

this way, and we are obliged to abandon our church establishment, which now stands in such manifest jeopardy, it requires not much foresight, and still less of the spirit of prophecy, to foretel, that many years will not elapse until a separation takes place between the two countries. The present means of enlightening our Roman Catholic brethren to any great extent, are entirely inadequate. It appears to me that the only effectual method of accomplishing this important end would be the formation of societies similar to that which it is now proposed to constitute Events which have taken place plainly demonstrate how little capable the Roman Catholic hierarchy would be of resisting the efforts of the Protestants of the empire to enlighten the Roman Catholic population of this country. All that is wanting is union of purpose and unity of action. Let the landed proprietors, both resident and absent, lay aside for a short season their petty local interests and electioneering objects, which have so narrowed and crippled their patriotic and protestant feelings, as nearly to extinguish them. Let the hierarchy of the established church take the lead, let every denomination of protestants cordially unite in this labour of love; and let every hand be simultaneously stretched forth, to rescue our Roman Catholic fellow subjects from the *degrading bondage of ignorance and superstition*, and the glorious work will be accomplished. The people already feel their chains, and only wait for protection and encouragement to break them, and to bless the instruments by which their *emancipation* has been effected."

Would to God, poor Ireland^r were blessed with many such patriotic noblemen!

"Serus in cœlum redeas, diuque

"Lætus intersis populo" Hiberniæ.

July, 1827.

C. S.

[We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following communication from a friend (personally unknown) whose kind exertions in procuring subscribers, &c. have deeply obliged The Christian Sentinel. His modesty led him to doubt whether his contribution would be acceptable. We beg to assure him it is highly so to us, and we doubt not will prove equally so to our readers. We have seldom met with any production so abundant in fervent devotion to God, yet so perfectly free from fanaticism;—so expressive of that *love, joy unspeakable and full of glory* which the Apostle couples with exhortation to *sobriety of mind*. We shall esteem it an increase of our present weighty obligations, should this kind friend continue his favors as a contributor.]—EDITOR.

EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM A LATE VENERABLE CLERGYMAN TO A NEAR RELATIVE.

"If you do not experience that degree of warmth and satisfaction in the performance of your devotions, or in thinking on religious subjects, and in endeavouring to act upon religious principles, which you wish to do, you must not be discouraged. This is the case with many good christians; nor can it be otherwise, till the person thus affected has attained to a high degree of perfection in the christian character. A just notion of the infinite perfections of God, will naturally fill our minds with awe when we think of him; and an equally just sense of