th of April last, these green pioneers of Popery relate their feelings in the following language:—"As to the Irish Church we have expressed our opinion of its demerits often enough in our columns. And we cannot see why, if the scriptural mode of dealing with cominunions, which have failed to do their work, were enforced, *its candlestick should not at once be removed*. But its merely legal position is strong enough, and we more than doubt whether its disestablishment would remedy, or even abate a single Irish grievance. Moreover, the Irish Church is of great use to us Catholics. It is the drunken Helot whom we hold up as a warning See, we see what *mere Protestantism*, fettered with the chains of the Episcopal succession and ancient liturgical forms, comes to. Protestantism free and unattached, and not tied to any Catholic usage, may do some good in its way, but the Irish Church is an *abject* and disgraceful failure. Its Clergy do not work, do not think, do not write, do not keep their flocks from rushing off into the wildest dissent, and that is what the

Church of England would become if the Puritans would get the supremacy which they desire. Whereas if the Irish Church were disestablished and the Clergy had to fall back on the voluntary principle, it is just barely possible that they might begin to earn their bread honestly by doing a fair day's work for their wages, a thing certainly not attempted now by fifty Ecclesiastics out of two thousand who occupy the Irish Clergy list."

Whoever read such barefaced popish slander and falsehood summed up in a few lines. The great offence with these ritualistic donkeys is the true Protestant character of the Irish Church. No matter to them that the bible is given, and the gospel preached free to the poor, and that millions are blessed in its bosom when living and comforted by its *learned* and *pious* ministry when dying, so long as *Ritualistic dissent* and sectarianism is not tolerated within its pale. Ritualistic Quacks talking about dissent, what arrogant presumption! when with perjury in their hearts and actions they disobey their bishops and unblushingly trample upon the Ecclesiastical canons as well as upon the civil laws!! We shall have more to say about these traitors soon! Depend upon it we will watch them now!

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☞ We regret having to announce that the biggest and blackest rebels of these Maritime Provinces are members of the Church of England: the result of a conspiracy to sever her from the State.

☞ The Bishop of London has ordered the President of the United States to be put into the prayer-book along with the Royal family.