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## TO THE PATRONS OF THE PEOPLE'S ALMANACK.

"Tell us what shall be the Sign of thy coming and of the end of the world ?"
"Nation shall rise against nation and kingdom aganst kingdom : and there shalt
"be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in divers places."
"All these are the begimning of sorrows.
"And here shall be Signs in the sun and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon "t the earth distress of nations with perplexity."-"Men's hearts failing them for fear "and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth."-Matthew, chap, xxiv., Luke, chap. xxi,

The approach of another year, has called me again to assume my onerous labours in the issue of my Annual. From a yast catalogue of materials bearing on religious liberty, and thrown up to the surface by the times, I have collected some great facts and presented some important principles which are worlhy of the serious and practical consideration of every member of society.
The year 1848 will be memorable in the history of the world. One of the vials of Cod $\$ \mathrm{~s}$ wrath appers to have been poured upon the earth. It was developed, in Italy, the Seat of the Man of Sin, by a circumstance apparently trivial. The people, groaning under Austrian despotism, gave up the use of Tobacco and mightily embarrassed the revenue; the Despot furnished the troops with cigars and bade them smoke every where in the streets of Milan : the prople and troops quarrelled, and the flame of revolation was thus at once lighted, and ranover the whole continent. The pent up elements of strife,confined for ages, hurst forth like a volcano:-all Europe saw it. France, in Fel'y last, rose thein in its fury. and in a few hours swept its faithless monarch from the throne. The whole earth was moved by the intelligence. Europe, from the Straits of Gibratar to the Northern Ocean,quivered under the impulse. Every throne trembled -the people were noved. In June an attempt at a counter-revolutionin France was put down at a fearful sacrifice of life. Liherty, crushed and brokeri for ages, lifted $u_{y}$ her head and wept that by reason of the ignorance and demoralization around her she could not yet arise in her strength and dignity to bless all nations She asked fom an armed Desputism for an unshackled Press-for freedom of thought-for the freedom of conscience. These, under fear, were in many cases granted to her, and the world is now to be engaged in the strife of mind, yet, it is to be feared, with garments rolled in blood. The christian sits calm amidst the storm which has begun to rage :-he knows his "Father is at the helm."
Rome, the focus of spiritual darkness, took the lead, under Pius IX, in following political light. Amidst its brightuess and glory; she saw not that it led to the emancipation of the human mind-to the extinction of her power. The people had tasted of the sweets of freedom, under the auspices of the Pope, and like a mighty torrent moved onwards to the goal. They demanded the expulsion of the Jesnits and a Constitution. Pius consented-expelfed the Jesuits from Rome, and gave a Constitution $\rightarrow$ all its members being composed of Cardinals and others, chosen by himself! This would not satisfy. The people demanded representative freedom-responsible government. The Pope demurred :-he had awoke to his position. At this time Austria came down in his strength to set his iron heel on the rising liberty of Italy: the enthusiasm of the people to renel the Tyrant knew no bounds. Pius the IX was asked to proclaim war auainst him. He refused: the people pat his Cardinals under confinement--seized their correspondence : and compelled the Pope himself to flee for safety to the Fort of St. Angeló! On this occasion the popk virtually resigned the civil power into the hands of the people. The Piedmontese Gazette of May 5th, 1848, says :
"The Pope has yielded to the persuasions of the patriot Mauriani, who announced "to the people that the Ministers remained, except Cardinal Antonelli, who was re" plarel hy him, Mauriani. The Ministers possess fuil pover over temporal affairs, "comprising the question of War. All the private correspondence of the Cardinals, " which had been seized, were read to the public on the capitol by a Senator.

- Mauriani, after haranguing the people made the following declaration :-
" Ist. No priest shall be appointed to fill any public employment.
" 2d. War shall be formally declared.
" 4 th. A daily Bulletin shall be published of the War.


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" 5 th. Encouragement shall be given to the Roman Youth to arm and drive out the "barbarians from Italy."
There have been military revulsions there, but the firal issue of the contest, time alone will reveal.
This period forms a remarkable era in the history of the church and of the world. The Prophecies of Revelation are being remarkably fulfilied, and in every part of the earth the race of man groans and travails amidst the wreck of his moral being, yet is borne along swiftly to the age of his emancipation-the glorious period when the millenium morning shall usher in the day of rest-the day of the Lord-the boly and peaceful Sabbath of the World. Fleming, the celebrated writer on Propliecy whose language we have clsewhere quoted as to the scenes of $184-$-remarks that A., 1. 2000 will close the prophetic history up to the dawn of the millenium. That is, the six days of 100 years from the creation of the world will then be complete-the Seventh being the Sabbath of the Millenium. We are now in the 5853rd year of the world, so that in 147 years, according to Fleming's computation, or earlier, the Millenium may appear.

In view of these things, with how much earnestness should we cast away all human standards of faith-every riligious system which will not bear to be tried by the Bible, - with how much simplicity of mind should every christian consult the Divine Testimony; with how much earnestness should every one pray to be directed by the light of the Divine Spirit in order that they may wisely w the dr day and generation fill up the place which God has assigned them in the worla, and that they may cuoperate heartity in every plan which God is employing for the emancipation of the human soul. Among the duties specially devolving upon the christian, stands out, in bold relief, the solemn duty of labouring to release the religion of Jesus Cherist from the corrupting and ruinous influences of all State Connection. The fall of "Babylon that Great City" is determined and sure ; and the fall of "the Cities of the Nations"all State Churches - is to precede its doom.-When this is accomplished, then,- and not till then-shall Zion, or the Church, appear-"clear as the Sun. fair as the Moon, and terrible as an army with banners."
In seconding the good purposes of God, the friends of truth and holiness and peace, may ofter be stigmatized as men who are " mad.". Be it so. He who spake as never man spake was thus vi ified; and the noblest spirit that ever laboured in the service of the Redeemer-the A postle Paul-was also thus vilified when before Kings and multitudes he preached Christ and the Resurrection. "The christian philanthropist looks not for the friendship of the world.-"Wue be unto you when all men shatl speak well of you"-was given him as an index to the reception he must anticipate for his services from the weak friends or strong enemies of freedom. But he is warranted to look for friendship and cy-operation from "the children of light"-from christian men. With a high aim, therefore-with a strong regard for Truth-with ardent aspirations for the emancipation of the human mind-and with a full consciousness of the imperfections which attach to every human effort, however upright and sincere -and with hope in "the grood time coming"-I launch my little bark for 1849, upor

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DAILY MEMORANDA.

## MORNING AND EVENING STARs.

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EQUINOXES AND SOLSTICES.
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There will be two Eclipses of the Sun, and two of the Moon, this year.
I. There will be an Eclipse of the Sun on the 22d of February, at the time of New Moon in the Eveuing, invisible. It will be visible in the Eastern part of Asia, 'in the North Pacific Ocean, and in Russina America. It will be central and annular on the Magn

II. There will be an Eclipse of the Moon on Thursday, March 8th, in the evening. Magnitude of the middle of the Eclipse, 8.c5 digits on the Moon's southeris limb.
III. There will be an Eclipse of the Sun at the time of New Moon, August 18th, in the moruing, invisible This Eelipse will be visible in most of the Indian Ocean, in the south-eastern part of Airica, in Misdagascar, and in the southern parts of Australia. It will be central and total on the meridian in longtude $91 \rho$ east from Greenwich, and
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Full Moon
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GOOD SENTIMENTS．
Agriculture is the nursery of patriotism．
A wise government will not beslow in fostering the agricultural interests．
Let every farmer who has a son to educate，believe and remember that science lays the foundation of every thing valuable in agriculture．

Science must combine with practice to make a good farmer．
The opposition against book－farming rests on the shoulders of two monsters，igno－ rance and prejudice．



"In a country so eminently favored as this. by the vast number of the beautiful and magnificent varieties of trees which embellish our forests, compared to those which are indigenous to Europe, it is not a little surprising, that a deeper interest has not been developed, for rendering them tributary to the health, comfort atd pleasure of the people, by considering them asiudispeusable to the completeness of a country residence, and the public edifices, squares, grounds and highways, as are auy of the appendages which are deemed useful, ornamental or agreeable in sither."-Dearborn.

Knowleage of our duties is the most useful part of philosophy.

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Weight of Graf. - The following table exhibiting the nember of pounds to the hushel, of the different articles enumerated, mav be of service to many:-Wheat 60 ; beans 60 ; clover see 169 ; potatoes 40 ; corn 56 ; buck wheat seed 52 ; silt 50 ; barley 40 ; castor oil beans 56 ; hemp seed 44 ; timothy seed 53 ; oats 32 ; bran 20 ; blue grass seed 14 ; peaches (dried) 21; applès (dried) 22; stone coal 79 .

Each day is a new life ; regarifit, therefore, as an epitome of the whole,

PLAN OF A SCEHOOL-ROON FOR 130 SCHOLARS.


A Entrance door. B Entry. C Wood-Closet. D Fireplace forwarming with hot air, (see enlarged section.) a Passage for air under the floor to the Hot Chainber. E 'Teacher's Platforme Scholars' Benches and Desks. K Recitation Seats. f Passages. E Windows. a d Black-boards. b b Doors into the Lobby and Wood-Closet. c Stairs leading to the upper Room. I bh Tewchers'Tables and Seats. ii Globes. 1 Ventilutor.
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## HINTS ABOUT BUILEING SCHOOL HOUSES.

We give on the precedıng page, a sketch of the interior of a School Rnom upon the best model which experience has suggested, in order to the introduction of similar improvements in the Province. Having described the wood cut, we shall now refer to some suggestions as to locality, design, embellishment and internal arrangements, condensed from a very useful work for all teachers, entitled, "The School and Schoolmaster."

## EITUATIOX AND GROUNDS.

"So much do the future health, vigour, taste, and moral principles of the pupil depend upon the position, arrangement, and construction of the School House that every thing about it is important." If convenient it should occupy a Southern slope;-it should be some distance from the public road;-the space should be ample for a play-ground with winding walks;-young forest trees such as the (ak, Hickory, Elm, Maple, Birch, Ash, Beech, Locust, Hemlock, Poplar, \&c., should be planted around the Lot and others in graceful clumps to form a shade interspersed with shrulss such as Roses, \&e., Spaces should be laid out and culnvated as flower beds, in the management of which the services of the scholars may very beneficially be employed.

## SIZE AND INTERNAL ARRANGEMENTS.

" The School Room should be large enough to allow every pupil 1st. to sit comfortably at his desk; 2nd. to leave his seat without disturling others ; 3rd. to see explanations on his lessens; 4 th to breathe a wholesome atmos; ihere.

