

Why, I'm blest if I can ! But, wont you lend me a hand to make it out !

No, stupid ! I'm as little infallible as yourself, replies the Old Dame ; but I give you permission to read and expound for yourself, and thank God, you cludpole for your Protestant independence.

Thank'ee Maum !

How truly did the Poet sing !

"As long as words a different senso will bear

And each may be his own interpreter,

Our fairy faith will no foundation find—

The Wond's a weathercock for every wind."

REFUTED CALUMNIES OF THE BIGOTS OF THE TIMES.

Those mendacious Christians, recently declared, with all the impudence of Beelzebub, that the present controversy was begun by the Catholics, and as an instance they cited the case of the Municipal Election in Ward No. 3. We shewed that even here, the religious war was commenced by themselves. We asserted that many of the liberals and Irishmen who engaged in that victorious contest were forced to do so, by the intolerant announcement of their opponents. *This is a Protestant Ward, and we must keep it so*, was their watchword in the morning, and they cry out, the omgts, because one green flag belonging to some society, was seen amidst the rejoicings of the evening. We do not see what occasion there was for any flag at all. But, at the same time, it was rank hypocrisy in those who hoisted the *Orange* flag in the morning, to complain of a little green in the evening. The green is the national colour of an ancient Kingdom, as well as the beautiful livery of all nature. The orange is the blood-stained banner of a sanguinary and traitorous faction, who were ignominiously discarded by Peel and who were declared by Lord Gosford to be "a greater terror to his Majesty's subjects, than to the enemy."

If this Protestant exclusiveness of Ward No. 3. be fully carried out, we may expect to behold some remarkable changes in the city. The next step, we suppose will be, to get Notices over some of the stores, shops and offices, stating that *No PAPIST NOR VULGAR IRISH NEED APPLY*. And, at those large auctions which so frequently take place at our Wharves, rebellious Catholics will be warned off by the hoisting of an *Orange* flag with the words *N.B. A Strict PROTESTANT Auction ! No PAPIST permitted to bid !*

We also stated in answer to a calumnious charge brought against our Clergy, and which the "people of the Times" knew to be a *wicked falsehood*, that one of the Clergymen waited on Mr. A. Unacke to conjure him to exert his influence with these good people to put a stop to their insulting articles against the Catholics of the Province, and to inform him that the Catholics of Halifax had long suffered in silence from those attacks, and that much ill will and social strife would be the consequence unless they desisted.

How have the Editors of the Times met this statement ? By two new falsehoods ; one expressed, and the other implied.

First they say that the Clergyman was an ambassador, and that he was sent from St. Mary's on this mission. This is totally false. He was sent by no one. He went of his own accord, and influenced by the purest motives of charity and good will. It was only very recently, we ourselves heard of the fact from a person to whom the worthy clergyman happened to mention it.

The implied falsehood is this, and we appeal to the readers of the Times for the propriety of the epithet.

The Editors endeavoured in their reply to turn the whole affair into derision, and asked whether the priest went in his canonicals, and whether Mr. Unacke burst his buttons with laughing at him, &c &c. The whole tendency of the reply is to insinuate that they knew nothing about it, or that Mr. Unacke treated the priest cavalierly for his impertinence in applying to him on such a subject.

Now, what will the readers of the Times say, when we tell them, that Mr. Unacke *actually went* to the Editors and informed one of them, in presence of a highly respectable Pro-

testant gentleman, of the feelings of the Catholics and complained that the Times was injuring him, his cause, and his friends by those wanton attacks on their Catholic neighbours !

And yet after all this, the Time with those facts in its possession, has the diabolical assurance to come out before the people of Nova Scotia, and to repeat that it was the Catholic Clergy wanted to embroil the community in religious strife !!! Ah ! gentlemen, christians, and Englishmen, if these be samples of your creed, or code of honour, we are disgusted with your *English Christianity*.

PROTESTANT INDULGENCES ! MORE SPECIMENS OF THE "TOLERANT SPIRIT" OF THE PEOPLE OF THE TIMES.

Notwithstanding all the shameful perversions of our enemies we must still claim the privilege of knowing our own creed better than they do. When they tell us, therefore, that an *Indulgence* in the Catholic Church is a permission to commit sin, or a Pardon for the guilt of sins committed, we laugh at their "Protestant ignorance." We know that this is not Catholic doctrine ; our numerous converts also know it, and every Protestant lie of this description serves only to increase their disgust and to strengthen their faith. The SEVENTY Protestant ministers too, who according to the statement of the London Morning Post received by the last packet, have conformed to the Church of Rome within the last eighteen months past, are fully persuaded of the falsehood of this and many other unfounded charges against the Church of Christ.

An Indulgence in the Catholic Church so far from countenancing, permitting, or absolving from sin, presupposes the destruction and removal of sin. This is so true, that no Catholic can gain what is called an Indulgence as long as he is in grievous sin. It is essentially necessary that he should first be in the *state of Grace*, and that his sins be pardoned by the merits of Jesus Christ, and sincere repentance, *before* he can derive any benefit from an Indulgence.

This is sound Catholic doctrine, and if all the bigots that ever belloyed, were to roar out against it in full chorus, they can neither change nor destroy it. How much wiser would it be to spare their breath for those tenets which we really admit and believe !

However, the Catholic Church is not the only one that grants Indulgences. There are *Protestant Indulgences* too of a very comprehensive and comical character. In "the Envy of surrounding nations, and admiration of the world" if a capricious sinner gets tired of his lawful wife, and has plenty of money he can get a divorce from the House of Lords, with an *Indulgence* to marry again. His divorced partner can have a similar Indulgence to marry any other sinner.

The Church of England too has given an *Indulgence* to her Parsons to hold as many as half a dozen or half a score of livings at the same time, to exact tithes in places where there was no Church, and where they never resided, to charge us poor Papists for the cure of sinful Protestant souls at enormous sums varying from fifty to two hundred Pounds a-piece,* to enforce those exactions at the point of the bayonet, to become civil magistrates and adjudicate in their own causes, to order out

*In Irish parishes where there were not 4 Protestants, the Tithes have amounted to nearly £1000. God knows those sinful Protestant souls cost enough ; but we think they ought to have been saved at their own expense.