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A brood hen which clucks in vain to a batch of self-gratifying ducklings, in view of water, may serve to illustrate the relation in which "the Catholic Apostolic Church," stands to all but an infinitesimal minority of civilized persons; the hen ecclesiastical extends her wings from "6 a.m. to 5 p.m." throughout the year, and few indeed are the ducklings who do not prefer the unblest water without her pale, to the holy water within. It is quite possible that the church above designated, may by some be confounded with the Roman Church, owing to its preferring a similar claim to universality, hence the necessity of stating its distinctness, and its recent origin. The Catholic Apostolic Church in St James' square is the only institution of its kind in Toronto; there is a Church of this description at Kingston, one at Ottawa, and one at Port Perry. The influence of the character of a mother on her offspring is notorious, and in regard to more than one church, two of the characteristics of the mother of our race are branded on them as visibly as was the mark on Cain. The literal spouse of Adam (figure of the professing church, *spouse of "the second Man.") (1 added to the word of God, (2) and aspired to be something more than she was; Gen. iii. 3, 6. Whether the Church under consideration have or have not exposed itself to a similar accusation will be seen by the sequel. As in a secular sphere it would not be difficult to indicate great commercial houses, whose magnificence is traceable to days in which their representatives were wont to make descents from a tenement above the store, to certain pork barrels and herring tubs below, from which to supply their daily needs, (the barrels and tubs being still regarded as saleably full) so in the sphere Ecclesiastical, one need not travel far to perceive certain craft pirating extensively from others, in the latter case happily without detriment to those others. In plainer

* The writer is conscious of the objection that is made to this figure, but so long as "leaven," (1 Cor. v. 7.) remains in the professing church, needing to be purged away, he apprehends that the evil of Eve foreshadowed that evil.