1. Each desk should he large enough to contain the books, maps, slate, \&e. of its two occupants, and wide enough for their books, \&c., when spread out. For this purpose the desk for each should be allowed a space of from $3 \frac{1}{2}$ to 4 feet long, and from 13 to 17 inches wide. The seat to afford ease and fifedom should he from 10 to $12 \frac{1}{2}$ inches in each dimension according to the size of the children.
2. Each seat should be accessible on one side. For this purpose a passage of 2 or $2 \frac{1}{2}$ feet should be allowed between the tiers of desks for two pupils each: this will also allow of the whole school standing in order when required.
3. There shou'd be sufficient unoccupied space in front of the desks to allow more than one class to be conveniently arranged while reciting : and to afford room for the Blackboards and other apparatus: when it can be done couveniently the recitations shoul'' be conducted in a separate room.
4. The School Room must he well ventilated: for this purpo-e no school should be less than ten feet high from floor to ceiling. It should be well lighted, - the windows being to the right and left of the pupils, and sufficiently high to prevent their attention heing distracted by passins oljects: they should also he constructed so as to open at the top, or to slide down entirely in fine weather.
5. The end of the room occupied by the Master should have a platfurm elevated 10 or 12 inches above the floor on which his Desk, Stool, and Tab'e should be placed. The reqr of this should be occupied with shelves for the school Library, Maps, and other apparatus; and with no additional pxpense may be made to resemble 3 or 4 black pannels with projecting pilasters. The pannels willalso answer as black boards when required.

ORDER AND CLGANLINESS.
6. A hall or lobly should be constructed with conveniencies for the Caps and Cloaks of the children; and a sepaate apartment should be alotted for firewood, so as to keep the Hall and School Room free from disorder and dust.

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7. The strictest attention should be paid to cleanliness. For this purpose the floor should be watered and swept, and the benches wiped down every day. It would be desirable also that once or twice a month, on Saturday, the floor should be thoroughly washed and the windows cleaned. The walis should also be kept clean and sweet by washing them with lime once or twiee a year.


H Fireplace. B Space between Hot Chamber and Wall. C Brick Walls 4inches thiek. D Hot A ir Chamber. E Openiag for the escape or shutting off Hot Air. K Air Box for the supply of fresh air, extending beneath the fluor to the front door. F IronSinokeflue 8 inches diameter. G Front of the Fire-place and Mantle-piece. I solid Hearth.
The above Plan has many advantages. It secures a more equable diffusion of heat, and may be regulated with ease by means of sheet iron Duors to the Fire-piace and an apparatus for opening and shutting at $E$. Besides, the atmosphere will he more favorabie to health than where a Stove is used. It will be seen that whenever the back of the Fire-place gets heated the air behtind in D gets rarified, and the cold air enterisg at- K makes a continual ascending current and forces the hot air out at $E$ into the room.

The following beautiful and eloquent eulogium upon the religion of the Bible, is from the pell of the ce!ebrated Vinet:-we commend it to the millions who are flosting " on the vast seaxpthuman opinions"-" violently driven from one system to another," reeking for truth and rest and cannot find them. Judge not we say to such of the religion of Jesus by its numerous counterfeits. Go at once from all humnn systems. Sitas n litte child at the leet of the Redeemer; learn of him from His own word, and you shall find rest to your soul. -
"But shall I hear from Christians, not the joyous accents of souls convinced, but the anxious appeals of hearts that are doubting siil? No! let us together hail with our benedictions, that religion, alone complete, which responds to all the wants of man, in offering to each of his facm!ties an inexhnustible aliment; a religion of the imagination, to which it offers magnificent prospects; a religion of the heart, which it softens by the exhibition of a love nbove all love; a religion of thought, which it attaches to the contemplation of a system tise most vast and harmonious ; a religion of the conscience, which it renders at once more delicate and tranquil; but, above all, a religion of the grace and love of God; for it is necessarily all these combined. Why should not the truth entire satisfy men entire? Let us hail with admiration that religion which reconciles all thesw contrasts, a religion of justics and grace, of fear and love, of obedience and liberty, of nctivity and repose, of faith and reason ; for if error has cut up nnd divided every thing in man, if it has made of his sonl a vast scme of oontradictions, truth brings back all into unity. Such is the religion which never entered into the heart of man, even in the highest culure of his moral sense, and the most extensive development of his intelligence: or, as the npo-tle expresses it, " which none of the princes of this world have known."

That which remnined concealed from phitosophers and sages, in the most brill ant periods of the humnn intell ct, iwde poor fishermen, from the lnkes of Judea, quitted their nets to nnnounce to the world. Certainly they had not more of imagination, of reason, of heart, or of conscience, than the rest of mankind; yet they put to silence the wisdom of sages, emptied the schools of philosophers, closed the gntes of every temple, extinguished the fire on every altar. Tliey exhibited to the world their crucified Master, and the world recognised in him thot which their anxions craving had soubt in vain for three thonsand years. A new morality, new socinl relations, and a new universe sprang into being, at the vorce of these poor people, ignorant of letters and of all philosophy. It remains with your good sense to judge, if these twelve fishermen have used their own wisdom, or the wisdom which cometh from above.

We stop at this point, -man is found incapable of forming a religion, and God hns come to the aid of his weakness. Bless, then, your God. from the bottom of your heart, yon whe after long search have at last found an asylum. Ard vou who still float on the vast sea of human opinions, you who, violently driven from onesystem to another, feel your onguish increasing, and your heart becoming more and more tarnished; you

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who, to this day, have never been able to live with God, nor withont God,-come and see, if this gospel, scarcely noticed by your heedless eyes, is not perhaps that for which you call with so many fruit less sighs. And, thou, God of the gospei! God of nations! Infinite Love! reveal thyself to wounded bearts, make thyself known to fuinting spirits and vause them to know joy, peace, and true virtue."- Vinet.

## MUTUAL MISGHIEFS OF THE UNION BETWEEN GHURGH AND STATE,

Every part of the eartb, every heritnge of intelligent freemen, that has been visited with the fire of religious persecution, and every spot on earth that has not, ought to dread all approximation to the union of Church and State; for power converts even devotion inte superstition and fanajcism, and they that have get free themselves run to fasten their cast-off fetters upon others.

If the Church does not persecute through the State, the State will oppress the Church, -will make it a political tool, or nothing. Read the commentary in the Canton de Vaud, where a demucratic Siate, not Roman Catholic, enacts the persecutning antics of the English Church and State under Queen Elizabe.h, while the people are permitted by the State to mob the assemblies of voluatary Christians! Where the Charch relies on the State for support, it is an anject creature, fawning and ready to be persected; where it is a part of the State by establishment, and holds the legislative and executive power, it is a ferocious creature, ready to persecute; it is the cat or the tiger, as circumstnnces require; it will catch mice for the State, and sleep by the fireside, or it will abide in jangles and play the Oriental despot.

This is not the true Church of Christ but the Church corrupted, for his kingdom is not of this world. When the powers of this world, instead of being sunctified by the Spirit of Cirrist, and so put in sutgection to his authurity, are committed to the Church, and subjected to the use of the Church, under her authority, that is not the advancem nt of Carist's kingdom, ner is that the way in which Carist's kingdom can advance; for Christ's kingdom is spiritual, in the bearts of men, and not in the goverument of empires, which government, just sof far as it is committed to the Church, is but the act and voice of the tempter. "All these thinge will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me."

We want protection for our religious convictions, not only against intolerance, imposing an established form, -not only against the Church without love, the Charch ns an inquisition, the Church as a despotism, but also against the intolerance of the peonple, aga ust the enprices of popular liberty associated with power. We want a religious liberty above, and separate from a political liberty, and which can no more be invaded by it than a mnn's dwelling house can be torn down with impunity, or a chureb or a city fired by a mob. This is impossible when the Church is dependent on the Sinte. The State will, if it plenses, direct the Church what to teach, und how to teach it, and if she refuses, will punish, will perescute. The State may be the purest of republics, and yet may inculge in some atrocious desputism in matters of religion. Therefore,

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a Conatitutional State must have no power to meddle with religion at all, except to protect its quiet worship. The whole world must inevitably come to this conclusion, and then the whole world will be still. Then love will reign, and truth will burn brightly. The State itself will more readily become religious when it is deprived of all power to modify and govern religion.

How inpressively are these truths illustrated by what is now going on in Germany and Switzerland! God, in bis Providence, is showing us that neither Evangelical Protestantism, nor Romanism, nor Rationalism, whether under a Republic or a despotism, can be entruated with State power. The State can not be entrusted with power over the Church; for some way or other it wili act the tyrant. The Church cannot be intrusted with power over the State, or with the use of the State to enforce her rubrics or her teachings; for the Church also, sooner or later, acts the tyrant, when tempted to it. The temptation comes under the guise of an angel, under the plausible pretence of unitormity in worship, and the advancing of the Redeemer's kingdom. So much the more dangerous it is, so much the more earnestly and carefully expel it. Religion is a voluntary thing, both in form and doctrine. Let every State and every Church respect it as such, and cease from enforcing it, and leave to Christianity

> The Word of God only
> The Grace of Christ only,
> The Work of the Spirit ouly,
and then intolerance and strife will cease, trult and love will prevail, error will die out of existence, and throughout all nations the kingdom of Christ will come."-[Dr. Cheever.

## THE PRIEST AND THE IRISH MILKMAN.

The following amusing instance of Irish wit on the part of a Roman Catholic milkman, in foiling the attempts of a priest to make him give up reading the Bible, was related by Dr. Dowling of this city, in an address during the anniversary week.-New York Recorder.

On reaching the milkman's humble cabin in the county of Kerry, the priest thus addressed him: "Why, my good fellow, I am informed that you are in the habit of reading the Bible; is my information correct ?" "Sure it is true. plase your rivera ace, and a fine book it is too."
" But you know," said the priest. "that it is very wrong for an ignorant man like you to read the Scriptures." "Ah," replied Pat. "but you must be after provin that same, before I consint to lave it aff."
"That I will do from the book itself. Now turn to 1 Peter, 2d, 2, "As new-born babes desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye mny grow thereby." Now, you are only a babe, and are therefore wrong to rend the Scriptures yourself. You are here told to 'desire the sincere milk of the word, and one who understands what the 'sincere milk' is, must give it you, and tend you.' ""
. Pat listened attentively to the priest's authoritative address, but no

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way at a loss, replied; "But be aisy, your riverance. while I tell yous. A little time ago. when I was took ill, I got a man to milk my cows, and what do you think he did? why, instead of giving me the rale milk, he chated me by putting wather into it; and if you get my Bible, perhaps you may be afiher serving that same. No, no. I'll kape my cow, and m.k it myself, and then I shall get the sincere milk, and not as I might from you, mixed with wather."
The priest thus finding himself defeated. and desirous that the mischiel should spread no farther, said in a conciliatory tone: "We!l, Pat, 1 see you are a litule wiser than I thought you, and as you are not quite a babe, you may keep your Bible, but don't lend it or read it to your neighbors."'
Pat, eyeing his admonitor very cunningly, but seriously, replied : "Sure enough, vour riverance, while I have a cow, and can give a littla milli to my neighdors who have none, it is my duty to do so as a Christian; and saoing your riverance, I will."
The priest, concluding that the honest milkman was rather a tough customer, gave up the argument and walked off obashed.

