

## THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

DEAR SIR,—As stated in my last letter, I did not intend again to enter the arena, but finding maligners of the Reformed Church are getting bold on our silence, I again take up my pen to let them know that we are both prepared and able to defend our position and refute their infamous calumnies.

One of our opponents some short time back who stated he was in the habit of reading the "English papers," was kind enough to give the public an extract from an English paper to prove, as he vaunted, that what had been advanced by us regarding the Archbishop of Canterbury's opinion of Nonconformists was nothing but a "hoax." Well to my mind it has not yet been proved a "hoax" and if the Archbishop would condescend to speak for himself in the matter, I feel satisfied he would endorse the sentiments we attributed to him, at all events *he* has not denied them. They were that of a true Christian gentleman which we believe Dr. Tait to be, and not that of a Ritualistic Jesuit Priest, which we are sometimes obliged to listen to or read.

I sometimes read the "English Papers" also, and I have now one before me, "The Church Times" of the 2nd ultimo, a High Church paper published in London, an organ of the Church of England, and a disgrace to any Church that would own it as such.

I find in it part of a communication from an "Occasional Correspondent" from this city, and a beautiful production it certainly is. Who he is we know not, but his production would bring a blush to the face of the mother who bore him. He is no layman, for I do not believe there is a layman of the Church to be found in Ottawa who would so far forget his manliness as to endeavour to throw a stain on the character of an estimable lady, the wife of a clergyman; or stigmatize his fellow laymen, a whole congregation of our most respectable citizens as this traducer has done. Referring to the arrival of Dr. Gallagher in this city, this wretch says, "By way of blowing the trumpet in the New Zion, the Committee invited the heroic ex-Bishop (coadjutor) of Kentucky to visit Canada and rally his adherents. Domestic circumstances prevented his acceding to this request, and he sent in his place one of the seven Schismatical Priests who have flocked to his standard. Accordingly the Rev. Mason Gallagher, D.D., of New York, accompanied by his lady was met at Prescott by an Emissary of the Sect, and at the Ottawa Station by the Committee, who accompanied him and her to the principal hotel of the city."

Now I would appeal to any one having the smallest pretensions to the name of a gentleman to say if the quotation I have given must not have emanated from a black heart, and a mean, low grovelling mind. Cannot the subject in question be discussed without descending to low personalities unworthy of a gentleman. What had this lady in question done that she should be dragged into the slime which this traducer seems to wallow in. Does he know (for he is among us to-day) that a more estimable and amiable person never set her foot in this city, and that she is connected with some of the most respect-

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