

SPURIOUS CATHOLICITY.

WHY HERESY MAKES A SENSATION.

THE teaching of heresy, or any extravagant notions, by a preacher of an orthodox Church, is the cheapest method of obtaining public notoriety. One horse that breaks the shafts, and runs away, will attract more attention from the crowd than a thousand horses that quietly do their work without running away. There are slumbering fires antagonistic to evangelical Christianity in every community, which soon flame up and applaud any preacher who takes up a position of opposition to the doctrines, or discipline of the Church. Many are ready to cheer on such a man, because his assaults on the Church help to palliate their indifference to doctrine and discipline. A minister who constantly interlards his teaching with the thoughts and theories of heterodox writers, which others equally familiar with them regard as unsound and dangerous, often secures a reputation for originality and ability which is denied to abler and wiser men, who deem it unadvisable to retail in their sermons every crude speculation which they meet in their reading. Any one who says or does something