ROMAN CATHOLIC NOTES ON THE SCRIPTURES.
"Having their conscience seared with a hot iron."-1st Tim. IV. \&.
The fillowing notes are from " The New Testnment with Annotations npproved of by the most Rev. Dr. Tray, R. C. Archbishop of Dublin in 1816."

On Jolin xv., 7. -" The prayer of a Protestant cannot be heard in Heaven."

On Hebrews v., 7.-" The translators of the English Bible onght to be abhiorred to the depths of hell "'
In nnother place it is also said-" A Christian is bound to burn and deface ail heretical books, for example the English Bible."

## THE BEAST.

HIS RIDER-HIS HEADS - HIS HORNS-HIS TIME-HIS NUMBER OR MARK.
" Watchman, what of the night?
The darkness passeth away and the morning dawns. The night of mind is receding before the sun of righteousness. The events of our times modicate to the world that the great author of revelation is also the God of Providence, of Redemption, of Salvation. The Almighty is spenking to the nations in his judgments. He commnnds the attention of the foolish, the devont and grateful attention of the wise. "The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice.'" Much of the prophecies of Scripture has been fulfilledmuch remains to be fulfilled-" The signs of the times', indicate its present fulfilment. "Blessed are they that read," and "hear," and "underatand."

Daniel the Prophet saw in a vision from God, 2400 years ngo, "four beasts." which are universally admitted to refer, in symbol, to the great monarchies which have governed the world-the Chaldean, the Medo-

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Persian, the Grecian and the Roman. The fourth beast had ten horns, and from it proceeded a new power, "Speaking great things." "Great words against the Most High," wearing "out the saints of the Most High," who were to be under its power for "a time, times and the dividing of time," or a prophetic year, years, and a half, or three and a half years. Then there should be an end of "these wonders." Then would the seals of the mystery be opened.

John the Aposile saw also in a vision from God, nearly 1800 gears ago, a beast having seven heads and ten horns. It had "a mouth speaking great things,' bluspheming against God." It made war against his saints" and "overcame them" "forty and two months, or three and a half years. Elsewhere he described it as "scarlet coloured," having as a rider " the great whore," with whom the kings of the earth have committed iornication. This power was to tread under foot "the holy cily" for 42 months or three and a half years. Two witnesses should testify in the cause of God for 1260 days in sackeloth, or three and a half years. The persecuted one was to have a place prepared of God, and to be fed in the wilderness for " a time, times and a half,'" 1260 days, or three and a half years.

What is meant by this prophetic imagery? the Book of Revelation is manifestly a symbolical history of the Christian Church in the world. It epens seven seals, sounds seven trumpets, and pours out seven vials; indicating developement, proclamation, judgment-when, as it is said, Rev. X. 7-"In the days of the voice of the Serenth Angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God shall be finished."
"The wise" believe that we have reached the dawning of a most important ern-the sixth vial is now about to be poured out upon the earth. How important, therefore is it that we shoald both listen to the voice of Ged in his word, and endeavour to compare it with bis voice as uttered in the events of his Providence. What are we tnught from past history compared with the Revelation of God?

1st. The Beast-Scarlet coloured-upon which the whore rodehaving seven heads and ten horns, is Rome-gorgeous and bloody-cor-rupting-situated on seven hills, formed originally ont of ten principalities or kingdoms. Rev. XVII. 3, 9, 12.-The Man of Sin assuming the pl ace of God-blaspheming his name by claiming to be 'our Lord God the Pope,"-"The Vicar of Cbrist." darkening the human mind by depriving it of the light of the Divine Word, and murdering the people of God from age to age.

2nd. The Saints of God-the Holy City-his persecuted Church-his Holy Word, the Bible-are to be expoerd to the peatilential power of this beast for "a time, times, nind a half." (three ond a half years)-" 42 months," or " 1260 prophetic days," or years of 360 days. From what perioc must the beginning of this be reckoned? "The wise," in past nges say from the yenr A.D. 606, when the Pope assumed the title and powers of "Universal Bishop." The following remarknble explanation of this question was given by one Fieming, an eminent Scotish author, about 147 years ago:-

After explaining that the rude mode of reckoning time was 30 days to a month, and 360 days tu the year, he shows that the 1260 prophetic years would be 1268 Julian, Leegorinn, or comnon years with us-He snys,
"To apply this, therefore, to our design. If we may suppnse that Antichrist began his reign in the year 606, the additional one thousand two hundred and sixty years of his duration, were they Jutian or ordinary years, would lead us dowu to the year 1866, as the last period of the sevenheaded monster. But seeing they are prophetical years only, we must cast away eighteen years in order to bring them to the exact mensure of time that the Spirit of God designed in this book. And thus the final period of Papal usurpation (supposing that he did, indeed, rise in the year 606) must conclude with the year 1848."

Again, ns to the closing scenes of the fifit prophetic ern he says-
"The fifih vial, Rev. XVI. 10, 11, which is to be poured out on the scat of the beast, or the dominions that more immediately belong to, and depend upon the Ruman see; that, I say, this judgment will probably begin ubout the year 1794, and expire about A.D. 1848; so that the duration of it upon this supposition, vill be the space of fifty-four years. For I do suppose that seeing the pope received the title of supreme bishop, no sooner than A.D 606, he cannot be supposed to have any vial poured upon his seat immediately (so as to ruin his authority so signally as this judgment must be supposed to do) until the yeur 1848, which is the date uf the twelve hundred and sixty years in prophetical account, when they are reckoned from A.D. 606. But yet we are not to imagine that this vial will totally destroy the papacy (though it will exceedingly weaken it,) for we find this still in being and alive, when the next vial is poured out."

If this interpretation be correct, and few who have traced the events transpiring in Italy and Rome, during the past year (1848) cun doubt it. the night of Romish darkness and corruption-all the alliances of pelitical power with the professed Church of Christ, must soon be deatroyed and pass nwny, "The coming of the Lord draweth nigh." "The Man or Sin," is to be "reveuled, the Son of Perdition,"-2nd Thess. II. 112. Areany of my readers doubtful of the general accuracy of the above interpretation. as to the Beast-the term of his power-and his coming doom? If so, I direct them to "a more sure word of prophecy," to evid.nce which cannot be denied by any honest mind. "Let him that readeth understand the number of his name.

THE NUMBER OF THE BEAST. - A SIGN GIVEN FROM HEAVEN. The sign pointing to his designation-his kingdom-his city-his house-his Character. - "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the Beast: for it is the number of a man, and his number is six hundred three score and six.-Rev. XIII. 18.
The Spirit of God, in the above passage of Holy Writ, gives to men a sure index to find the Beast or Man of Sin-the great enemy of God's people in this world:-it says his number is 666.

1. What then is his designation?- We answer it is Roman, for Lateinos (Latin or Roman) when written in Greek, and the numerals afe summed up, gives the index. Thus-
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2. What is his kingdom?-We answer Italian, Romish or Latin for Latina Basileia," the Latin Kıngdom, when written in Greek, and the numerals are summed up, gives the same, result. Thus-
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3. Where is his City? - We answer Rome, for Romiith. when written in Hebrew, and the numerals are summed up, gives also the index. Thus

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4. What is his Character?-We answer Apostate,for Apostates when written ini Greek, and the numerals are summed up, gives the same most wonderful result. Thus-

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5. Where is his House? - We answer the Vaticanat Rome, for over the door of this building was inseribed in Latin, the sign-"Vicarivs "Filu Deı."-Depuy of the Son of God, the Roman or Latin numerals in which, being summed up, again gives the mysterious and vonderful index, or sign of the "Man of Sin." Thus-

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The head of the great apostacy from God and truth-of Babylon the Great-resides, then, in Italy, in the city of Rome, in the Vatican. Let every honest manamong the Roman Catholics read this lesson of Holy Writ, given to them from heaven, by the goodness of God. Let every one having the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name, Rev. XIII. 17. tremble for fear of the judgments of God, which are rapidly drawing near-Rev. XIV. 9, 10, 11. Let the wise among them hear also the invitation-Rev. XVIII., "Come out of her (Babylon) my people, that ye be not partakers af her sins, and that ye receine not of her plagues. For her sins have reuched unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." "For the beast shall be taken and cast into, a lake of fire, burning with brimatone."-Rev. XIX. 50. It shall be utterly deatroyed-2nd Thess. II. 7. It "goeth into perdition."-Rev. XVII.

> "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

Travelling by Steam Round the Planet Uranus.-The circumference of the orbit in which Uranus revolves about the sun is $11,314,600$, 000 miles, through which it moves in 30,636 mean solar days, or about 84 years, it is the slowest moving planet in the system, and yet it pursues its course at the rate of 15,000 miles an bour. Were a stean carriage to move around the immense orbit of this planet at the continued speed of about 30 miles an hour, it would require no less than 64,570 years before this ample circuit could be completed, and yet a globe 80 times larger than the earth finishes this vast tour in 84 years!-Dick's
"WITH WHOM THE KINGS OF THE EARTH HAVE COMMITTED FORNICATION."
Revelations xvin.
"Her sins have reached unto Heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." "How much she hath glorified herself, and tived deliciously, so. much torment and sorrow give her." "The merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her, for no man buyeth her merchandize any more. The merchandize of gold and silver, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple and silk, and precious vessels, and wine, and fine flour, and beasts, and sheep, and hor'ses and cliariots, and elaves, and souls of men."

The Mother of Harlots, who has committed fornicntion with the Kings of the Earth, refers, evidently, to the union between Church and State, first established under the Roman Emperor, Constantine. This Muther has had a large progeny of daughters, resembling her in character, in depravity, in cupioity, and in the deadliness of her infuence. Every state Church is a daughter committing fornication with the Civil power. Christ is declared to be the aione Spouse and Head of the Christian Church; and any other, therefore, assuming this relationship. commits spiritual forni-cation-produces a race of ill-gitimate Teachers, who are of the earth earthy: who live upon the fruits of public spoiliation and injustice; and who virtually trade in slaves and souls of men. Besides this, the illegitimates of the National Hie archy boast thint they are the true "Successors of the Apostles," -those self-denying witnesses of the Son of God! What strange inconsistency and folly! Who pver heard of witnesses to certain facts baving any successors at all? How could such "greedy dogs" claim to be the successors of such self-denying men?

