

assassination of the unfortunate General Gordon, gave
fury and fury to the whole of the Whig party, who though
absent from the field, were yet masters of the
field; but the party, unshaken in power by
Orangeism. Therefore we thank Orangeism
for its conduct. But when it is known in what
equivocal position it is of the country by the
Whigs as well. On this view the body now
and here forth resolute to do their duty to
Mr. Milner are reduced to their present
miserable condition. Therefore the Whigs are
safe in playing every possible game to
weaken the Orange Order; in which all their
brotherhoods and all their kindred efforts
will pass by Orangeism; and the Whigs will
wield their weapons with more violence than
either a political party have yet manifested.
Orangeism to listen to the croaking and raw-
head, and bloody-bones stories of party agita-
tors or fqualifying spotmen. We have the
power, and it is our policy to reduce all
men to their proper status in the community.
A large and more potent public opinion stands
at our back than all the combined strength
which demoralised politicians and party spo-
liamen can muster at their call. How then,
with the path of duty, safety and success so
clearly marked out before us, can we entertain
the shadow of a doubt about the future? What-
ever may be the consequences to Tories or Radicals,
Orangeism will go on in the course
that it has adopted, and will be amply sus-
tained by the vote and voice of the country at
large. And most sincerely do I assure the
politicians of the day that fine promises and
glittering generalities in election addresses
will not satisfy the Orangemen of this land.
The Order is now awake to its superlative
majesty, and will not therefore be quieted with
rosewater talk and lavender promises. We
know that a glorious future is before our Order
and we are determined to be true to ourselves.

Our hearts beat high at the thought of the
mild but piercing radiance of glorious light
now glimmering visibly along all the borders
of our dear country. The thick clouds are
edged white, and seem, after a long night, to
be stirring on the mountain side, as if to col-
lect themselves for rolling up and opening
the valleys to the day. Beautiful is the com-
ing of the Orange Millennium.

Orangeism does not go forth against Roman-
ism, as did the crusaders, clad in visible armor
and bearing a sword of steel.

The Order steps gently like the dawn of day,
its only weapons are the shafts of light; it is
arrayed in a garment of union and love, and
has for a helmet the hope of truth. Thus
clothed and marching, the Orange institution
is destined to a glorious future.

A vote of the House of Commons in 1826
failed to extinguish the Orange Institution;
although the majority of its more prominent
leaders concurred in endeavoring to achieve
that end. In plain simple truth, the Orange
Institution must, from the force and neces-
sity of circumstances, continue to exist until

new dispensations regulate it, or until
doubts on its organization become so
acute as to render it incapable of carrying
on its functions. The conduct of our
Orange Society shows by other methods
that the Order will still remain
as it is now. The conduct of our
various districts presents no like "history"
to those of the Orange Order
in America; and the history and story tell in an
inevitable way to millions of Britons
of organizations which have been
so much to society beneficial, that
cannot be easily abandoned.

It is evident that the Order
of Orange has a history; in some
it has none; and whatever becomes
of the name, or the organization, the British
Government cannot be successfully adminis-
tered without the aid of its principles, which
have been enforced and illustrated by elo-
quence, zeal, self-sacrifice and blood, which
will embalm them forever. Orangeism
stands as an organized body to watch the
course of events and the current of public
opinion, and to take advantage of the signs
of the times for the safety of the Empire
and of the true religion. The Order is an instru-
mentality by and through which the opinions
and voices of Protestant Loyalists, may be
communicated to the public. The office of
collecting and giving currency to good
thoughts is an humble one, though useful.
The Orange Society has ever occupied this
position. And though the order has existed
for centuries, there is not manifest a single
sign of senility and decay.

The future depends to an inconceivable
extent on the Order's distinct separation from
both the great political parties of the Empire.
If it becomes a machine in the hands of
either, it will be lost in Conservatism or in
Reformism. Let it keep aloof from both and
it will still live and operate on both. I am
fully convinced that it would be most unad-
visable to discontinue or tamper with Orange-
ism.

And notwithstanding appearances, I do not
apprehend that any serious designs are enter-
tained by the Government, in that direction.
Besides the signal antiquity of the Order,
which would clearly give to its abolition all
the risks of an untried experiment, the char-
acter of weight and authority with which it
is invested have a tendency to secure consider-
ation for matters effecting the interests of
Protestant loyalty.

It is impossible for an Order, so aged and
so respectable, to speak without attention being
excited and riveted. In all that has illus-
trated our chequered but not inglorious past,
the eye of Protestantism has been upon us.
And in all that, I trust, will adorn
our prosperous and brilliant future, the
people of Britain will sympathize with us.
Then all hail our glorious Orde