

## The Episcopal Church in Ireland.

ONE OF THE DEEPEST DISGRACES OF PROTESTANTISM.

"You posted a hostile Church there, as you posted *Garrisons*."—

MACAULAY.

This huge mass of infamy and corruption—this horrible engine of state oppression and robbery still exists: but its days are numbered. The discussion in Parliament of the Maynooth Bill has awakened public attention to its enormities, and has hastened the era of its dissolution. The following facts and opinions were then elicited from Mr. Macaulay and others:—

"Of all institutions existing in the civilized world, the Established Church of Ireland is the most utterly absurd and indefensible."  
 "The travellers of every country in the world who visited Ireland, declared it to be an abuse of such magnitude that nothing like it was to be found."

"No country in the world presented to you the spectacle of a population of 8,000,000 of people, with a Church established, and richly endowed, for only 750,000 of that population." Endowed to the extent of £806,000. per annum, besides Glebes, &c., &c., &c., while, at the same time, twenty seven parishes have not within them a single Protestant!

Then as to the return given for this enormous expenditure—who does not remember the infamous Bishop of Clogher? "There are people now living who remember in what way the revenues of the richest sees in Ireland were squandered on the shores of the Mediterranean; and when the Epistles of that prelate were not like those of St. John, but might be read in the correspondence of Lady Hamilton,"—the mistress of Lord Nelson.

The renowned *Swift* remarks:—"as to the Irish Bishops, ordination is almost the only spiritual function they perform, and, considering the people they ordain, it is to be regretted that they perform that. Their occupation is distributing endowments and jobs amongst their relations and friends." The Earl of Miltown lately stated at a public meeting, that eight of the Irish Bishops had died so enormously rich as to leave nearly two millions of pounds sterling to their families.

This institution in Ireland, with all its colossal evils, is professedly sustained as the grand bulwark of Protestantism! yet it is a fact, beyond all dispute, that although translations of the Bible into the native languages were the chief sources of the Reformation in Europe, *it was not until the Irish Establishment had existed 125 years, magnificently endowed, that a translation of the Bible into the Erse Language was printed*, and then it was not printed at the expense of the Church—that wealthy and lazy hierarchy—but at the expense of that amiable and celebrated *Christian and Philosopher*—ROBERT BOYLE.

And this is "the Protestant Church, as by Law established!"—the abomination which, through the craft of its agents, the Episcopal Bishops in these North American Colonies, and through the ignorance and corruption of the people, is being fastened, year after year, like a vampyre upon the vitals of the country.

"Like People, like Priest."