

superstitious of the whole of the isms, and the most dangerous to the community at large. Without any object before them, many of our simple minded Protestants have dust thrown into their eyes by the agents of Rome in our midst, and to the amusement of the Papist are made to believe that it would be a very good thing to disestablish the Irish, and in fact every other Protestant Church, but the Priests of Rome have an object in view, and that is the removing of a Protestant Sovereign from the throne and the opening of it to a papist, for they well know that where the Protestant Church is disestablished and abolished then the test oath is abolished with it. Our Sovereign is no longer sworn to be a Protestant, need no longer be a member of the Protestant Church, thus they wish to bring back to us again the days of bloody Mary or James III. of infamous memory!

But it is said that Romanists in the Empire do without the tythe and why not Protestants. We reply the tythes never belonged to the Church of Rome as such, but to the Church of the country where the tythes were collected. The Church of Rome seceded from the Protestant Church in England in the eleventh year of Elizabeth, or rather she was formed that year in England for the first time by persons that did secede from the Church, and as a matter of course the tythes were left where they were found before the secession, that is just where they are now; and the objector might just as well have said the Turks and Mahomedans do without the Church of

England's property, therefore it is right to take the Church of England's property from her. The argument can go further than that the Pope of Rome has hitherto got along well enough without Mr. Gladstone's property, therefore a bill ought to be passed in the British Parliament on that account to rob Mr. Gladstone of all he is worth in the world, and let him hereafter go to jail and break stones for a living!!

There is surely as much logic in the above argument as in the anti-Church argument for the disestablishment of the Irish Church; for the Romanists have not the slightest claim to the tythe or to anything else which belonged to the Old Church of the country.

Besides the Church of Rome does not need the tythe; she has a source of wealth at her command far superior to any tythe that ever came into the treasury of any church: she holds the keys of Heaven, and of purgatory and hell, she grants pardons for the worst of crimes, sells oils and masses, and blessed (or holy) water to the people at the largest prices—she monopolises the whole trade; for there is no society or body of men in existence that dare venture to trade in the souls of men but Rome, who in Revelations is styled the mother of Harlots and the abomination of the earth.

The Protestant Church professes the true religion, and she has therefore nothing to invent—she herself is much governed by God's most holy word as the humblest member in her communion; and as that word says nothing about