The following facts, in connection with the National Church of England, we give merely as an outline of this monstrous hoax-this "Great Sham"-which has been so long palmed upon the nation as an organization to promote the interests of the religion of Jeeus Christ. The Ecclesinstical Commissions, and the returns made to Parlinment of the incomes of Bishops. (in making which, B shops and Clergy are themselves employed, ) have been proved so disgracefully deceptive or fraudulent, as to ast nish the whole Empire that such infamy should wear the name of Cinristinn. Mr. Horsman, a member of the Imperial Parliament, proved to the Honse of Commons, that the Act limiting the income of the Bishops, was virtually rendered nugatory, hy a ghostly trick. He showed that the Bishop of Durham, for one, instend of receiving the sum therein limited, (about $£ 10,000$ we believe; ) he received regularly, from $£ 15,000$ to $£ 26,000$ a year : and that in 1845 , it was nctually $£ 37,161$ ! A part of this he was compeiled to disgorge ; but after remitting a portion to the Commissioners, he relained, in violation of the spitit of the statute, the nett sum of $£ 26,000$. The smaller Bishoprics exhibited the same results: the Bishop of Salisbury, for instance, whose income is professedly $£ 5000$ a year, was proved also to have pocketed $£ 17,000$ ! and this is common, apparently, to all the Bench!-that is they manage by sheer legerdemain, to get generally four times more out of the public vurse than the law intends to allow! This is quite in keeping with the,
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successors of Judas Iscariot ; and, to a demonstration, proves their title to the Apostolic Succession.

But while the State Bishops are thus stall fed upon the plunder of the Revenue, a great maltituife of the working Clergy are a kind of serfs under the spiriual Lords-the great Drones,-and can barely maintain a decent appearance in the world.-Sir Robert Peel proved on the occasion referred to, that 3.528 English Benefices yielded only $£ 150$ per annum! or, in other words, that one of the incumbents of the smaller Bishoprics-one of the drones-consumed more upon his lusts, than was given to support 113 working Clergy ; and one of the incumbents of the larger Sees, more than was bestowed upon 173 of the workers, whose parishes number at the same time, a population upon an average, of more than 10,000 souls.

But it may be said, that the successors of Judas spend much of their income in doing good. If this were true, it would not justify this public profligacy. But it is not so. The cellers, \&c. of the late Archbishop of Canterbury, reflected the real character and virtues of the Episcopa'e in all ther lustre. The " 4,000 gallons of prime Ale" advertised in the calalogue of his effects, in January last-the wines of choicest vintage-the mountain and other kinds of Rum-the cherry Brandy-the Blood Horses-the splendid cnrriages-the princely furni-ture-and the heir loom of the Palace, the B Iliard Table and its furniture, all tell of the physical mortification ! the holy self sacrifice! and the spirituality of state Bishops and Archb shops. If ony other proof were required, we might refer to the will of Dr Howley as lately proved in the Court of Probate, showing, that his charty not only began at home, but ended there! This poor Dives had actually accumaiated $£ 120,000$ of a nett surplus © ver the tens of thousands spent in a life of luxurious indolence, and all this he conveyed to his family at bis death, withont bequenthing anything to any benevolent or charitable öbject whatever ! John Bright, the Member of the House of Commons tor Manchester, stated on the occasion of this discussion, that the two men who had occupied the Sees of York and Canterbury, had actually reccived during theirlife-time, nol ss than one million, five hundred thousiand pounds; -that is, supposing each of them had been 35 ytars fa office, they had received on $n$ n average $\$ 293$ for every dny of their cfficial life! and this was done by men professing to be the true and genuine ministerial followers of the self denying Saviour and his Apostles-and in a country where myrinds of the population are pining in the midst of want, and perishing for lack of food! !!

Let any bonest man, having any respect for the Divine Testimony, say, whether there i $\varepsilon$ a single fenture in all this monstrous hoax, resembling the system established by the Saviour, and his Apostles. Jesus, although the Son of God, labored with his own hands at the trade of a carpenter-he lived a life, and died a death of self-sacrificing benevolence. He never claimed support for himself or his Apostles from the Civil Government, but declared, that his Kingdom was not of this world. Wherein, we ask, does bloated earthliness resemble the heavenliness and
spirituality of the religion of Jesus Christ? Whergin? wherein? wherein?
P. S.-The Darlington Times thinks that a remark made by John Wealey, might be applied to the late Archbishop of Canterbury-" He died wickedly rich."

## THE SUCCESSORS OF JUDAS ISCARIOT.

In 1836, under the administration of Sir Robert Peel, an Ecclesiastical Commission was appointed, ostensibly to reform the financial abuses of the National Church, specially to lessen the income of the higher, and to increase the incomes of the poorer Clergy, and to endow new Churches. This Commission was actually composed of the Archbishops and Bishops themselves! together with the principal Ministers of State. It obtained from various sources, large amounts of money, much information, and in the end, aggravated the evils it was intended to remove!

Some of the working Clergy, it is notorious, get from £2ll to £30 a. year! while the great Drones gec from $£ 12,000$ to $£ 30,000$ ! This Commission wasactuatly chosen, to correct this evil. How was it done? The small living of Barnsley was angmented $£ 6$; Long Busbley $£ 12$; Lewston, £15; Prior’s Lee, Shifnal, £6; St. Mary's, Exeter, £9; Wrenbury, $£ 6$; Worsborough, $£ 9$; and a few others, by smaller sums; while a tew new churches 'were endowed, at from £120 to £150 each. In 1841 and 1842, in answer to the appeal for more churches and more ministers, for a people "perishing for lack of knowledge," £13,624 was devoted for this purpose. But what did the Drones do for themselves during the snme period? Ist., two sums, $£ 8,482$, and $\mathfrak{£} 8,600=£ 17,089$ were given to augment the Sees of the Bishops ! ! 2nd., another two sums-£492, and $£ 1000=£ 1,492$ were given for House Rent for Bishops ! 3rd., another two sums- $£ 3,258$, and $£ 11,222$ $=£ 14,480$ were given to provide residences for Bishops!! Thus, while less than $£ 14,000$ had been spent in the objects of the Commission, $£ 35,49 \cdot$ were spent in the nugmentation of their own revenues, and the increasing of their own comforts and luxuries !!!

In every Episcopal "Charge," the destitute condition of the country is dwelt upon, and the Clergy are nppealed to for the purpose of relieving the desutution! Yet, in 1844, when appeals were made to the Commission for aid, they said they could do nothing; yet they had spent in that year, between $£ 30,000$ and $£ 40,000$ on themselves! Yet, at this very time, 2,000,000 of the population of England, were declared to be destitute of Churches and Mimsters, and abont 2,000 of the working Clergy had incomes less than £100 a.year! while many had $£ 50, £ 20$, and some only £10a-year.

One instance of the shameless perfidy of this Commission, was given to the House of Commons, in Decerrber, 1847. Dr. Mark, the Bishop of Gloucester, wanted some repairs done to his palace, the cost of which his Surveyor estimated at $£ 1,000$. Application was then made to the Commissioners, (himself being one of them,) who sent their Surveyor to look over the premises, and he returned the amount at $£ 10$,000 ! and this sum was actually expended and paid by the Commis-- oners 1.1!

It has been found, in short, that the returns of almost every Bishop to Parliament, of his income, was falise! The Biehop of London, for imstance, gave in his at abou: $£ 13,000$; while it approximated nearer to $£ 50.000$, and would soon be $£ 100,000$, having about 400 acres in a populous part of London. A general return from the incumbents themselves, made thronghout England, in 18:5, represented the whole Church Revenues at $£ 3,500,000$, while the Tythe Commissioners, nfterwards. proved, that the ty thes alome amounted to $£ 8,000,000$ ! besides the vast sums arising from Professorships, Fellowshyps, Masterships of the Uni versities, Public Schools and Surplice Fees, Preachershipa in Royal Chapels, Lectureships, Stipends of Chapels of Ease, Chaplainships in. the Armv and Navy, \&c.. Easter Offerings, Consecration Fees, ChurchRates, Ground Rents, Tombtone Fees, Christening Fees, Marriage Fees, Burial Fees, \&c., \&c.

Eloyd's Weekly Journal referring to the statements of Mr. Horsmin. in Parliament, remarks, "we cannot forbean expressing our conviction "that those statements, wholly uncontradicted, are perfiectly disgraceful, "s to the Bishops, and to the Church, of which they are the recognized "and princely heads. To charge men with fraud andealsehood, is a "grave thing, never to be done without having at hand the most com"splete evidence of the truth of the charge. Against the Bishops, and " also many of" the beneticed Clergy, there can be no donbt, that such a " charge lies, the evidence being clear, and incontrovertible!!!

The above is the iruit of National Religion-of' a State Church-that grand Counterfeit of the Church of Christ. Let no one from prejudice dony the fact, but let the alleged countrrfeit be compared with the true Church, according to the alose in allible standard and guide-the Word. of God. What, then, constitutes the difference between them !-i. e., between a Christian Church aceording to the New Testament, and a Political or State Church according to Act of Pazliament ?

## THE CONTRAST.

## A CHRISTIAN CHURCH,

As founded by Christ and his Apostles.
list.-It is of Divine origin, and designed to promote the glory of God and the good of man.
2nd.-Christ the Son of God, is its Supreme Head.
3rd.-It consists of a single congregation of persons who sincerely ackiowledge, and who are obedient to the authority of Christ.
4th.-It recognizes ouly two chasses of officers in its government-viz., "Bishops and Deacons," who were elected by the people,- the former asPresident, and the latter as Treasurer of the Society. The Apostles, or Evangelists sent out by them, generally set them apart. None wore to be chosen to office until first

A POLITICAL OR STATE CHURCH. As founded by the Rulers of this World.

Ist.-It is of human origin, and fitted only to subserve the interests of the Devil and the ruin of man.
End.-The Sovereign of the nation, although infamous as to character, is its Supreme Head.
3rd-It consists, theoretically, of the whole subjects of the King tom, without any reference whatever to knowledge or character.

4 h .-It recognizes/ a host of officers, from an Archbishop down to a Curate, all of whom are entirely foreign to anything learned from Jesus Christ or his Apostles. Their very names are not to he found in the Bible, for they have been all taken from the Church of Kome. They are always chosen by the Crows or its
"proved" by the congregation, and found to possess the required character and gifts.

