

## THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF ROMANISTS.

We will subjoin the following on the Civil Rights of Romanists, as an appropriate appendage to our "Counter Mandement."

Failure of the hierarchy to keep faith with Protestant "heretics," so called, and a deprivation by Romish canon of their civil rights, is one of the cardinal old time as well as present time doctrines of their "church." They cannot therefore consistently complain if we, having weighty reasons arising out of this policy of theirs, are compelled to be learners from them in this respect, whether as to avowed constitutional obligations to them, or to their removal from public trusts. "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth," is not always an unwise policy, especially when it is to save the other eye and the other teeth from being knocked out.

An "A.R.C. clergyman" asked in reference to the successor of our late premier, Sir John Thompson, "Will any one dare to raise his voice and ask if he is a Catholic or a Methodist or to what denomination he belongs?" And in replying to this question, I would say that, duty demanding, I have the hardihood to answer it affirmatively. Another gentleman, a Rev. Edgar Hill, of Montreal, spoke of our late Premier being "hounded to death" on account of his having changed his "religion." Of this I know nothing; but now that he is dead and beyond being "hounded" by it, I will say, that no man, in my judgment, with the Bible in his hand, can *intelligently* pass from Protestantism to Romanism; and, moreover, that, doing so, he thereby demonstrates that he lacks Christian light and saving grace.

To another question as proposed by the same Clergyman—"Is he fit for the position?"—I will "dare" to answer. If he is a Roman Catholic he is not "fit for the position;" and my reasons for so adjudging, Roman Catholic writers shall themselves here give:—"It is of faith that the pope has the right of deposing heretical and rebel kings. Monarchs, so deposed by the pope, are converted into notorious tyrants, and may be killed by the first who can reach them."—*Saurez*. "No good government can exist, says the *Boston Pilot*," without religion, and there can be no religion without an *Inquisition*, which is wisely designed for the promotion and protection of the true faith"—but which "faith," by the way, Pope and Papist, as such, never had.

The following is the oath of the Sanfediste papal society, established as late as 1821, as given in a work in my possession:—"I the son of the holy faith, No.—, promise and swear to sustain the altar and the papal throne, to exterminate heretics, liberals and all the enemies of the church, without pity for the cries of children or of men and women, "so help me God!" The last clause is, of course *elliptical*, meaning, "so help me God of this world; so help me devil." Those who take that oath in a Protestant country, should be hung by the neck until dead, and thus be themselves "exterminated" by "falling into the pit" that they wickedly dig or strive to dig, and purpose digging for others. And all, I hesitate not to say, who, in their astounding spiritual blindness and scriptural ignorance, join that heaven-defying organization that originates and embodies such infamous and infernal societies, are spiritually