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can place any man, with the sanction of the bishop, in the living, no matter whether fit for the work of an ambassador of Christ or unfit. In the bargaining for advowsons there is often an over-estimate, as well as an under-rating, of the pecuniary advantages of the rectory or vicarage, and no small share of craft and dishonesty as in other bargains. And, amidst all the bargaining, the souls of the people is a subject of but little thought, as if it were most foreign from the contract. *'Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.'*

X. I am not a member of the Episcopal Church of England, because of the very unequal and unfair division of the *Incomes* of the church among the clergy, some possessing too much and others too little. The whole gross yearly amount accruing to the benefices of England and Wales is £3,254,150, independent of the incomes of the bishops, and the numerous officers connected with the cathedrals; and the total net income is £3,055,451. Dividing the net income among the total benefices makes an average of £244 to each incumbent or minister: an amount that merits no complaint. But the complaint, not of the average, is of the inequality, of the incomes; and which inequality will appear from the following table:—

Of the 10,718 benefices,—	800 have incomes from £400 to £500
297 have incomes under £50	954 " " 500 " 750
1629 have incomes from 50 to £100	323 " " 750 " 1000
1602 " " 100 " 150	134 " " 1000 " 1500
1354 " " 150 " 200	32 " " 1500 " 2000
1979 " " 200 " 300	18 " " 2000 and up-
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The whole amount paid to 5,227 curates is £424,549 yearly, averaging £81 each. The church deals unfairly and unjustly with her revenues and with her servants. *'Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets.'*

XI. I am not a member of the Episcopal Church of England, because I hate the system of compulsory *Tithes* for the support of the clergy. I have no objection to the Government paying the heads of the sect it patronizes, and creating funds for that purpose, so that the funds do not come from the whole people, but only from that part of them who approve of and are benefited by the ministers of the favoured sect. Whether the funds come by tithes, or taxes, or by voluntary contributions, if they come from that part of the people, and that part only, it would be a matter of no concern to me. But when the largest portion of the population is compelled to pay tithes, or other valuables in lieu, to the ministers of

which are commuted at £725 per annum, with a considerable portion of glebe, valued at £200 per annum, together with a parsonage-house, good garden, and offices. The present incumbent is now about the age of seventy-five years, and a lease of the tithes for his life will be assigned over to the purchaser.

*'Advowson.*—To be sold by auction, early in the spring, if not sooner disposed of by private contract, the Advowson and Next Presentation of a most desirable Benefice, close to Barnstaple, North Devon, of the annual value of about £500, with a new and excellent house, and glebe of 100 acres, beautifully situate. The present incumbent is nearly in the fifty-fifth year of his age. A considerable part of the purchase-money may remain on mortgage.'