

This year we learn that the sum (in 1846) amounts again to £9000. sterling, or between \$40,000 and \$44,000! This, we say, is one of the darkest blots which now rests on our national character, that within the 19th century one part of the community should be enslaved and taxed by law, to uphold the religious peculiarities of another. If America is cursed with Negro Slavery, England surely is cursed with Priestly Slavery of the most galling kind. The dealers in cotton, sugar, and rum on this side of the Atlantic rob and sell the body; the dealers in "damnable doctrine" and "church livings," on the other side, steal the goods—both are robbers and criminals of the deepest dye, although protected in their iniquity by the law. The Ecclesiastical system which is here built up in Canada, by the agents of "the Archbishop of Canterbury," the chief Rabbis of Episcopacy in the east and west sections of the Province, and their subordinates, is essentially the same; and the reason why the goods and chattels of Quakers and others do not annually come under the d restraint of the bailiffs of the Episcopal Priests, is, simply, because they fear the ground of this continent might be made too hot for them. They take gentler means of robbing the Canadians—means less apparent to the public: they only labour to rob us by law of our public lands, and our Provincial University; and in a thousand other ways, by Executive aid, they are, with the cunning of a serpent, gradually intrenching themselves in power around us. Let the people everywhere remember the fable of 'the HUSBANDMAN and the VIPER,' and especially the moral it is intended to teach.

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A Gem from the Bible.

"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies, and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her."---SOLOMON.

Whether old or young, you are invited, by Divine benevolence, to be the blessed recipient of that wisdom; and you may, from this moment, begin to realise its hallowed enjoyments. You inquire, perhaps, where is this wisdom to be found? I answer you in the language of unerring truth, "*The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.*" Christ Jesus, the Son of God, died to redeem the life of the world; your natural life has been obtained by His death; and God your Creator, in his Holy Word, presents this fact, with all its cheering hopes, before your mind, that by the knowledge of it, and the example of your Redeemer, you may be induced to love and serve him gratefully in return. Have you heretofore disregarded these things? DELAY NO LONGER, for "life is short at the longest, and uncertain at the best;" and solemn and fearful to the sinner is the thought, that *death seals the doom of man FOREVER*. Your Creator wants to make you truly and everlastingly happy, but cannot unless you believe his faithful testimony, and obey his commands. He will lead you safely through this life, if you put your trust in him—if you yield to the guidance of His truth; and, above all, will give you also a blessed and eternal life in Heaven: therefore, "Believe in the Lord Jesus

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