

from the Report of the Commissioners inquiring into the Ecclesiastical Revenues of England and Wales, and published June, 1835, will show the abomination pretty fully :—

Dioceses.	Gross amount of Income from each Diocese.		No. of Curates employed.	Am't of Stipends to Curates.
	No. of Benefices.	£		
St. Asaph,	143	£ 42,592	43	£3,564
Bangor,	123	35,064	61	4,928
Bath and Wells,	430	120,310	231	10,578
Bristol,	253	77,056	133	10,668
Canterbury,	346	123,946	174	14,656
Carlisle,	124	23,487	44	3,684
Chester,	630	169,495	267	23,230
Chichester,	267	82,673	122	9,440
St. David,	409	60,653	207	11,464
Durham,	192	74,457	98	8,556
Ely,	150	56,495	75	6,583
Exeter,	613	194,181	323	26,759
Gloucester,	283	81,552	143	11,465
Hereford,	321	93,552	157	12,995
Llandaff,	192	36,347	113	6,749
Lichfield and Coventry, .	610	170,104	307	24,948
Lincoln,	1,251	373,976	629	48,347
London,	640	267,742	351	35,118
Norwich,	1,026	331,750	521	38,510
Oxford,	196	51,395	103	7,954
Peterborough,	293	96,381	139	11,266
Rochester,	94	44,565	60	6,551
Salisbury,	398	134,255	223	18,174
Winchester,	419	153,995	202	19,858
Worcester,	223	73,255	111	9,002
York,	891	223,220	390	29,553

The total number of benefices is 10,718, and the total number of curacies is 5,227; which shows that about one-half of the working clergy are rectors, and the other half are curates, and that there are more than 5,000 lay-impropriators and slothful clergymen, and clergymen holding pluralities, living on the fruits of the working clergy. *'But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For every man shall bear his own burden.'*

IX. I am not a member of the Episcopal Church of England, because I cannot on any ground, or in any way, sanction the abominable practice of *Simony*, or the buying and selling of ecclesiastical benefices or livings. Although *Simony* is formally prohibited in the *Episcopal Church*, which declares it a 'detestable crime and execrable before God,' yet it is well known that the trafficking in ecclesiastical preferment is extensively pursued, and therefore must certainly be winked at by those who should condemn and destroy it. If the sale of spiritual functions is prohibited, and an incumbent is prevented from relinquishing or exchanging a benefice with cure of souls for money, yet an *Advowson*, or the right of presenting a person to a vacant benefice, is a lawful marketable commodity, and a commodity often advertised for sale.*

Whoever purchases the advowson

* The two following announcements are from a late number of the *London Times*. The first, it will be noticed, is in every way an advantageous investment, and will afford an exceedingly desirable living to some successor of the Apostles:—

CHURCH PREFERMENT.—To be sold, by private contract, the next Presentation and Perpetual Advowson of a Living, in the county of Devon, the tithes of