5th.-These offlcers were and should be, men taken frum the congregation, engaged in the ordiaary vocations of life, but whose character, experience, and natural abilities tit them for offlee. No salary or fee appears to have been attached to the discharge of its duties. The offices were purely honorary. No power beyond the congregation itself was recognized either in the appointment or removal, of church olicers atter the death of the A postles.
6th.-'Their duties are to watch over tise spiritual welfare of their brethren ; to aid. according to their gifts, in the selfinstruction of the body, looking only for the heartfelt recompease which follows free and benevolent labour, and for the approval of the "Chief shepherd," when he shall come again to judge the world in righteousness. They repudiated mercenary rewards according to apostolic counsel and example -"Thus, 2nd Cor. Xit. 17, 18., " I will not be burdensume to you :" "Did I make a gain of you by auy of them whom I sent unto you? '" "Did Titus make a gain of you?""Walke I we not in the same spirit-in the same steps?" Again, 1st. Thess. un, 9-" For ye remember, brethren, our lafor and travail: for labouring niaht and day, because ue would not be chargeable outo any of you." Also, Acts xx. 33." I have coveted no man's silver or gold" -"these hands have ministered to my necessities."-" I have shewed you (Ephesian bisiops) all thinga, how that so laboring (at some honest employment,) ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."
7th.-It is a simple social arrangement made by Divine wisdom, and, in all its aspects is full of benignity to man, and in its nature essential to the promotion of his interests for time and for eternity.
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Citizens! Patriots! Christians!
WHICH OF THE TWO SYSTEMS ARE YOU SUSTAINING BY YOUR EXAMPLE AND MEANS ?

The Presence of God.-Privation of the presence of God, is Hell ; a diminution of it, is a step towards it. Fruition of his presence is heaven. And shall any man bs afraid of having too much heaven--too much God !

## THE RIGHT TO PLUNDER VINDICATED.

## Being Chap. XXIX of the Acts of the Apostles, lately adopted for the Upholding of Church-rutes, \&oc.

Verse 1. Now it came to pass, while Paul tarried at Corinth, that he made a rate of twopence in the pound upon the Jews, and upon the Gentiles, and upon the Church of God: and the rate was upon this wise,
2. When the brethren came together on the first day of the week, Stephanus, which was the first-fruits of Achaia, being churchwarden that same year, moved that a rate should be made of twopence in the pound for the mitre o: Paul, and for his amron, and for the wine, and for the bellringers, and for the organist, and for the painted window, and for the beafle, and for the grave-digger, and for the clerk.
3. So a brother whose name was Aristarchus, seconded the motion,
4. And Paul, the Lord Bishop of Achaia, sat in his chair, in his rochet : and the very reverend Gaius, Dean of Corinth, sat at his right haud.
5. And a man, whose name was Albinus, rose up straightway in the midst, and said that he was ashamed that the saints should not pay for their own religion, but that they should lay a burden on the Jews and on the Gentiles that believed not, making the truth to become utterly an abomination unto them.
6. But the brethren lifted up their voices in the vestry with one accord, and cried mightily for about the space of half an hour, Turn him out! and they threw dust in the air, and made no small stir, stamping with their feet, and hissing. insomuch that Albinus was put to shame. and held his peace.
7. And Paul the Apostle took the vote, and the brethren lifted up their hands, and they made a rate and a decree that the saints, and the heathen and the Jews, should offer willingly of their substance twopence in the gound, and that whosoever would not pay should be delivered unto the
keeper of the prison, and that his goods should be sold until he had paid all that was due.
3. And the churchwardens departed, and they gathered up the money of them that believed, and put it into a bag; and afterwards they went to the Gentiles, and to the Jews which believed not.
9. And they came to the house of one Silvanus, and he was a Hebrew of the Hebrens, and a ruler of the synagogue, and he gave alms unto the people; but he knew not the gospel, neither consorted he with the Church which was at Corinth.
10. And when the churchwardens demanded of him his rate, hehold he refused to pay, for he said in his heart, Lo! are not all these Nazarenes? and I believe not their words.
11. So the brethren departed from the habitation of the chief ruler of the synagogue, and hasted unto the assembly of the saints; and they rehearsed before the apostle and the elders both the stubbornness of silvanus and of the idolatrous Greeks.
12. Then Paul rose up, and they which were with him, and rent his garment, and cried with an exceeding loud voice, Anathema! and a young priest, whose name was Tertulhanus did in like manner, and bis countenance feil.
18. And Paul spake, and said unto the churchwardens and unto the beadle go quickly unto the street which is called Straight, unto the house of the raler of the Jews, nigh unto the gate, of the city with staves in your hands, and carry away suddenly his table, and his bed, and his silver jug, and his spron, and the spoon of his wife, and whatsoever he hath, and bring them into the market-place, and sell them ur.to all that pass by, until the rate shall be paid.
14. And if he will shut up the doos
of the house, behold, ye shall break into it; and if he hold fast to his table, or his bed, or his jug, or his spoen, or anything which is his, ye shall smite him with your truncheon very grievously, and carry him away to the dungeon, and give him the bread of affliction, and the water of aflliction for six months. until he repent,
15. So the churchwardens went their way, and they took with them a brother, whose name was Phlegon, which was the beadle of the church; and he was arrayed in scarlet apparel for glory and for beanty, and he had a cocked hat upon his ieead. and a staff like unto a weaver's beam in his hand.

16, And they came unto the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and he looked forth from his window. and commanded the damsel to make fast the door against the Nazarenes.

17, Now the brother whose name was Phlegon was a very fat man ; and he ran unto the door in the greatness of his strength, and smote it with his side till it opened, and they entered in.
18. And the churchwardens said unto Silvanus that they were sorry exceedingly, but that such was the law, that the Apostolic Church must needs be supported by the goods of them that believed not, and moreover that the Jews and the idolaters might come unto the church if they chose.
19. So Phlegon looked up to heav. 19. So Phlegon seized upon the table, and

## CHURCH ROBBERY.

High charch robbery of the goods and chattels of christians who repudiate the authority of "the hesser Babylon" is tnking place every day in England. We could fill our pages with cases of this kind, marked by the most revolting cruelty nnd injustice. We mention only two. Or the 2 d October, 1848, in the County Court, the Lord de Saumerez, Vicar of Huggate, in the East Riding of Yorkshire, appeared as the plaintiff in all action for the recovery of four pence, alleged to be due by a Labourer residing in his parish for Easter Offerings ! ! The Bucks Gazette also tells us that a few months ago, "John Sim" onds, of Mursley Bucks, an honest and industrious man, was brought "t to gaol at Aylesbury, in custody of a police constable, and committed
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"to take his trial at the Quarter Sessions, on a charge of resisting to " pay five pence, fur the bread and wine, the cushions and cassocks of " the Parish church"'1!! The spirit which sanctioned this would burn a man at the stake. Could not the successors of Judas give a face to such villany by voting such a chapter as the foregoing to be canonical? The whole Sinte-church system is n lie without it.

Dear Reader! are you aware that Dr. Strachan and his clergy are aiming at the establ stument of a similar system in this Province? Read the article on the Clergy Reserves and Rectories, and act as an honest man. Better that such wrongs should be removed by the petitions of the present generation than by the swords of the next.

## MONSTER GRIEVANCES.

" These Reserves and Rectorips are a plague spot, a gangrene, and like the worm at the root of Jonah's gourd, will yet, unless utterly removed, prove the ruin of our Iustitutions and of our happiness as a people."-Provincialist.

## THE CLERGY RESERVES AND RECTORIES.

" It is well known how distasteful to a large portion of the people of Upper Canada was the application of Public Property, in which all were equally interested, to the theological purposes of any particular denomination."-Speech of the Hon. Robert Baldwoin on Mr. Draper's Uuiversity Bill.

## THE RESERVES.

This mightv question, after a temporary abeyance, again commands the attention and interest of every freeman in Canada. The lands known by this name instead of being the bittter source of strife, anarchy, rebellion and bloodshed, as they have been, might, under a wise government, have been made a powerful means of improving the ccuntry and of spreading the blessings of Education to our remotest settlements. Under the government, however, of a desperate and wicked faction, contemptuous alike of public opinion and of our highest interests, the revenue arising from this source has been employed only to subserve the interests of one or two religious sects at the expense of all others, and as a fund to bribe the weak and unprincipled amongst us to submit to this mighty social wrong.

The old serpent of Ecclesiastical dominancy and intolerance lay comparatively dormnnt in Canada until about the year 18.26, when Doctor Strachan warmed it into life. Under the vain bope of supplanting the denominations whose Ministers had early braved the difficulties of our forest wilds, and carried the lessons of christianty to our scattered population, and to subserve the interests of the sect to which he had attached himself, he published his fam us Chart of the Ecclesiastical affairs of Upper Canada. This Chart, which passed as authority at St. James's, in London, brought eterual disgrace upon its author in Canada. It was a scandalous and gross misrepresentation of the religious atatistics of the Province, in order to obtain the lands and emoluments of Goverment to build up a State Church in Canada. Then began the war for religiousliberty, whose battles, we regret to say, heve not yet terminated. The enemy, by an act of governmental violence, B

