

The above statement is given to show the mercenary character of modern State Bishops, in contrast with the laborious and self-denying character of the Bishops of whom we read in the New Testament. If the benevolent Saviour of the world, filled with zeal for the honour of God, could, with a whip of cords, drive out the Jewish traders from the temple, and overturn the tables of the money changers, were he again to visit the world, would he not, with a whip of scorpions, rid his Church of these mercenary robbers, who, under the mask of Apostolic warrant and authority, are living in luxurious indolence, or rioting in worldly pomp and wealth, unrighteously obtained at the expense of the sweat and suffering and wretchedness of their fellow creatures? The twenty-four Bishops and Archbishops of England, average above a nett income, *merely from their own Sees*, (besides their pluralities), of upwards of thirty thousand dollars a-year, besides the large sums derived from other innumerable sources ecclesiastical revenue; indeed, one of them, the late Bishop of Ely, whose will was lately recorded in Doctors Commons, died, it would appear worth upwards of ONE MILLION pounds sterling! not a farthing of which could he carry with him! This was one of the veritable successors of the poor fishermen of Galilee! This is humiliating enough, but it is augmented by the fact that this very system, designed ostensibly (but falsely) to advance the interests of religion, is above all other causes, the means of creating the most deplorable ignorance, irreligion, infidelity and crime in society. The benevolent arm of Lord Canterbury, who has upwards of one hundred thousand dollars per annum income, is stretched over this colony, and his vicegerents in Toronto, Montreal, and Quebec, are appointed to look after the fleece to be wrung from the people, or wrested from the government—and to extend the power, or curse, of the most richly endowed hierarchy of the world into this colony. The late incorporation of what is called "the Church Society," has given facilities for doing irreparable injury to the religious interests and political freedom of the Canadian people. They have themselves, however, to blame. They made the Parliament which made the law—they deserted their best friends, and gave power to their most deadly foes: and they must reap as they have sown.

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Horrible Corruption of the State Church, Proved from the Testimony of its own Friends.

We often hear the term, "THE CHURCH," applied to this grand Anti-Christian confederacy, and are sickened with the false and ridiculous eulogiums pronounced upon it by the organs of its deluded and mercenary hirelings. How often do we hear that it is "*the grand bulwark of Protestantism*"—yea, the very "*pillar and ground of the truth*"—while it is, in fact, *the most monstrous counterfeit* of the CHURCH OF THE BIBLE the world ever saw. Popery of the darkest kind only excepted;—the very conservator of erroneous doctrine: the very hotbed for hatching religious heresy and schism. The Puseyism of the present day, as taught at Oxford in England, and at Cobourg in Canada, is only Popery in disguise; and has transmuted, in about one year (1846), no less than twenty-six of

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