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It is the state of things in Spain or in Austria more favorable than in Italy; in fact it is less so. While in Portugal according to the Penal Code, promulgated on the 10th of December, 1852, the "celebrating of public acts of worship not of the Catholic religion," is punishable with imprisonment of from one to three years, and by a fine proportioned to the income of the transgressor of the law! It is obvious that a protestant church or chapel, even for foreigners could not be opened in the Portuguese dominions since this law went into effect, without incurring the most serious risk. And all this done in the middle of the nineteenth century, and by a nation which owes its very existence at this day to Protestant England!

American Protestants are exposed to insult and serious maltreatment in Mexico, Central America, all South America, Cuba, Porto Rico, Spain and Portugal nearly all of Italy and Austria, it when they meet a procession, with a priest at its head, carrying the "Host," they do not render what are there considered to be acts of adoration, but which they conscientiously deem to be idolatrous and contrary to the Word of God. Every year the truth of this assertion is confirmed, by disgraceful outrages, in word or deed, perpetrated in those countries.

As to the burial of their dead. American Protestants find very serious difficulties in several of the countries just named. Until very recently—not so we are sure that it is not still—they would have been compelled to carry the bodies of their deceased friends from Madrid, the capital of Spain, to Malaga, Gibraltar, or Lisbon, to find a burial for them. English Protestants were subject to the same shameful indignities.

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the right of English Protestants, not merely to have at Madrid a cemetery, (which at length they are permitted to possess,) but also to have the bodies of their deceased friends carried to the grave in a house, and proper religious ceremonies performed in the cemetery, at the interment. There is a report that he has succeeded, but we are not sure of it.

In many places in Italy, American Protestants are subject to much inconvenience in being required to bury their dead at very unreasonable hours. In some countries, through fear of violence, they are compelled to bury their dead in a stealthy manner, and almost as unceremoniously as they would a brute beast.

In a few years ago, a highly respectable American merchant was compelled to dig a grave with his own hands in an obscure spot, near one of the cities of Cuba, at the hour of midnight, for the burial of his beloved wife, whom he had taken to that island for the restoration of her health. By the influence of much persuasion he succeeded in getting some assistance in his mournful enterprise from one or two negroes, who were in great fear all the while for their lives, lest it should become known that he had assisted at the burial of a heretic!

After reading these facts does it not strike you as something strange that so intolerant a tyrant as the Pope should ask for his subjects even ordinary protection? But, not satisfied with such protection as others enjoy, he asks that it be extended, so far as his subjects are concerned and that they be shielded at all times by executive power and authority.—*To the Pope's letter to President Pierce.*

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This gentleman has been delivering several lectures in this country within a few days purporting to be on the subject of temperance, but, if the information we have received be correct, they might as well be called by any other name. We have conversed with persons from different places and there is but one opinion among the real friends of the cause, and that is that he has done it more harm than good. Some go so far as to say that if the rum interest wished to employ a lecturer they could not do better than to employ Mr. Hull.

In connection with a few good things bearing on the temperance question he mixes up so many low and vulgar anecdotes and so much personal abuse that he disgusts the true friends of the cause, and drives away many that were rallying around it.

We heard but a part of his lecture here last Monday evening. If the part we did not hear was of a piece with what we heard, we coincide with the views of our friends from the Country.

The attack upon President Locke, who was at home watching a bereaved and afflicted family, and upon Rev. Mr. Eddy who is too feeble in health to reply even if he would deign to reply to scurrilous from such a quarter, was uncalculated for as it was ungenerous and ungentlemanly. Mr. Locke is a stranger in this valley, and has had but little opportunity to take an active part in the temperance movement owing to pressing professional duties, and family affliction and bereavement; and we hesitate not to say that none but a base man and an enemy to the temperance cause, could indulge in such vituperation against such a man. To show the depth of his malignity he is not content to stab Mr. Locke, in his absence, but pursues the institution over which he presides.

We have less sympathy for Mr. Eddy. He is known in this community and his views and services are known, and though he is apparently on the verge of the grave it will be difficult for Mr. Hull to make an impression that will injure him. The very prompt manner in which he made Mr. Hull take back his charges against Mr. Locke shows that, feeble as he is, he is not afraid even of M. R. Hull. The ungenerous and ungentlemanly fling at John Wynn, Esq., and at Geo. Holland, can do those men no harm, although parental love enough to stem public opinion and aid in putting down these death traps. They have not time, forsooth. They wish to amass a few more dimes for their prodigal sons or sons-in-law to spend in drinking and gambling houses of the town, yet they have not parental love enough to stem public opinion and aid in putting down these death traps. They have not time, forsooth. 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