

at this moment adducing it, we commend to the serious attention of our brethren in Christ, who love his cause, and who think far more of the "conversion of sinners from the error of their way," than of the *sole* right of their clergy to "orders," even although they are on the whole disposed to think the claims of said clergy valid,—we commend to the attention of such men, being members of the so-called Church of England, or more properly the Episcopal Church in England, Ireland, Canada, &c., the following observations, which we read somewhere, it may be years since, and transferred to our scrap-book:—

"A Christian might have studied the New Testament through a long life, committed every text to memory, and examined the import and connexion of every word, and yet never once have thought of this signment of Apostolical Succession by Diocesan Bishops. No one can more notoriously give up Christianity to the scorn of the infidel than he who contends for the exclusive validity of Christian orders and sacraments derived through the Church of Rome.* If we could suppose that this alone was genuine religion, this which recognizes the Popes and Bishops of corrupt ages, as the authorized Ministers of Jesus Christ—channels of mercy to mankind—a rational man would have a right to deny that this religion could come from the moral Governor of the world. Miracles could not prove it. Moral is above physical evidence. If a man wrought signs and wonders to induce others to worship idols, they were to stone him to death. The whole force of miracles rests on a moral principle—that the God of Truth would not employ his power to bear witness to an impostor, and palm on us a delusion. But the Apostolical Succession through the Roman monsters gives the lie to the moral character of God, and renders the highest evidence of Christianity null and void."

"Jesus Christ declares that he will at the last day say to the *workers of iniquity*, 'I never knew you!' What! never knew the men who were his only genuine Ministers! Never knew the true Shepherds and Bishops of souls! Never knew the only men whom he empowered to give the true sacraments on which the salvation of his people depended! He must have known and acknowledged them, if he owned any of his flock; for the acceptance of the poor sheep depended upon the recognition of these as the true Shepherds!! It is of no avail to say that the Judge will not own the workers of iniquity in *that day*; for he will declare, *I never knew you!* With all those who regard the word of Christ as firmer than the pillars of heaven, this sentence is quite enough to shiver to atoms the boasted chain of succession through monsters of iniquity, to grind it to powder and scatter it to the winds."

How delightful the consideration that within the same section of the Church of Christ,

there are very many, clergy and laity, the excellent of the earth, who utterly disclaim all these anti-Christian assumptions, and who "love all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity." That their temper and views are more consonant with holy Scripture than those of their High Church brethren, might be easily demonstrated; it is not our business to determine which party acts most consistently with those standards of faith and order which they have subscribed. We hope that an increasing number of the godly will unite in the prayer that this unhallowed bigotry may be rooted out of the earth:—

"— that some whirlwind may bear
Unto a rugged, fearful, hanging rock,
And throw it thence into the raging sea."

THE INTOLERANCE AND BIGOTRY OF "THE CHURCH" NEWSPAPER.—We cut the following extracts from the columns of our contemporary "the Christian Guardian," which we are glad to see is ably contending for Protestantism against the more than semi-papery of the above mentioned journal. The first is from a pamphlet addressed to "the Editor of the Church," by the Rev. M. Richey, A. M. of the Wesleyan Church, in which we are told, for we have not seen the pamphlet, the intolerant Editor receives a well merited, and no less well inflicted castigation. In the following extract we object simply to the designation "Dissenter." The Church of England has no right in Canada to apply that name to any portion of the Christian Church. We assume and intend to maintain our position of perfect equality; she has not and she shall never have dominancy in this land; we say "shall never have," because she is but a small minority of our population, because she has no right to any civil ascendancy, and because the Protestant Churches generally will not for a single instant submit to it.—She is entitled to our respect, and she has it, as one of the sections of the visible Church; but only as *one* of them. Let then the epithet "Dissenter," be blotted out of our Canadian vocabulary.

"You may erect a different standard, and, not deigning to 'consort in religious fellowship' with Methodists or Dissenters, from the haughty distance to which you retire to 'avoid them,' you may exclaim. '*The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, are we!*' By assuming that the Church of England is the only Church of Christ within the British realms, you may band as schismatics, and represent as left to uncovered mercy, all who are not within her pale,

* The case is not altered if Rome be thrown out of question, and England be taken from the period of its conversion to Christianity, as is now the fashion.