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has for the last eight years, been entrenched behind an Act of the Im. perial Parliament. from which the people of Canada, as they value their most sacred liberties, are imperatively called to dislodge him. The inhabitants of this country, we are assured, will never rest, now that public opinion reaches the Executive, until Liberty-true Liberty-equal and impartial Liberty-shall be guaranteed to every one:-until the rights of all, to every civil advantage, privilege and immunity shall, without respect to his religious opinions, be fully recognized and established.
A brief reference to the value and malnppropriation of this fund we deem highly important at the present time. Aboat $1,250,000$ acres of the lands have alrendy been publicly sold, but how much has been given away and wasted under the reign of the irresponsibles, noue can tell.About $£ 400,000 \mathrm{C}^{\prime} \mathrm{y}$ has been realized tiom sales and funded, yielding an annual revenue at the present time of from $£ 12,000$ to $£ 15.000$. Before the passing of the Imperial Act in 1840 the entire proceeds appear to bave been spent by the Government arbitrarily in nursing Episcopalianism, and bribing the more clamorons and unprincipled seciarian complainanis. Since the passing of that Act $£ 7,700$ is guaranteed annually to the Episcopalian Sect, and $£ 1,580$ to the Residuary Presbyterians, to the entrre exclusion of all other religious denominations (until those sums be made good from the funds) altho' they embrace perhaps nine-tenths of the whole ot our population!
The monstrous iniquity of this measure cannot well be imagined or reckoned.-Sume estumate of the cruel injustice of it may be formed however, from the following fact.-The Reserve Aet provides that the surplus revenues, after paying the favoured sects, shall be appropriated to any of the proscribed sects at the pleasure of the Governor in Council on application being made for a share by petition, In January 1848 the Government Gazette announced, for the first time since the enaetment of the law in 1840, that a surplua of $£ 1745$ had then accrued at the end of $7 \frac{1}{2}$ years to be apportioned to applicants who may have applied on or before the 1st July following. Let us attempt to gunge this act of treason against the people of this colony :-
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That is, the two privileged bodies received about $\$ 300,000$ in 8 years.
Now let us examine the share accruing to the politically proscribed denominations, were they to ask and receive it, viz.: -The Free Church -the British Wesleyans-the Baptists-the United Prestyterians-the Episcopal Methodists-the Congregationnlists-ihe Primitive Methodiste -the New Connexion Methodiste-the Bible Christians-the Lutherans -the Cbristians-the Quakers,-all Protestants, besides the Roman Catholics. None of these, with one or twe exceptions, have received a shilling of this fund since the act passed ; but were all to bow at the door of the Provincial Treasury and make supplication for a share the average to each would be $£ 1511 \mathrm{~s} 7 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{~d}$ per annum ! or $£ 12412 \mathrm{~s} 10 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{~d}$ or the 8 years ! ; or reckoning it $£ 125$, or $\$ 500$, every two of the pro-
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seribed denominations would average $\$ 1000$ !! while, as shewn above, the privileged two have received for the same period no less than $\$ 300,000$ !!! Were the numbers of each denumination compared, and the mode of reckoning cburch statistics carefully considered, the injustice of this aet would appear tentold more aggravated than is even shown by the above.
Let us refer to a few indisputable facts as to Denominational numbers. In the evidence given before a Seleet Committee of the Assembly in 1828, it was proved from the testimony of Episcopnlians themselves and others, that the number of persons in the congregations of that seet was about 1 in 100 of the population ; and that the number of communicants was only about 1 in 243. But allowing the latitude, absurdly claimed by "the lesser Babylon" in England and elsewhere, to assume all as "Churebmen" who do not affiliate with others, the proportion was reckoned to be from one-twentieth to one-tenth of the population of the Province.
It was also proved that the number of communicants among the Episconalians was only about one-nineteenth of the number in other churches, and that the Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists, and Roman Catholics, were respectively more numerous than that sect. The rapid increase of the Nonconformists in the Province, since that evidence was obtained, warrants us to assume the above proportions to hold good in 1848.
Yet with the full knowledge of those facts standing on the Records of our Parliament, did the Imperial Government in 1840, under the direction no doubt of the Bench of Bishops, devote by Aet of the British Legislature, two thirds of all the Reserves sold prier to that period, and two-sixihs of all that should be sold afterwards, to the exclusive use of the Episcopalians, whose congregations numbered but one per cent. of our population !; and, to the Residuary Presbyterians who form but a small fraction of our population, the rem ining third of the lands sold prior to 1840, and one-sixth of those which should be sold afierwards ! That is, all the Lands sold before 1840 go to the privileged sects, besides the half of all that should be sold aftervoards!! A more monstrous act of public injustice never disgraced the annals of any civilized country in the world, and any people who would calmly submit to it, deserve to be slaves. Reader, did you ever before fathom this ocean of iniquity ?
But the Rights of men are not dependent npon numbers, nor are their eivil privileges to be made dependent upon therr religious opinions. If the Episcopalian communicants were as 243 to 1 , instend of 1 to 243 of our population,-that one possesses rights which should be held sacred and inviolate: he has an inalienable right to worship God as he pleases ; and if, becanse of his religious opinions, he is deprived of nny civil benefit whatever enjoyed by others, it is a clear infraction of his rights, and he is made the victim of persecution. If so, how much indirect persecution has been emploved against Protestants a d others by the Government in past times 1 How vast is the catalogue of erimets

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chargeable against the Church and State factinn of this Province? We may regard the present Reserve Act as a kind of Religious Tariff passed by an unjust and persecuting government. The scale upon an average would stand thus: For the growth of Episcopalianism in Canada the Government give an absolute bounty of about $\$ 33,000$ a year ; for the growth of Scot tish National Presbyterianism about $\$ 7,000$ a year, and to silence the clamors of Free Churehmen, Methodists, Baptists, Seceders, Congregationalists, Roman Cntholics, and others who get nothing, but who may' be inclined to expose und resist such an ontrage against the rights, the liberties, the peace and the welfare of the country, a douceur of about $\$ 500$ a yenr is offered on an average to each of those denominations who will humble and degrade itself to petition for it ! ! ! In other words, in the Executive market, Free charehmen, Methodists, Baptists, Seceders, Congregationnlists, Roman Cotholics, and the smaller denominations are reckoned as al \$5 eachl-Scottish Residuaries at $\$ 701!$ and English Churchmen at $\$ 330!!!$ Will such atrocious injustice he tolerated for another year under a Responsible Administration ! We earnestly hope that it will not.
But now for the remedy. About two-thirds of the Reserves are yet unsold, embracing $2,500,010$ acres. The amount on hand from past sales is about $£ 4110,000$ currency: The amount which may accrue from future sales will not perhaps fall short of $£ 1,000,010$. The total amount, if funded at 6 per cent, will yield an annual revenue of about $£ 75,000$. How shall this immense income be disposed of ? Shall it be laid out under the present Law? If so, there will be $£ 61,1111 \mathrm{~s}$, devoted annually to buildng up the woutd be domınant spet-the Episcopalians ; $£ 12,962,19$ s annually to build up the Scoteh Residuaries; while the remainder, $£ 925$ 18s 9 d-would be annually reserved in create a fund to bribe and silence the proscribed denominations!!! No honest man in Canada-no true Patriot-no Christian-will, we are sure, ony longer tolerate such a monstrous violation of the civil and religious rights of his country. Justice upon this subject must be done, not only to every denom'nation of Christians, bat to every stbject of Her Majesty in the Province. The whole of the proceeds of the Reserves must be devoted to some general object in the benefits of which all will share equally and impartially. If devoted to the support of our Common Schaols, all without exception will share in the benefit of the fund: the necessity for taxing the people for the support of Education woll be greatly obviated: and the country will be relieved from one uf thc most fruit ful causes of all the sucial strife which has hitherto checked our prosperity and destroyen our peace. This remedy has often been suge'sted ; and under the reign of the Family Compaet, was often attempted by the friends of the people in Parliament but in vain. By reference to the Journals of the Legislative Assembly it will be found that no less inan five Bills had passed that House-viz., in the gears 1827, 1829, 1830, 1833, and 1835, to appropriate the Clergy Reserves to purposes of General Education, but they were invariably quashed by the Legislative Council, a body which had then no sympathy in common with the people of the country, but was the mere instrument of an irresponsible Executive. That
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gloomy era, however, of official depravity and despotism has passed away:-public opinion has at length triumpied:-the friends of liberty are now in power. Let therefore the united voice of the people demand the early and full redress of

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## THE RECTORIES.

"This Rectorial fraud is the fruit of injustice the most apparent and astounding; it " has been committed in defiance os rights the most sacred and meviolable; and it has "written its true character and teudenicy in the history of the popular commotions "it has created, and with the blood of our citizens it has shed."
Many of our readers may ask what is a Rectory 1 A Rector, in our dictionaries is described as "a Clergyman who has the care and charge of a Parish Church:"- a Rectory is "the benefice of a Rector ; the station, living, rights, and perquisites of a Rector; a Rector's House; a Parsonage." In the NationalChurch of Engiand the Rectors form severally a religious corporation, and possess peculiar ecclesiastical powers and privileges not only over all the inhabitants, but over all other teligious Tenchers within their parish. The intentions of the British Government to engraft the curse of a State Church upon all the Colones is too obvious; and it is notorious that in every one of them where there is any mersure of intelligence and spirit, there is a deadly strife raging between the Colonists and their Rulers upon this all important question. The Constitutional Aet 31st Geo. III chap. 31, it is freely admitted, gave power to the Crown to establish and endow Rectories in Upper Canada; but the people having early evinced their determined hostility to the planting of the national Upas Tree among the institutions of this young colony, the Sovereign, in answer to the remonstrances of the people, not only held his right to establish and endow Rectories in abeyance for about 50 years, but communicated an Official Message to the Lieutenant Governor that he would not take any step $n$ his matter without coneuliting our local Parliament. The following is an extract from that official Despatch from the then Colonial Secretary, Lord Goderich, to the Lieut. Governor of Upper Canada, Sir John Colborne-dated 8th Nov., 1842:
"With respect to the charge of shewing an undue preference to the Teachers of Religion belonging то тне Established Church of this country, it is so utterly at varianee with the wohole course of policy which it has been the object of my Despatches to yourself to prescribe, that I cannot pause to repel it in any formal manner. His Majesty has studiously abstained from the exercise of his undoubted prerogative of endowing literary or religions corporations UNTIL HE SHOULD OBTAIN the advice of the Representatives of the Canadian Prople for his guidance in this respect."
The above Despatch appeared when the tide of public indignation against the machinations of the Church and State party had risen nearly
to its height, and it was extensively published throughont the Provinces, and tended to calm the public mind. It appeared afterwards, however, that this document was only "a delusion and a snare." Sir John Colborne was then in communication with the Colonial Secretary as to the best mode of establishing the Rectories ; and the Despatch appeared only as "a Decoy-Duck," the more cleverly to ensnare the people. This would not have been believed had not A SECRET DESPATCH -written only five months afterwards, (6th April, 1833,) from the same Secretary to the same Governor, which accidentally came to light, opened the eyes of the Colonists to the deep and desperate treachery both of the Colonial Office and of the Provincial Government. The following document exhibits a measure of official perfidy, when compared with the other, whieh we can find no language adequate to conderm.

## Extract from the Secret Despatch.

Lord Goderich therein writes to Sir John Colborne thus: $\rightarrow$
"I have considered with great attention the observations contained in your private letter, of February 16th, and the propositions which result from them. * * I quite concur with you in thinking that the greatest benefits to thi Church of England could be derived from applying a portion, al least, of the funds under the controul of the Executive Government in the Bullding of Rectories and Churches: and, 1 could add, in prepariug, as far as may be, for profitable occupation, that moderate portion of land whieh you propose to assign in each Township or Parish for increasing the future comfort if not the complete maintenance of the Rectors!!! With this view, it appears to me that it would be most desirable to make a heginning in this salutary work, by assigning a portion of the fund for the payment of salaries (geuerally) 1 say, a portion of this sum because 1 am led to thiuk, that it voould be expedient woith a vievo to prevent jealousy, and attempts at interfering woith the territorial fund. * * some of it might, for instaice, be applied to Charches for the Presiyterians, some fur Roman Catholic chapels, and some for the Methodists-particularly that portion of them who may be in connection with the Wesleyan Methodists of this country. will have to steer a difficult esarse, and that it will require no small tact to de-
termine by what practical meaus these importaut objects cau be best obtained."

We can find no transaction bearing so exact an analogy to this foul plot against the religious liberties of the Province as the swindling of an honest countryman by two city sharpers. Under the highest professions of friendahip and honor they fleece him and escape. Sir John and Lord Goderich may be classed in the same category, for they have swindled the Canadian penple of their nost valued rights, and. as yet, have escaped. Let us compare the language of the two Despatches from the latter to the former.

