

We have, Mr. Editor, too long allowed assertions such as those I have been combatting, to pass unnoticed. I hope the period will soon arrive when we shall be enabled to give more satisfactory statements founded on *certain* data. With this view, I would beg leave to suggest, that the clergy of the establishment (especially in Upper Canada where the population is chiefly Protestant,) would forward to you an accurate statement of the number of their respective congregations, and give their opinion of the probable number of those in their respective neighbourhoods who are unprovided. Such a statement, though it would not be completely satisfactory, would enable us to decide, with more certainty, on the subject in question, than any other data now in our possession.

I am, Mr. Editor,

Your faithful Brother,

R. M.

We have been particularly gratified by the two preceding communications. Our own opinion, always has been, that a clergyman of conciliatory deportment, pious character, and professional zeal, might plant the English Church in any Protestant settlement in the Province not preoccupied by a minister of a different persuasion and possessing similar endowments. Many such settlements may be found, and without arrogating to ourselves the abovementioned qualities, we may venture to affirm that we have repeatedly, in such situations, hoisted the standard of our national church, and Protestants of various denominations have gladly rallied round it. The ignorance of many members of the Imperial Parliament with regard to *this*, one of Great Britain's most valuable colonies, is truly marvellous. A few years since, a sum of money was voted towards the erection of a church at Montreal in *Upper* Canada, and, in consequence of this error, the English church in this city narrowly escaped losing the money. Mr. Baring's speech is a specimen of this kind of ignorance.—Part of its weakness has been ably exposed by our correspondent R. M. But there is another particular in which the analogy, which Mr. B. endeavoured to establish, between the English churches in Canada and in Ireland, completely fails. In Ireland the Romanists form a preponderating majority, and yet they are compelled to pay tithes to Protestant clergymen; but, in this Province, the English church does not take one farthing out of the pockets of the people, except in a very few instances, and then only in the shape of voluntary donation; whilst the clergy of the church of Rome are authorised to exact tithes.

We sincerely wish all our reverend Brethren in Canada would adopt the suggestion of R. M., take a correct census of their respective congregations and communicants, and transmit the same to us at their earliest convenience.

CATHOLIC EMANCIPATION.

This measure, in our humble opinion, has always appeared a question rather of *civil policy* than of *religious doctrine*. For the question is not, whether the church of Rome hath corrupted the *Simplicity* of