

ORANGEISM IN ULSTER

To the Editor of the Dublin Evening Post.

BELFAST, 6th September.

SIR:—In justice to my own feelings, as well as to those of a respected friend, I consider myself bound to publish a series of facts which, I regret to say, casts deep disgrace upon the populace, the gentry, and the Magistracy of the counties of Armagh and Antrim, and I believe, more or less, upon the people of Ulster at large.

Professing, as I do, the Protestant religion, and entertaining Conservative opinions—such, however, as I hope will never induce me to insult a man of opposite opinions; I really did think that two inoffensive persons might with perfect freedom and safety, walk through all parts of the "Protestant" province of Ulster, notwithstanding what has appeared in anti-Conservative papers to the contrary. I have had strong proofs of the fallacy of this opinion. They are briefly these:—

Having felt a desire to see Belfast, or as it is called, the "Athens of Ireland," I left Dublin on Thursday last, in company with a Catholic friend, who was actuated by a similar desire, in the coach, and stopped at Newry. From thence, the following afternoon, we resolved to walk leisurely to the town of Dromore, where we were to pass the night. This mode of travelling was adopted with a view to see the country as well as for the sake of exercise. Shortly after leaving Newry, our attention was attracted to the oft repeated words chalked on the walls along the road—"No Popery," and "To Hell with the Pope," the latter appearing to be the favourite sentiment, if we were to judge from its more frequent repetition. I must confess I felt deep pain at the wicked bigotry exhibited in such a way as I had no alternative but either to denounce the ruffians who were parties to it, or insult my friend by defending them. Pass the subject by I could not. Fortunately that gentleman possessed too much good sense to allow me to dwell upon the subject, and beyond a few brief expressions, it was no more alluded to. On we walked, chattering gaily on every topic that came uppermost in our minds, and, it being about eight o'clock in the evening when we arrived within about three miles of Dromore, a ruffian-looking fellow met us on the road, and deliberately stopping us, exclaimed, "to Hell with the Pope." We made no response, and passed on without any expression of approbation, or the contrary. We had not proceeded more than one hundred yards after this scene, when we were assailed from behind from the hedges, on the right and left sides of the road, by a shower of stones, many of them, probably, three pounds weight. We could not see our assailants, as darkness was setting in, which was fortunate, as it prevented them from taking a clear aim. Then, by increasing our speed, we were enabled to escape this extraordinary ambushade. Having arrived safely at Dromore, and taken up our lodgings for the night at a hotel there, I could not help stating to "mine host" the gross treatment we had just received—in fact the danger we had escaped. The proprietor of that establishment expressed no wonder at the tale, and thus accounted for it:—"The fact is, gentlemen," said he, "this is the most Protestant part of Ireland—the people who pelted you, thought you were Catholics from the

color of your coats." This at first appeared a strange conclusion—but my friend being attired in a light colored zephyr coat, and I wearing a straw hat, were supposed to be peasants, and accordingly Catholics—the worthies not taking any trouble to penetrate the gloom of night so as to strengthen their opinion in the matter. Our host coolly informed us that on the previous Sunday (the 27th August,) six poor reapers, passing by the same place on their way to Scotland, were set upon and dreadfully beaten, two being most grievously wounded—their crime being the same as mine, that they did not respond to the challenge, "To hell with the Pope." I have here given you a simple detail of facts, and I shall conclude by observing that I do not believe in the most thoroughly Catholic, or the most disturbed part of this country, would two inoffensive travellers—gentlemen, at least, in appearance, demeanor, and conduct—be treated as we were, and as all may expect to be treated who approach the bigoted and ill-governed country between Newry and Dromore.

I remain, Sir, respectfully yours,
A CONSERVATIVE PROTESTANT.

[The above is a sample with what Christian feelings our Orangemen are every where actuated, and what we might expect in the Canadas were their blood-thirsting party to prevail. How charitable, how edifying, how evangelical the cry—"To Hell with the Pope." Was ever war whoop of the fiercest Indians more barbarously savage than that of the Dutch deliverer's worshippers?—Ed.]

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