

Church Establishments condemned by Churchmen.

"We find in His (the Saviour's) religion *no scheme of building up a Hierarchy, or of ministering to the views of human governments.*"—"Our religion, as it came out of the hands of its Founder and his Apostles, *exhibited a complete abstraction from all views either of ecclesiastical or civil policy.*"—Paley.

The Bishop of Norwich remarked on the discussion of the Maynooth grant,—“We see within our own Church fearful oscillations,—from the ‘‘confinnes of Calvinism on the one side, to the very gates of Popery on the other. Could both these be true? Could there be equal truth throughout both these extremes?’’ This man was honest. What a conservator of truth is a national Establishment! What a curse has it been to the cause of true religion! Why then did Paley—Why does this pretended Successor to the Apostles continue to remain members of the national establishment which they both acknowledged to be anti-Christian? and why do many good men now remain in it? JUST BECAUSE IT GIVES THEM BREAD, and they have never been taught how otherwise they might provide for their families, or from worldly policy.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND NOT PROTESTANT;

Yet professedly “the bulwark of Protestantism!”

A clergyman of this Church, the Rev. Mr. Oakley, who had, like all others, subscribed to the 39 articles, boldly admitted, as a Puseyite, that he did “hold all Roman Catholic doctrine,” and could do so consistently as a Minister of the National Church. The Bishop of London applied to Dr. Lushington, his Chancellor and Law Adviser, to know whether Mr. Oakley, who had acknowledged he was a Roman Catholic in principle, could be deprived, by the Bishop's Court, of his living in the Church! The answer of the lawyer was that he could not, for, in law, “*the English Church is not PROTESTANT, nor does she require her Members to profess PROTESTANTISM!*” Dr. Newman, the leader of the Tractarians, and a multitude of national Priests, have lately all gone home to their mother—the Church of Rome. This is quite right—the mother and daughter should dwell together.

Mohammedanism passing away.

The Mohammedans are making no effort to sustain their system—are building no new mosques nor repairing old ones, and assign as a reason for it, that, according to the Koran, Mohammedanism is to pass away, and, therefore, it is of no use to do ought to maintain it. Important changes are taking place in the Turk's Empire, and the Sultan is now pressing on his Ministers the duty of providing for the education of the people. They have a hard task to accomplish—much like raising the dead to life. But it will be accomplished, though not by the power and might of the Sultan, but by the Spirit of the Lord, through the light of his Word. It is said that the Great Imposter predicted that his religion should prevail “*until iron should swim against the current of the river Euphrates;*” and that, when the British expedition, under Colonel Chesley navigated that river in an iron steamer, about six or eight years ago, the Mohammedans, with alarm and despondency, acknowledged that the era of the downfall of their religion was nigh at hand! Be this as it may, this vast delusion is evidently passing away.

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