

converted the Pagan nations of Europe to the knowledge of the living God. Irish priests have left the memory of their virtues and their zeal in the grateful breasts of every christian people. Irish priests are venerated as national Apostles in some of the fairest countries in Christendom. A Columbanus at Bobbio, a Cataldus at Tarentum, a Donatus at Fiesole, a Fugidian at Lucca, a Gall in Switzerland, a Piacrius in Franco, a Rupert and a Virgilius at Salzburg, an Arbogastus in Strasburgh, an Aidus in Norway, a Kilian and Rumold in Flanders, Palladius in Scotland, a Guthbert in Lindisfarne, a Conon and Macullus in the Isle of Man, a Finian in Wales, a Columba at Iona, a Pusey at Paris with many other illustrious and learned Irishmen, have proclaimed to the whole Christian world, for centuries before the Reformation the genuine characters of the Irish priest, and the Irish Ecclesiastic.

Banish the Irish priests indeed! Ah! English Christians, this would be base ingratitude in you, far, upwards of twelve centuries ago, your English Catholic forefathers flocked to Ireland in search of sacred learning, and the Irish priests received them kindly, and with true Irish hospitality supplied them with books and clothes and necessaries, and an excellent education, without any charge whatsoever. All this we have on the testimony of Venerable Bede, himself an Englishman, who records the fact, so honourable to the Irish priests with a becoming gratitude. Even in modern times Irish Priests have been the best benefactors to thankless England. Irish priests have saved countless millions of money to the English Exchequer. Irish priests have kept the peace in Ireland, and saved the countries from the horrors and expensures of civil war. Irish Priests have, by the powerful influence of religion controlled and regulated the feelings of one of the most sensitive people on earth. But for Irish Priests, Ireland would for many a long year have been the theatre of war, and carnage and plunder and desolation, because no people on earth, much less the Irish, would have patiently endured the maddening, infernal tyranny of English persecution, were it not that the supernatural influences of religion were brought to bear upon them, by that pious, learned, zealous, and indefatigable body of men, the Irish Priests, whose only reward from the Government whom they so loyally served, was insult, contumely, and injustice. The most bigotted English statesmen knew this well, and evidence has been repeatedly given before both Houses of Parliament of the invaluable exertions of the Irish Priests, in maintaining order, and enforcing obedience to the laws. However, it is only very recently that England has begun to comprehend her true policy respecting the Irish Priests. Imprisonment, exile, and death were unable to subdue the Irish Priesthood. Bribes were also repeatedly tried, and spurned by those noble men. England must now try some more rational mode.

And it is the Irish Priests that our contemptible band of bigots here would drive from the shores of Nova Scotia! The vindictive, intolerant wretches! they would banish every Priest in Nova Scotia, if they could! But the priest, no matter of what nation, defies their impotent malice. They have no more control over him than they have over the immortal destinies of the glorious Church to which he belongs. The Irish Priests are in dozens and scores in England itself, striving to reclaim to morality and the gospel the numerous heathens of that bountiful land. The Irish Priest in England is bringing back every year hundreds and thousand of her people to the venerable Faith of a Patriarch and an Augustine. Even in Scotland too, where there are now One Hundred and Five Catholic Priests and Bishops: in Glasgow, and Greenock, and Edinburgh, and Paisley, and Aberdeen, Irish Priests are bringing back to Rome, and to the faith of Bruce and Wallace, the descendants of their Celtic Forefathers. So, gentlemen, when you can succeed in banishing the Irish Priest from England, Scotland, and Wales, from Gibraltar and Malta, from Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and Delhi, from New South Wales, and Van Dieman's Land, from the Cape of Good Hope, and New Zealand, from Guiana, and the West Indies, from Canada, New Brunswick, Prince Edward's Island, and Newfoundland, it will be quite time enough to think of expelling them from Acadia. What confidence, these English Christians, must have in the innate strength and justice of their cause, when they have recourse to such cowardly

threats! There was a time, when it was all the fashion to despise the Irish Priest for his ignorance. But he has inflicted such summary chastisement on English hypocrites in every part of the globe, as well as his own loved land, that the Irish Priest has now become an object of terror to the quaking heart of every canting Pharisee in the Empire. What a just retribution of Providence!

#### SELF CONVICTING TESTIMONIES OF OUR PROTESTANT ASSAILANTS.

The last Times and Guardian are full of such evidence. They began this warfare, and in spite of the testimony and dates of their own Journals, they now assert it was commenced by us! The Times had been for several weeks abusing us, before we wrote one word in reply to the Editors. On this point they can deceive no one, not even of their own blind dupes. They pretended to know nothing of Mr. Locke, although he communicated to them some clear notions of Catholic feeling. They persisted in charging the Catholic Clergy with a desire to embroil the community. They pretended a regard for Catholics, whilst they abused their Bishops and Clergy. The former since his arrival in the Provinces had carefully abstained from all parties and religious controversy. By word and example he inculcated peace and good will amongst his fellow citizens of every creed. In social life, in his dealings, in his employment of tradesmen he made no religious distinction. He suffered much of obloquy and reproach, because he was so determinately opposed to all excitement. And what reward has he met with from the hands of some of those Protestant Christians? Let the columns of the Times and Guardian for the last six weeks answer the question. Neither his dignity, nor his silence, nor his long forbearance could save him from their unchristian vituperation. The same can be said of the Clergy. But it was not the Bishop or Clergy that were particularly aimed at. No, it was their flock—it was Catholicity itself—it was the exclusion of Catholics from all place and power by raising the No Popery Cry—it was the perpetuation of Orangeism. This was what the enemies wanted. However, their success hitherto has not been very encouraging. They have not strengthened their own influence. They have not divided the Liberal party. They have not disgraced the Catholics. They have not put down the priests or the Bishop.

No, amongst their political opponents of every religion, there never was such united determination. Among Catholics, whether Scotch, Irish, Novascotians and French, there never was such cordial union. Priest and Bishop, the clergy and laity are all animated with one truly Catholic feeling of disgust at the attacks on their Religion which they more dearly love than their lives, and determination to defend it against every intolerant bigot. For the valuable assistance given by the Times Guardian and Co. in producing this glorious state of things, we have to present them our humble thanks, and we are in such delightful humour at the result, that we can bear with philosophic indifference, and contemptuous pity all the lying assaults of their Protestant ignorance.

Bishop Inglis too has been attacked, cried down as a Puseyite, and a vile attempt made to place himself and the Catholic Bishop in a state of hostility. This wretched scheme has also failed like the rest, and the example of those respected prelates continue to be as practical a rebuke to the intolerant spirit of the 'Criminal' as ever. Said Criminal cannot abide that learned and distinguished Divine Dr. Pusey because he believes in the Real Presence, and in the doctrine of absolution, and teaches that they are supported by the clearest evidence of Scripture, and the unanimous testimony of the early Christian Fathers.

Our dastardly opponents after having given us so much provocation, and received so unexpected and keen a punishment, tried also to screen themselves from further chastisement by the most disreputable means. For this purpose they endeavoured to terrify our Clergy and Bishop by a series of scoundrel assaults, to induce them to put a padlock on our mouths, and prevent us from giving any further exposure of their Protestant ignorance. Even here the catiffs have also failed, and without any 'benefit of clergy' they are enduring the execution of the sentence which we have long since pronounced upon them and