

Popery," with repeating in the most unmeasured terms, this insulting calumny against so many millions of his fellow christians. To this charge we have already spoken, and shall add no more in this place than indignantly to declare that the accusation is totally FALSE. How much more honorable and christian like is the conduct of another clergyman of the Church of England, who, instead of calling in calumny and misrepresentation, to keep alive the prejudices already too fatally enkindled against us, eloquently exhorts those who differ from us, to examine our tenets accurately, and expose them in such spirit and temper as may convince us, that their heart's desire is to convert us if we were in error. "If," says he, "this mode does not succeed, our own personal experience, and the history of our own country, might serve to convince us of the futility of any other. It is in vain that our statute books have been disgraced by edicts more ingeniously cruel and absurdly oppressive than ever disgraced the codes of Imperial or Papal Rome. It is in vain that parents were compelled to surrender the nurture and education of their children, and the child bribed to rebel against his parents, to expel them from their homes, and consign them and their helpless families to beggary and famine. In vain have we attained as a traitor the minister for performing at the altar the established offices of his religion, and branded as a felon the pious devotee who assisted at the service. You have beaten them down to the earth indeed, but they have risen up from it with Antæan energy, and hydra-like fecundity. They sprung up from your ungenerous oppression, and multiplied numbers to shame and amaze you. But there is no particular in which we do so much injustice to our brethren of the Romish communion, and eventually to ourselves, as by misrepresentation of their tenets and principles."

How much more honorable, we repeat, is the recommendation of Mr. Bird, than the whole design of Mr. Blanco White, in the works which we have now reviewed! Their whole end and object appears to have been to keep open, if not to widen these unhappy breaches, which every charitable christian would gladly see closed up forever. And this end has been pursued throughout, as it has been our unpleasant task to show, by misrepresentations, calumnies and base insinuations, not to be equalled upon the whole, by any work that