

some poor creatures, on the road side, and said, can you tell me where the Catholic Church is? at which one old woman stood up and said "look jewel, do you see the sign of redemption there, the cross, (eross,) that always marks the Catholic Church and if you want the Protestant Church, dear, look for a *weather-cock*, and you wont be far astray!"

They also declare in the same creed, that "they, that have done good, shall go into everlasting life; and that they who have done evil into everlasting fire." Now, when poor Catholics urge this upon their people, these very Protestants say, here is a pretty religion, trusting to their works for salvation. Oh! Protestants, Protestants! what a privilege to be freed from the title.

Again, look at the Litany, and you will see another token of Catholicity, just enough to show, that they, who Protestantized, and borrowed the Prayer Book, (for, in many things it is an exact copy of the Missal,) had not sufficiently forgotten their original faith; for therein they pray "from fornication and all *other deadly sins*, good Lord deliver us," that is, good Lord deliver us from what we denounce Catholics, for saying there exist deadly sins!

Next come the Collects. On the third Sunday in Advent they pray, "that the ministers and stewards of 'thy mysteries,' &c. What mysteries? Whatever wise head penned this collect, forgot he was henceforth to protest against the mysteries of the *old* religion. There is no mystery in bread and wine. But when that bread and wine become by the power of God "Christ," whole and entire, human and divine,—here is something like a mystery, a mystery, that has triumphed over all difficulties, and has outlived, and ever must outlive all (falsely so called) reformations.

Then, again, in the sixth Sunday after Epiphany they pray, "that they may purify themselves, *even as He is pure*, and when Catholics strive at such an attainment, they shrug their shoulders in pity and disgust, and exclaim, poor misguided self-righteous Pharisees!

Next comes Ash Wednesday, (dear Ash Wednesday.) After the collect there is a command given, that is to be read 'every day' in Lent. Where? not in the churches, for they are not open. Then the epistle is read as follows:—"Turn ye, saith the Lord, to me, with all your heart, and with *fasting*." So the Lord has ordered them to do what they pity and despise the Catholics for doing. Oh, happy consistent Catholics, a few more scoffs, and a few jeers, and you will meet the reward of your constant adherence to the known commands of your God.

Look next at the Collect. "St. Michael and all angels." "O everlasting God, &c., mercifully grant, that as the holy angels do thee service in heaven, so by thy appointment, 'they may succour and defend us on earth,' through Jesus Christ our Lord." I thought it was only superstitious Catholics could suppose the holy angels could help them; but here is a proof of the contrary, notwithstanding, it strikes me as a mighty queer subject for a Protestant Collect.

Next comes All Saints day. "O Almighty God who has knit together thine elect in one communion, in the mystical body of thy son Christ our Lord, grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtues and godly living, &c." Now mark, first, "one communion," and as there are some hundred Protestant communions, this passage can never be intended for themselves. Secondly, they pray for grace to follow the example of the saints, and when Catholics urge the same, they ridicule them for it. They also despise fasting and confession, which the saints could not live without.

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### General Intelligence.

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#### GREAT CATHOLIC MEETING AT THE MANSION HOUSE—RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION—THE SOUTH DUBLIN WORKHOUSE.

(Mr. Battersby's Speech Continued.)

In the law courts, or leading department (not including inferior clerks), the Catholics are not as one to six; in the Loan Fund Board not as one to four: in the Board of public works I understand there is not one Catholic; the Commissioners of Drainage, I think, are all Protestants: among the Commissioners of Irish Fisheries, of Education for Endowed Schools, for Improving Navigation, for Insolvents, Bankrupts, and Commissioners for Assisting Trade, is there a Catholic? Out of the twelve Judges, there are only two—one or two one or two among the Bankrupt and Insolvent Courts: of the four Masters in Chancery, one only is a Catholic, and he but recently appointed; of the forty five Benchers, who regulate the admission of barristers and attornies, only four or five are Catholics: how many of the sixty resident magistrates are Catholics? Only twelve or thirteen, all the registrars who go on circuit with the Judges with the exception of two are Protestants: the heads or masters of the three law courts, and the Crown Solicitors, are all Protestants: are not nearly all the heads of the Government Departments—under law, revenue, police, and constabulary,