

es. The Church will not, then, lower the Bible Standard of holiness, in accommodation to the world; but the world will have submitted to the sceptre of the Prince of Peace; and the strongholds of the Prince of Darkness in the world being utterly subverted, no infidel or profane person, will dare to lift up his voice, so as to mar the grand concord of brotherly love, contentment, and peace, pervading the universal family of mankind. *State Churches will, in all probability, be then only a matter of History.*

N. B. The discussion of the question, What connexion has the Church with the World? is not nearly exhausted, and it may, probably, be continued.

On the Secular Policy of our Congregations.

Two months ago we published in the Magazine an article entitled, "Reflections suggested by the Statistics of the West India Mission;" and from considering the zeal and success of the West India congregations in comparison with ours in this Colony, we stated, that in a subsequent article, we would endeavour to point out some of the causes, and probable remedies for the want of effort among ourselves. With this view we submit the following hints.

We start on this indisputable fact, that none of our congregations do what they ought, or what they might do. Our people seem to think christian liberality a very good sentiment to hold in the abstract, but many of them do not like to act on it. They will bear with you while you speak of duty in the abstract, but no more: our Ministers seem to have been afraid to come closely to the people, and from this fear of giving offence, would rather allow their congregations to hang as paupers on the benevolence of christians at home, than urge them to christian duty here. Our Church is a voluntary Church. The voluntary support of the gospel we believe to be scriptural. We believe that the Church should be so established and supported, and why should our Ministers flinch from maintaining the very secular foundation of our Church? People may be offended; it is true, but are such consistent members of the Church? We have no hesitation in subscribing to this doctrine, that those members who are able to give their share of ministerial support, but are unwilling, give clear evidence that they want much of the spirit of the gospel, and that they are inconsistent members of the Church. If the Spirit of God says that "The laborer is worthy of his hire." If He says "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things." If an Apostle speaking by the Spirit says. "we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a small matter that we reap of your carnal things;" then, they who profess the gospel should act on them, and they who preach should