

But when the Church of Rome appeared, she was complacently listened to. Her request was granted at once,—granted to the full. The same petition which coming from Presbyterianism, the Government deem so unreasonable, and reject with summary contempt, the welcome with smiles, they seem even to court, from Popery; and scarce is the petition tabled before it is granted,—granted in measure so large, that even the petitioner is taken by surprise. The friends of order and of the throne are driven away with frowns; the enemies of the laws and of the rights of the Sovereign are caressed, are loaded with favours, and are told in effect that, though they should trample upon the Queen's authority, and insult her person, every day of their lives, they may ask what they will, their suit will be granted. In this way do our rulers govern the country. This is high wisdom! most impartial justice! consummate statesmanship, doubtless! The Church of Rome will be wanting to herself, which she never was before, if soon she have not her priests by hundreds in the army. She has but to encourage the practice of enlisting in Ireland, and shortly every regiment under the British Crown, and every ship in the navy, will have a Popish chaplain attached to it.

Other doors of access have the priests found to the British Treasury. The grants-in-aid for education have been a most profitable affair for them. They have converted these grants into a large annual subsidy to their Church. These grants have this year risen enormously. The *Bulwark* of the present month gives, from the annual volume of the Committee of Privy Council, a long list of grants to Romish schools from the national Exchequer. The list is worthy of the serious attention of every Protestant. During last year £22,277 was given to these schools in England and Wales, and £1723 to schools in Scotland. Moreover, there has been awarded for building purposes no less a sum than £12,313, making a total of £36,344 for Popish schools in the two countries. The grand total since the commencement of the grants is now £105,945 13s. 8½d. This enormous amount, though nominally for education, is really for the spread of Popish error; and could any inconsistency be greater, could any folly be more astounding, than that this sum should be given from the Exchequer of a Protestant country? Surely we have been judicially smitten, and are bent upon our own undoing. Nor have we seen the worst of these grants. We are only, we fear, at the beginning of them. They are swelling portentously every year. They are much larger this year than they were the last; they will be larger next year; they will be larger still the year after: in short, we can set no limits to their increase. As the Church of Rome has the means of multiplying her military chaplains by the simple expedient of multiplying Irish enlistments, so she has the means of raising the annual grant for her schools to any amount which her enormous cupidity may desire, by the device—to her an easy one—of multiplying her scholars. Already her educational machinery, supported by the State at a cost of well nigh half a hundred thousand pounds, boasts a staff of teachers of well nigh a thousand persons, male and female. Already it dwarfs Maynooth; and in a few years it will be doubled, perhaps trebled.

This is well; but the Church of Rome has bethought her of a plan of improving upon the system of grants-in-aid, and making them minister still more directly and exclusively to the growth of her system. Cardinal Wiseman, as our readers know, has gone across to Ireland, where dinners and benedictions occupy his public hours, and grave consultations his private ones. His visit has borne fruit already, in a manifesto against the Queen's Colleges and the National Schools. The Colleges are condemned, and something like an anathema is suspended over the heads of those Catholics who shall send their sons to be educated in them. This is followed by a protestation against the National Schools, declaring "that no system short of an unqualified separate education for our