

the Popery of Oxford, by (the same) Peter Maurice, B. D.' two of the most singular productions it has been our lot to read, but containing much information on the subjects of which they treat, and which cannot be obtained elsewhere within so small a compass.

There is just one subject more upon which we must say one word, and then we for the present conclude, and that is, the views formed by Romanists on the Oxford movement. Both at home and abroad, the Papists are exulting in the acquisition of such auxiliaries as the Oxford divines. Thus speaks the 'Dublin Review,' of which Mr. O'Connell and Dr. Wiseman are editors: 'We are much gratified at the aspect which Catholicity presents to us at this moment in Great Britain, and at the number who continue to join themselves to our communion.'—The following extract is from a letter of a pious Protestant clergyman in the south of France, addressed to the Rev. A. Brandram, and communicated to the 'Oxford University Herald,' by the principal of Magdalene Hall: 'April 18th, 1853. P. S. We have been assured by a professor, that the opinion of the learned of Toulouse is, that Popery has received by our attack a great blow. The Papists avail themselves of some Oxford Tracts, which do much harm. May God forgive those who have written them. (Signed,) F. A. Courtois.'—May God indeed forgive their guilt, but confound their devices, and destroy their works. Dr. Faussett, the Lady Margaret professor of Divinity at Oxford, in his recent sermon on the 'Revival of Popery,' gives, in his appendix, (pp. 38, 39,) the following passages from continental works and periodicals: 'France is not the only place where this brilliant return of our age towards the doctrines and the institutions of the Catholic Church manifests itself. The movement which I point out is European, and it is the extent of it which attests its depth. In England the works of Dr. John Lingard, and Cobbett, have been a prelude to the Catholic reaction which is at work there, and which so violently excites the rage of the Tories, I should not wish to report from my own judgment on a subject where it is so easy to take one's desires and hopes for realities, if I had not the testimony of a learned Englishman, Dr. Wiseman, who has preached at London during

two years, and had Catholic conferences, the successes of which have been equalled only by those of the Abbe Lacordaire at Paris. Dr. Wiseman, principal of the English college at Rome, has this year read to the Catholic academy of that city, a long and curious dissertation on the "actual state of Protestantism in England." The numerous facts cited in this work show us, amongst the most enlightened minds of Great Britain not only the abandonment of the most inveterate prejudices against Catholicism, and the court of Rome, but a decided return towards the doctrines of that Church. It is more particularly in the very bosom of the celebrated University of Oxford that these symptoms of reaction manifest themselves; and Dr. Wiseman quotes as a proof, a collection of dissertations published by the professors of that University, under the title of "Tracts for the Times." 'It is not surprising,' says the Pophish 'L'Ami de La Religion,' of Saturday the 13th Jan. 1853, '*It is not surprising that these dissertations have been denounced by many Protestants, as proving a total defection from the doctrines of the Reformation, and a too manifest re-approaching to the Catholic faith.*' We have put this last extract into italics, the more to attract towards it the attention of our readers. And now we part with our readers for the present, with the most importunate entreaty, that in their prayers both in private, and in the family, they may implore that God would destroy the 'the man of sin,' with the breath of his nostrils and the brightness of his coming; and that they would devote themselves now more than ever to spread abroad a knowledge of, and a love to, the principles and the doctrines of our holy religion; for he must be blind indeed, who does not now perceive that we must gird on our armour once more, for the battle of the reformation must be fought again. Alas, alas, that man should labour under the infatuation of learning the value of the richest blessings only by the loss of them!! And O that God, of his infinite mercy, may avert the calamities which we fear, because we deserve them—blot out our sins, national, ecclesiastical and individual, out of his sight, in the blood of Jesus—and make us to be what our fathers were, men of faith, and of fortitude, of piety, of principle, and of prayer. Amen, and Amen.