

established Church, are "propagating Romanism." "Auricular confession," says the *Patriot* of December 6, "has been adopted by the disciples of the Tractarians to some extent; and there are said to be young men who have bound themselves to celibacy by monastic vows." "In no respect have the Oxford Puseyites shown themselves more worthy followers of the disciples of LOYOLA, than in the craft and subtlety, and ceaseless activity, with which they have pursued their deep-laid schemes for deprotestantizing the Anglican Church. The Professor's chair, the tutor's office, the pulpit, periodical literature, and the daily press, have all been engaged in the service of the party, to say nothing of the KEBLE school of Poets."

The Rev. D. Wickerbarth, of Lichfield, has followed the example of Mr. Sibthorp, and embraced the Romish faith.

**AURICULAR CONFESSION AT OXFORD.**—The Rev. Baden Powell, M.A., Savilian Professor of Geometry, in the University at Oxford, in a sermon preached before the Mayor and Corporation of Oxford, on Sunday, November 7, 1841, entitled "The Protestant's Warning and Safeguard in the Present Time," thus characterizes some of the latest doings of Puseyism:—

"This system, now so extensively spreading in this land, finds its main strength in the partial support of numbers who think it at least harmless, and still go along with its advocates to a certain extent. I am persuaded, on the contrary, that the objection lies at its very foundation. I contend against it from first principles. But, if practical proofs are wanting to render its true nature clear, I will advert to one single circumstance, which I think alone must afford sufficient evidence.

"Of all the artifices of Romish system, the most powerfully efficacious for maintaining the iron despotism with which she rules the consciences of men, the prolific source of the most monstrous of her abuses, the true 'working of the mystery of iniquity,' has ever been found in the maintenance of what is termed 'auricular confession' coupled essentially with the power of the priest to give absolution.

"Now, (I speak not from loose reports, but from the testimony of facts which have been brought to my knowledge,) attempts have been made recently, in this place, by ministers of the Established Church, to ENFORCE THIS VERY PRACTICE on those under their influence.

**MR. NEWMAN'S LAST SERMON.**—Mr. Newman preached a sermon on Sunday last, at St. Mary's, in which he broached the following new and strange doctrine:—Referring to the Jewish sacrifices, which the writers of the New Testament, particularly the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews, declare to have been

types of the priesthood and sacrifice of Christ, Mr. Newman, in opposition to this, said, "that the sacraments of the church were the anti-types!" Strange and anti-Christian as this doctrine is, it is perfectly consistent with the main principle of the new teaching, which substitutes faith in forms and a priesthood, for faith in Christ and his atonement. A crowd of bachelors and undergraduates thronged the church. How long will the Bishop of the diocese expose the junior members of the University to these corrupting and perverting influences?—*Oxford Chronicle*.

**PUSEYISM REBUKED IN INDIA.**—We learn from the London *Patriot*, that the Bishop of Calcutta has, in a recent ordination sermon, rebuked in a manly and decided manner, the attitude of hostility to dissenters' missions which had been taken by some of his priesthood of the Puseyite stamp, and of which we have before given some notice. The Bishop fully appreciates the danger which threatens religious liberty from the spread of this heresy. He says, that to yield to the arrogance of Puseyism, is to surrender all the benefits of the Reformation; and he warns "those who are yea-naying" with the new-fangled priesthood, to "beware lest their temporizing allow it to get head, until it shall require to be risen against with a storm of resistance that will cast it, and all that has alliance with it, to the winds." The Bishop of Calcutta avows that he is full of fear. "Every thing is at stake." Should these opinions pervade the teaching of the Chaplains, and the views and proceedings of the missionaries of the Church of England in India, to the destruction of all friendly relations with other bodies of Christians, "*Ichabod, the glory is departed*," he says, may be inscribed upon that church. "*All real advances in the conversion of the heathen will stop*. Our native catechists and missionaries will be bewildered. The spirituality of our missions will be gone."—*Puritan*.

**REFORMED JEWS.**—A great number of Jews have seceded from the general body, in consequence of the latter placing the rabbinical writings on the same footing as the five books of Moses, just as the Romanists and the Puseyites regard the tradition of the fathers as of equal authority with the Scriptures. These seceders, at the head of whom is Sir Isaac Lyons Goldsmidt, one of the most influential individuals in the Jewish community, denounce the Talmud as a mass of outrageous absurdities, and adhere exclusively to the authority of Moses in all religious matters. This event cannot fail to shake the Jewish system to its very centre; for the recognition of the rabbinical writings, as of equal authority with the Pentateuch, has been the great source of all the superstition which exists among that body. There is a remarkable resemblance between this movement and that by Luther and the other reformers in the sixteenth century to emancipate the nations of Europe from the