

PUSEYISM EXAMINED.

GENEVA AND OXFORD.

"Two systems of doctrine are now, and probably for the last time, in conflict—the Catholic and Genevan."

Dr. Pusey's Letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

GENTLEMEN :

I am in the practice, at the opening of the course of lectures in our School, to call your attention to some subject peculiarly appropriate to the wants and the circumstances of the times. Several such subjects now present themselves to our consideration.

And first of all, there is one which is appropriate to every year and to every day : it is that which concerns the very nature of this School. It has none of those temporal sources of prosperity, of endowment, and of power, which nourish other institutions ; it can exist only as a plant of God ; it can be nothing excepting just as the Spirit of God—like the sap—diffuses itself, without cessation, through the principal branches, and through even the least of its twigs ; adorning the whole tree with leaves, with flowers, and with fruits. Gentlemen, Professors, and Students, we are those twigs and branches. Oh ! that we may not be barren and withered branches !

There is another subject which begins greatly to occupy the most distinguished minds ; it is the question whether the Church ought to depend upon the civil