

titles were falsely assumed. They were, however, both ex-convicts, Widdows having been in Toronto Central prison on a charge of a horrible and unmentionable crime which was proved against him—the same crime for which he is now confined in Portland prison, having been condemned to ten years' servitude by English judges, in the very height of his no-Popery crusade.

This man was honored by the same class, and very much by the same people who have encouraged Mrs. Shepherd. In Woodstock brass bands accompanied him on the streets. In London, enthusiastic Orange Young Britons took the place of horses to draw his carriage through the streets, and he was for more than a year acting pastor of one of the principal Methodist churches in the city—"Grace church,"—wherein he regularly travestied the sacred Last Supper of our Saviour by pretending to celebrate the time-honored and holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

This man has met his deserts. His crimes were not permitted so easily in England as they were in Canada, and he was, as we have said, condemned to atone for them in the prison where he is now lingering, and from which his Woodstock and London quondam friends may once a year be permitted to correspond with him. The letters, must, however, be read and approved of by the prison officials before being transmitted either way.

What is this that the correspondent of the Woodstock Sentinel-Review tells us? Is it from such characters as these that we are to find out the truth about priests and convents?

"We hear, indeed, but shudder while we hear
The insidious falsehood and the heartless jeer :
For each dark libel that thou lik'st to shape,
Thou may'st from law, but not from scorn escape ;
The pointed finger, cold averted eye,
Insulted virtue's hiss—thou canst not fly."

Let me indicate here another and safer means of finding out the truth. There are thousands of persons in Canada who are familiar with nuns and convents. There are many institutions for the sick, the poor, the infirm; hospitals, lunatic asylums, orphan asylums, boarding houses for young women, schools for primary and higher education, and other institutions which are under the charge of these religious ladies. These institutions may be visited any day. They have been officially visited by governors-general, lieutenant-governors, mayors of cities, municipal councils, grand juries, nearly all of whom were Protestants, and in every instance the highest praises have been given to the good ladies in charge for the excellence of their work in every respect, and for the good results from it. Would this be the case if these ladies were not devoted to their