

the statements which were made in Convocation the other day to be assured. I think one of the Bishops used the expression that he was 'aware that there were secret societies in the Church of England for the purpose of overthrowing the Protestant principles of the English Reformation.' "

The leader of the Opposition then made a bold attack upon what he termed the "perjury" that is being committed by the clergy, pointing out that these are the men who are seeking to have control of the education of the rising generation. We perfectly agree with Sir William that, "If these men conscientiously do not hold the opinions of the Church of England, let them leave it. . . . But to remain in secret societies, of which I have heard a good deal, and which I believe to be well founded, and to which Bishops have borne testimony, and in the name of the Church of England to have the control of the education of children in the parishes of England, is a thing which, in my opinion, Parliament ought not to tolerate." Oh, what receptacles theological institutions are for falsehood, fraud, and systematized hypocrisy!

It may be thought by some that we are using strong terms against the Protestant Church; but it should be remembered that the theology which it teaches constitutes a State-supported religion; that it has the authority and protection of the Government of the country; that its churches and cathedrals, its pompous bishops and archbishops, are to a large extent maintained at the public expense; and that this very Church has been a foe to mental freedom and national progress. When we recollect these facts, it is necessary to write plainly in condemnation of a system based upon absurdity and intellectual fraud.

A NEW DISCOVERY—ARTIFICIAL ALBUMEN.

It has just been announced that Dr. Lilienfeld, of Vienna, has discovered a method of producing artificial albumen. There are two recognized varieties of albumen—egg-albumen and serum-albumen. Albumen is the most vital constituent in the human body. Albumen-serum is the most important constituent of human blood. If artificial albumen can be produced it means that the ravages of illness can be repaired or the strength of the weak increased by subcutaneous injections.

Dr. Lilienfeld's discovery has been mentioned for some time past, and has been the subject of much humor, many jokes about it having appeared in the newspapers, but the *New York Journal's* correspondent at Vienna has interviewed the greatest authorities in chemistry in

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