

in favor of the predominance of the Church amongst the middle and upper classes of the metropolis. From St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey—from the aristocratic parish church of St. James' to the plainest suburban chapel of Ease—there is palpable demonstration in favor of this conclusion; and though Surrey Chapel, where Rowland Hill once held forth, usually contains its three thousand auditors, and though crowded congregations may attend the ministrations of a Binney, a Cumming, a Leifchild, a Burnett, or others of the able men who adorn the Dissenting body, it is not possible to impugn the fact that the Church more than keeps its place, if we take mere numeration and appearance as our guide."

A London paper states that the Bishop of Hereford has ordained *five* Dissenting preachers to the ministry of the Church; the Bishop of Chester has ordained *two*, who came over with their congregations; and the Bishop of Lichfield from the commencement received nearly *sixty* applications from Dissenting or Wesleyan preachers, to be ordained Ministers of the Church of England. The opposition to the Church from Dissenters and Romanists, can easily enough be accounted for.—*American Quarterly Review*.

ROMANIST TESTIMONY TO THE CONDITION OF THE ENGLISH CHURCH.

Archbishop Hughes has lately been publishing to the world, that the English nation seems about to relapse into Popery, and that Romish priests at no distant day will be seen celebrating their rites in the noble old Cathedrals of the English Church. What he hopes to accomplish by such an outrageous and utterly groundless prediction, is of course mere conjecture. But the following extract from a late Romish paper in England show what the Romanists there think of the English Church.

The writer sets out with "the fact, that from some cause or other, the (Roman) Catholic faith has as yet made no wide or deep impression on the mass of English unbelievers." He says, "whatever in England is most serious, whatever is most candid, whatever is best informed as to the Bible, as to Religious Doctrines and Ecclesiastical History, keeps itself apart (from Romanists) with a jealous horror." And he adds, "as a mass, the English nation remains untouched." * * * "it is a strange and portentous sight, this English Protestant life." * * * "The wonder is in the Protestant Churches and Chapels which cover the land by thousands and tens of thousands; and in the inexplicable state of the multitudes who frequent those places Sunday after Sunday, with Bibles in their hands, listening to sermons containing a mixture of truth with error, uttering prayers in which orthodoxy often far predominates over heresy, cultivating sedulously the domestic and honorable virtues, laboring benevolently for the poor and the suffering, and even, we would hope, many of them, not passing a day without sincere, heartfelt secret prayer to God through Jesus Christ."