

and the total *extermination* of Irishmen from the soil of Ireland.

There is, my Lord, no resting-place now left for hope for our country. All is persecution. A war is made even upon our intellect; and we are called on neither to read or write except through a Parliamentary tutor. Knowledge of the most refined manufacture at Bamfordspeke is offered to our longing Irish minds; but we must drink it from a scientific distillation, through a Lutheran alembic. The mediæval and imperfect education of Bossuet, Liguori, and Dr. Doyle is to be removed, and replaced by the modern and improved system of Carlisle, Tom Payne, and Straus. The ancient vulgarity of introducing the name of God in science shall in this modern polite programme of studies be entirely omitted; and the imbecile meanness of mixing up the old fables of religion with the fashionable development of the modern human mind will be avoided through the new collegiate curriculum, as an exploded thing, and only suited to such undeveloped minds as those of St. Thomas and La Place.

Why, my Lord, one would think, to hear these "raw-head and bloody-bone" scholars speak, that the studies of a modern apothecary and the doctrine of potash constituted the very extreme point of literary, scientific, and Christian education; and if a beardless tyro happened to have A. B. attached to his ragged classics and shabby science, he is put forward in collegiate reports as a man capable of teaching the Twelve Apostles, and making laws for Charlemagne. The world is disgusted with this loathsomeness and nauseous cant on education; and it is quite certain that if the illustrious Sir Robert Peel lived now this fanatical and schoolboy ribaldry would not have been tolerated. From the absurd notions of this inane class, one might suppose it impossible that Shakespeare could compose *Hamlet*, as he had not read "the Binomial theorem" under a Bible-man; and it is even wonderful how your Grace gained the battle of Waterloo, since the metallurgic difference between potassium and sodium was not discovered till after the year 1815.