

FIRST DAUGHTER OF BABYLON, MOTHER OF HARLOTS.

'WITH WHOM THE KINGS OF THE EARTH HAVE COMMITTED FORNICATION.'

Revelations XVIII.

"Her sins have reached unto Heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." "How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her." "The merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her, for no man buyeth her merchandize any more. The merchandize of gold and silver, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple and silk, and precious vessels, and wine, and fine flour, and beasts, and sheep, and horses and chariots, and SLAVES, and SOULS OF MEN."

The Mother of Harlots, who has committed fornication with the Kings of the Earth, refers, evidently, to the union between Church and State, first established under the Roman Emperor, Constantine. This Mother has had a large progeny of daughters, resembling her in character, in depravity, in cupidity, and in the deadliness of her influence. Every State Church is a daughter committing fornication with the Civil power. Christ is declared to be the alone Spouse and Head of the Christian Church; and any other, therefore, assuming this relationship, commits spiritual fornication—produces a race of illegitimate Teachers, who are of the earth earthy: who live upon the fruits of public spoilation and injustice; and who virtually trade in slaves and souls of men. Besides this, the illegitimates of the National Hierarchy boast that they are the true "Successors of the Apostles,"—those self-denying witnesses of the Son of God! What strange inconsistency and folly! Who ever heard of witnesses to certain facts having any successors at all? How could such "greedy dogs" claim to be the successors of such self-denying men?

The following facts, in connection with the National Church of England, we give merely as an outline of this monstrous hoax—this "Great Sham"—which has been so long palmed upon the nation as an organization to promote the interests of the religion of Jesus Christ. The Ecclesiastical Commissions, and the returns made to Parliament of the incomes of Bishops, (in making which, Bishops and Clergy are themselves employed,) have been proved so disgracefully deceptive or fraudulent, as to astonish the whole Empire that such infamy should wear the name of Christian. Mr. Horsman, a member of the Imperial Parliament, proved to the House of Commons, that the Act limiting the income of the Bishops, was virtually rendered nugatory, by a ghostly trick. He showed that the Bishop of Durham, for one, instead of receiving the sum therein limited, (about £10,000 we believe :) he received regularly, from £15,000 to £26,000 a-year: and that in 1845, it was actually £37,161! A part of this he was compelled to disgorge; but after remitting a portion to the Commissioners, he retained, in violation of the spirit of the statute, the net sum of £26,000. The smaller Bishoprics exhibited the same results: the Bishop of Salisbury, for instance, whose income is professedly £5000 a year, was proved also to have pocketed £17,000! and this is common, apparently, to all the Bench!—that is they manage by sheer legerdemain, to get generally FOUR TIMES more out of the public purse than the law intends to allow! This is quite in keeping with the

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