## In November, 1832-He says,

In the PUBHIC Despatch,
The charge of shewing undue preference to the clergy of the Established Church of England in Canada is so scandalously untrue, that I cannot pause formally to repel that charge.

## But in his SECRET Despatch

## In April 1833-He says :-

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In November 1832.-He says-No step to establish religions corpora tions, or Rectories, will ever be taken by the Crown in Upper Canada without consulting the local Parliament.

## But in his SmCRET Despatch

In April 1833-He says, virtnally - "Sir John, you and I are playing a desperate game, -the consulting of the local Parliament is all moon-shine, and "it will require no small tact" on your part to keep us out of difficulty. My former Despotch may have lullea the suspicions of the colonists, but, to make the territorial fund doubly secure to the Engligh Church, "it would be expedient" in my opinion, tu) gild a soporific pill for the Ministers of the Sects likely to be most troublesome : that is, for instance, I would give a bribe to the Presbyte-rians-the Roman Catholics-the Methodists-but particularly to the British Wesleyans, our faithful allies!!!-This is a true type of the Colonial System when unchecked by local respon -ible institutions. Sir John, stimulated no doubt and aided by Doctor Strachan and the Compact, accomplished this unrighteous design. Fifty seven Rectories were established unknown to the parliament or the people, and in the very teeth of the Reyal pledge as given by Lord Goderich, that no act of this kind should be attempted, before obtaining the advice of the Canadian Representatives. This obbery of the public property to subserve the interests of a faction, -this foul and treacherous plot against the rights and liberties of Caanda-was not known until the Spring of 1836, after Sir John Colborne had been removed from the government of the Upper Province, or, like a crimiaal, had escaped from the officers of Justice.For this violent and traitorous infraction of the rights of a whole peoplethis deed of darkness and infamy-all concerned deserve yet to be impenched, and to be sent to a Penal Colony for life.-As if to crown the infamy of this affair, Sir John, when professedly reviewing the acts of his administration, (in the speech he delivered to the Parliament of U.C. on the 14th January, 1836, on the eve of his departure from the Province, ) makes no allusion whatever to the establishment of the Rectories, but discourses thus to our representatives:-" At this important and favour"able crisis, whether the interests of the Parent State or the earaest " wishes of the Colony be consulted, the Imperinl Government cannot " fail to deem it an essential duty to watch over and zealously protect your ingtitutions and cherish the attachignt of all classes to the Crovon!!!" This was a fitting climax to the monstrous outrage which he and others had committed ngainst half a million of peaceful and loyal subjects. It is the language of faithlessness and insincerity :- the cant and humbug of a weak, reckless, and unprincipled ruler.

Hope at length flickered in its socket when the fact concerning the Rectories became known to the country in the March or April following: Sir Francis then assumed the reins of government and drove like a madman :-the last ray of hope vanished frem the public mind :- the Rebel.
lion of 1837 followed; and the Colony was almost lost to the Empire. Statesmen shoulc learn wisdom from these melancholy facts.

The Rectories embrace about 25,000 acres of the chuicest lands in the province be ides Town and Park Lots of great value. We give one fact only in evidence of their value. The Rector of London, by permission of the present Parliambnt at its last session! actually sold the one half of his Rectory in town lots at publicauetion, and derived finm the sale of it upwards of $\mathrm{f}^{\prime} 7000 \mathrm{C}$ 'y1!!-i. e., $\$ 28,000$ of the public property were literally given over to Bishop Strachan through Parson Cronyn of London, the present incumbent of that Rectory, by a sheer oversight and blunder of our R-presentatives,-under what stipulation, if any, we know not. This fact is sufficient of itself to open the eyes of the people, and to arouse every upright mind to exert all possible and moral means 10 arrest the progress of this base and iniquitous design to thrust a State Church with all its demoralizing influences, upon the people of this rising Colony.-Let the country therefore sustain the hands of their friends in power, in demanding redress of this mighty wrong, by getting up petitions from every locality, numerously signed, ond let the demand
 ceeds when sold be applied to Educational or other general purposes; and that, the Clergy of the Esglish Church, as far as support from the civil government is concerned, be put upon the same footing with the Ministers of all other denominations-that is, let all be lefi as they ought to be to the support of their respective churches or congregations. The adoption of this wise and most equitable principle, will not only allay the present hostile spirit between the favored and proscribed denominations, but it will promote the purity and usefulness of the churches themselves, and will relieve the administration from the embarrassment invariably eonsequent upon the meeting of Sectarian demands upon the revenue of the country. It will remove the root of the evil.
Thefbiends of Reform now demand full Justice at the hands of their friends in power-upon this

Question of Questions.
The twenty-fife years Warfor Religiues Liberty
MUST NOW BE BROUGH't TO A CLOSE
by an honorable peace.
The Executive wants to know what is public opinion now upon those questions.

> A meeting of the friends of religious equality should, therefore, be held in every township in the Province ; the whole should be laid out in divisions; a Secretary and Treasurer should be appointed; a eommittee of active, intelligent men should be chosen to visit every setilez with petitions, to both Houses of Parliament, for signature; names obtained should all be returned to the Secretary on a given day; the number of names should then be counted, and the whole should be appended to one written petition, having five or six names on the same sheet, to form eithes a Township petition, or part of a largepetition from the County, Ridiug, or Distriet.

If you want justice, only ask for it,
P. S.-Printed forms of Petitions may be had gratuitously at tha Examiner Office.

## THE POPES.

There is a striking contrast between the present Pepe, and his predeeessor, Gregory, who, as already stated, never attempted to ameliorate the condition of his subjects. His life was spent in inactivity and self. indulgence. After his death, there were found in his palace, no less than ucelve thousand bottles of choice wines, which were sold by order of his more abstemious successor, Pius IX, and the money received for the sales given to the poor.

An amosing caricature and dialogue were got up in Rome. after the death of Gregory representing St. Peter and Gregory going to Paradise. The journey being hard and tedious, for an aged man like the Pope, he complaned to St. Peter in this manner:
"How is it St. Peter, that our journey is so long? I did not know that Paradise woss so far from the Vatican." Saint Peter replied :-
"If you had uilowed the construction of Railways and Steamers in your State, we should have arrived long ago. But now you must stop awhile in purgatory!"

After having remained some months in purgatory, where he met his friend O'Connell, (so the story goes,) Gregory set out with St. Peter again on his eternal journey. Coming in view of Paradise, the Pope asked St. Peter why the angels and bis late predecessors in the Papal Chair did not come out to meet him ?
"Dear Gregory," replied St. Peter, "as for the Popes, there are few of them in heaven, and the news of your death his not yet reached them, as it would have done, if you had established telegraphs, and granted freerlom of the press,"
When the Saint and Pope arrived at the gate of Paradise, St. Peter asked Gregory for his key, which, afier some time the Pope found, and handed to him; but it proved to be the key of his wine cellar!

## THE SAFETY VALVE OF WISE GOVERNMENTS.

Reform.-All governments and societies of men do, in proeess of long time, gather an irregularity, and wear away much of their primitive institution. And therefore, the true wisdom of all ages bath been, to review at fit periods those errors, defects or excesses, that have insensibly crept into the public adminiatraticn; to brush the dust off the wheels, and oil them again, or, if it be found advisable, to choose a set of new ones. And this reformation is most easily, and with least disfurbance, to be effected by the society itself, no single men being forbidden by any magistrate to amend their own manners, and much more, all societies having the liberty to bring themselves within compass. Marcell.

Public Opinion.-When a nation ehanges its opinion and habit of thinking, it is no longer to be governed as before ; bit it wauld not only be wrong, but bad policy, to attempt by force what ought to be accomplished hy reason. Rebellion consists in forcibly opposing the general

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will of a nation, whether by a party or by a government.* There ought, therefore, to be in every nation, a muthod of oceqsionally ascertaining the state of public opinion with respeet to government.-Erskine's Speeeches.

* Upon the opinion of this eminent Jurist, the Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada-the Colonial Secretary of 1835, and all their confederates, engaged in the Restorial outrage against the general will of the perple of this frovince, were guiley of rebellion, while Lount and Matthews were comparatively innocent men, of whom it may justly be said, "they were MURDERED aucording to law."
"It is far more diffeult to maintain liberty than to acquire it. It may be gained by a momentary elevation, by the power of transient enthusiasm ; but it can be maintained only by constant exertion, virtue, uarmeny, vigilence, and the hard victory over selfishuess."-Rottech.


## MASTER AND SERVANT.

The Act te regollate the duties between Master and Serwant an Upper Canada, passed in 1847, was intended to supply a grievous want, and te promote, by a definition of duties the general interests of society. It enacts that verbal as well as written agreements between master and servants or laborers, for the performance of duties, are binding, provided the verbal agreement shall not exceed one year. Persens having entered upon service, who refuse to go to work, lenve the employ, or dirobey the commands of those they have engaged to serve, or their represeatatives, or injure the property of their employers committed to their care, are liable to punishment by one or more Justices of the Peace, by fine or imprisonment. The Act provides for the regula tion of taverns and lodging houses, in connectuon with servarts: and declares, that any tavern keeper persuading laborers to confederate to secure thigh wages, shall be deprived of bis license, and liable to be fined : and any boarding honee keeper guily of a like offence, shall be subject to fine or imprisonment. Tavern and boarding house keepers have no power to detain the wearing apparel of any servant or laborer in pledge for any expenses incurred, for an amount exceeding 30s-upon tender of, which sum, or any less sum due, they must be given up. This provision does not apply to olher property of the servant. informations of contravention of the provisions of the Act, must he taken on oath by one or more Justices of the Peace, who are empowered to punish by fine or imprisonment, and costs; such fines to be applied to the purposes of the District, Town, or City, and ant to exceed in amount £5, or in duration one month, and not be less than onc day. Should a fine be inflicted, and remain unpaid. the offender may be commitied for the time limited by the conviction. For the summary punishment of offences, it is furiher provided that parties committing breaches of this Aet, may be punished in any District in which they may be found.

The servant is protected by a provision, giving the Justices power, where there has been neglect or ill usage on the patt of the employer, to
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summon him before them; when, on proof of the truth of such statement, they may discharge the servant from his bond, direct the payment of his wages, (not exceeding the sum of $£ 10$,) with custs ; and in defrult of payment within twenty-one days, issue a distress warrant for the amount, together with the costs consequent thereon. An appeal is allowed to the Quarter Sessions. The Act is made to apply to both the singular and plural number, and bodies politic and corporate, as well as to the masculine and feminine genders.-(Canadian Almanack.)

## THE GREAT ANCHOR OF SECTARIANISM.

 Or, the fallacy of putting Church Property, or Trustees, under the power of Church Courts.An Anchur is an invalunbie appendage to a vessel when used wisely and in season ; but to have it dragging at the end of its chain cable when at sea and when the ship is undersail would be extreme folly. Were church couts infallible there would be wisdom in stereotyping their schemes and handing them down as a model and rule, or as an anchor to future generations ; but as all human things are admitted to be imperfect, yet in a state of progression, it is extreme folly, if not highly sinitul, to put any stumbling-block in the way of the mental and moral progress of the world. This is done however when we attempt to anchor the soul to any human standard of faith or of government instead of encouraging it to explore with an elevated eye-with unwearied patience-and with child-like submission-the high Standard of Henven-the living oracles of God-given to be a light to the feet and a lamp to the patb-and a rule of judgment to every individual. There should be no moral anchorage of this kind on earth. We should follow the convietions of our minds, but should not make them a Standard for others. We should steer our course by the compass of the Bible alone : the Anchor of the Christian is "within the vail" where all is perfection.
Why is it then that Diocesan Bishops, Synods, and Conferenceswhich all differ widely from each other-assume the perfection of their respective schemes, and want to hand them down stereotyped, as heirlooms to future generations? Ministerial power is sulserved by it; the interests of sectarianism are subserved by it: but the couse of truth and of righteousness languishes and suffers under it. - Why is it also, that all ecclesiastical Rulers, connected with Church Courrs, so earnestly desire control over the real estate and buildings belonging to the body $?$ It is to bind the people to the system of church government they have framed, and to prevent their advancing one iota beyond it. Thus it is that religious slavery bas been established, and that sectarian barriers have been raised up between the children of God from age to age. Is this folly to continue forever? We ask the friends of Christ, will there be any sectarian differences in heaven? Does Christ want them to exist here? Does the grasping at the property of the eongregations by religious teachors tend most to the unity and power of the whole Christian family on earth, or to the unity and aggrandizement and power of the religious teachorrg of Sects? The past historg of the church, broken and crusbed by it,
answers the sad interrogatory. Are Church Courts to be deemed infal. lible in this age of light? Are the members of Cbristian congregations so strangely ignorant as to be unable to manage their secular affairs ! or so unprincipled as not to be entrusted with the management of their church property? Shall the people forever remain in leading-strings to Priests 1 Any congregation guilty of the folly of placing their charchproperty or church Trustees under the control of any Chureh Court whatever, not only impair ministerial usefulness, consent to their own degradation and bondage, but by strengthening the walls of sectarian divisions prevent the attainmeat of that Christian unity which is so essential to the conversion of the world.
The present Free Church scheme (well-intentioned we have no doubt) will most thoroughly enslave the people to the Church Courts. We have carefully examined the Model Died, and find that it makes the Trustees, altho' chosen by the people, the mere instruments of the Synod (read the 10 th proviso). Provision is made indeed for a division of property when one third of the Ministers secede (and then only if they cleave to the established and assumed iniallible system) but no provision is made for any division whatever if the People and Elders, aside from the Ministers, should make a secession and cleave to the New Testament. And this is gravely suggested by the professed friends of Bible truth in the year of grace 1848 !
Let the People beware of siging Deeds to the Church Courts: The Clergy Reserve Question is yet unsettled.
And let Freechurchmen especially remember that the Synod has assumed a very equivocal position regarding it-refusing to co operate with the friends of civil and religoous equality in obtaining a righteous settlement of this vexatious question agreeably to the oft.-repeated desires of the country. It resolved indeed, at its last meeting, to decline receiving government grants "under (the then) present circumstances": perhaps when the new Deeds shall have been signed and placed in the archives of the Court, the "circumstances" favorable for an oppeal to government for a share of the Reserves may then appear to hnvearrived. The members of the Synod may remember however with profit, that the Jews who escaped out of Egypt afier all perished in the wilderness for their faithlessness: The Voluntary Purse and the Real Estate in the hands of the people, are the best guarantee "under present circumstances" for ministerial fidelity. Knox's Charch, Torouto, has taken a noble stand upon this question, and has vetoed the Sustentation Scheme.
Let all use the Purse and Estate with Wisdom and Prudercg.

## THE MINISTER AND THE CANADIAN FARMER.

The sin of discountenancing the study of the Scriptures cannot be laid wholly at the door of the Romish Priesta. In a township not twenty miles from Toronto, one of the Residuary Ministers of the Kirk of Scotland, in the year of our Lord 1848, solemnly urged upon an intelligent and pious Farmer not to make the Word of God his study, for, be said, as he did not understand the original Greek, he might do himself
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serious injury by it! He allowed that he might read it in his family morning and evening with advantuge, but that, he should net make it his stuly!! The good man told him he thought the counsel of his Divine Master better than his-which is, "Search the Scriptures"; and that he was further encouraged in this duty by the commendation bestowed upon the Bereans becnuse they "searched the Scriptures daily"whether what Paul and others tanght about the Messiah was true. The good man preferred "the sincere milk of the Word" to the sincere but often erroneous opisions of good men found in, sectarian confersions of Faith.

## THE RUIN OF ALL STATE RELIGION IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING. <br> " And the Cities of the Nations fell." Rev. XVI. 19.

The British Church Establishment. - "With regard to matera ecclesiastical, every new move in sociely is only giving more promiuence to the anomalous position of our Established Churches. The Church of England is hardly the church of the majrity even in Englaad. In Wales, it is not that of a ty the of the people! The Church case in Irelnnd all things considered, is even worse ; and what is still called the National Church in Scotland, is the Church of a vestige merely from the general population of the country. Europe will cease ere long to retnin a single institution based on anything like this amount of social injust ce."-British Quar. Reriew.
The Scotch Establishment Commandid to keep Easter.-It will be seen from the London Gazette that an order has been issued by the Queen to our Established clergy, commanding them to offer up prayers for public peace, on Friday, the 21st of April, 1848, and the four Sabbaths following. We are not quite sure that the got ernment is serious, and yet the mistake if it be one, is unnccountable ; but we have no doubt that if they are serious, and will make a point of it, the alternative being put, "Easter or no stipend," the mass of the Established Church, and especially of the renegades, will at once succumb. This matter may be put to the lest sooner than many people suppose; as the abstract right of the civil power has now been clearly conceded by ail who remain in the Establ shment.-Scotsman.
Church and State in Scotland.-Edinburgh was the scene of a transaction last summer which has shaken all Scotland, and is rapidly hastening the dissolution of the unholy alliance of Church and State. The 16 Residuary Priests in that city, with 18 churehes and almost empty seate, swindle by law $£ 21,000$ Sterling, or $\$ 100,000$ annually from the pu'llic by a tnx. The penple will no longer pay this impost, and their goods and chattela are now seized and sold at Auction. About 15,000 persons collected at one of those Auctions :- no one could be found to buy:-an Anetioneer and buyer were brought from Glas-gow:-they were rough handed by on infuriated populace:-and the Police, the Infantry, and the Dragoons were called nut to aid the Clergy in enmpleting this monstrous pobbery! Gne of the Magistrates, also of the city. an upright religious man,-Baillie Stotts, -who peacefully resisted the payment of the unholy impost, was actuallv sent by the Erastian Priests to Prison!!! "How long! O God How long!"

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shall the religion of Jesus be thus prostituted to subserve the interesis of the wicked one ?-Until knoooledge prevails.
An Anti-State Cburch Association bas been formed at Edinburgh. At its primary public meeting, the venerable Dr. Brown presided, and at the close of his address, uttered the following sentiments; "I concur with the sentiment of our most enlightened and most influential friend now at Rome, and who during his sojourn on the continent, has been actively engaged in supporting it-' Our business is not so much to separate Church and State-God himself is also separating them -but it is our work, and an imporiant one, to prepare the minds of those around us for the completion of that separation which has already commenced."
Church and State in Ineland :-Proposed endooments of the Irish Catholic Church.-A lew days since we announced that the Government had offered either to confiscate the temporalities of the Established Church. or to endow the Romish priesthood, provided the Romish Bish ops consented in return to quiet the repeal agitation. The following ex tract from the Freeman's Journal confirms the intelligence which was thus first published in the Dublin Evening Herald. The Freeman's Journul, it will be recollected, is the accredited organ of the Romish Church:-"It is notorious that the minister would bave sacrificed the Est blishment this very year could he thereby bave bought off the Irish people from repeal. The bid was made, and rjected. Let the Protestants of Ireland be assured of this. It is a fact. The next bid will be the endowment of the Catholic Church. That also will be rejected." Dublin Evening Herald.-The failure of the attempt at rebellion in Ireland has elicited the true character of the Romish Priesthood. Bishops nnd Priests fanned the embers of revolt and then, alter involving thousands in it, they deserted the people and began to preach submission, when they saw it would not succeed. The people by this have had their eyes opened; and the power of the Priests is sinking every day. The government, seeing this, offer to give them support from the public chest, upon this condition. as Lord Stanley stated in the last Session of the British Parliament, viz., that they will become A Government Police, and will guarantee the subjugation of the starving masses. This will no doubt be done at an early day. This, dear reader, is the Church and State principle voithout disguise. This is the fruit of "the Breakwater" which Dr. Robert Burns, of Toronto, says the church of Eng-land-"the daughter of the lesser Babylon"-sets up against the prevalence of Popery and Infidelity! When will the blind Pharisees of the State learn the meaning of the language-" My Kingdom is not of this woorld ?" Is the experience of the church for 1260 yeare not sufficient to opentheir eyes ?

## CHRONOLOGICAL SCRAPS.

-1. -The Athanasian Creed mnnutiactured to enenare sorts. A. D. $34{ }^{4}$ 2.-The Pope clained supremary over Emperors, A. D. 606-bis authority abolighed in England, 1533. Lost all political influence in Ewepor, in 1787.

## DISAPPEARANCE OF FIXED STARS.

More than thirteen stars, it is said, have disappeared within the last two centuries. One of these presented such a brilliant appearance for about sixteen months as to be visible to the naked eye at midday. La Place, the astronomer, supposed it was burning up, as it has never been seen since. Our own world-a very small star in the heavens-hastens on to its burning destiny every day. - "The heavens and the earth which "are now (by the word of God) are kppt in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungedly men."-( 2 Peter, III. 7.) Reader! are you daily preparing for the solemn seenes of the last judgment? Are you submitting your heart daily to the light of God's word? Are you obeying the commands of Christ, who is now your Saviour, and will at last be your Judge? Eternal happiness or loses depends upon the character you form in this world? To be like Jesus to be like God: to be holy is to be happy, whether in life, at death, of in oternity.

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    There is no man who planted a single tree in his youth，which lives and thrives，but looks back to that act of his youth with pride and self－gratulation；and there is lrandly one such that does not regret that he had ant planted more．

