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Since we issued the last number of the *ORANGE LILY*, we have received the most flattering assurances of encouragement from our Brethren; and we beg leave now to assure our friends that in future, they will have no cause to complain of any irregularity in the publication of our paper. In order that we may be able to do as we would wish, and to make the *LILY* every way worthy of being the organ of the Orange Body in America, we look for the continued and warm co-operation of our Brethren. We call upon the Masters of Orange Lodges throughout the country to exercise their official influence in endeavoring to increase the circulation of the *Lily*, by commending it to the attention of their Brethren, and impressing upon them the necessity of being prompt and regular in complying with our terms. The annual subscription to the *LILY* is small. We made it so, with the view of enabling every one desirous of subscribing, to do so; and our subscription list at present, bears ample testimony to the fact, that the cause we advocate has no lack of zealous supporters in Canada; so that we may now assert without any fear of contradiction, that the *Orange Lily* has found its way into localities and families where other papers, less marked by name and character, have failed. It has not been found too exclusive in name, or too uncompromising in principle for those to whom we address ourselves. It has been found out by Protestants of every branch of the Christian Church, from what we have advanced, to the best of our abilities, from time to time, that Orangeism and Protestantism are one and the same thing; and we rejoice to state that we have the names of many good and loyal Protestants on our subscription lists, men who are neither afraid, nor ashamed, to take, pay for, and read the *Orange Lily*—worthy men, many, very many of whom, we are firmly convinced, will ere long become respected and efficient members of our Association. These men are not Orangemen in name and profession; yet they are the friends of Truth, and we hail them as Brethren of the same faith, though not so distinctly characterized, as those with whom we meet, and “take sweet counsel together” in the Lodge-room: still, as Protestants, they feel themselves identified with our cause, and as Protestants they lend their aid in disseminating the principles of religion and Truth.

THE *LILY* has been hailed by the Brethren in all parts of Canada as a publication long expected and long required, and it has been, and we trust will be patronized accordingly. Every Association, and particularly the Orange Association, requires an organ of the Press, thro’ which the views, wants, and the wishes of the fraternity can be expressed fearlessly, and firmly—such, the *Orange Lily* professes to be; and through evil and good report, according to the spirit which animated us at the

outset of our career, we shall always be proud to stand forth as the Advocate of Protestant Truth, and the unswerving champion of the Orange Institution. The consequences we are not afraid of—we are willing and prepared to stand or fall by the truly Protestant principles of Orangeism, and so long as we have a hand to wield a pen, that pen shall be engaged in the cause of Truth; and while we have a voice left us, we will shout “No Surrender!!!”

For many reasons, known to our readers, an Orange paper has been long required in this country. To expose and refute the slanders and calumnies of the Popish enemies of the cause, such a publication was necessary—to soften down and remove the unfounded prejudices of those who should be our friends it was required; and we are happy to say that results can bear testimony to the fact that the *Lily* has borne its part in the good and glorious work assigned it.

Another reason why the Orangemen of this country should have a paper devoted to their interests as a body is, the depressing and retarding idea that Orangeism has something connected with it that will not bear the light of public opinion—that it is an Association banded together for purposes inimical to the interests of those without its pale. By no means can such a false and slanderous idea be exploded than through the columns of an organ devoted to the cause. So far as our humble abilities would allow, we have at all times endeavored to pursue such a course as, in our opinion, would tend most to advance the best interests of the Institution; and the fact that we have met with the approbation of the vast majority of our Brethren, thus far, is a sufficient guarantee that we have acted right.

There is nothing in the principles or working of Orangeism that will not bear the test of scrutiny and minute examination—nothing that any Orangemen should be ashamed of; and we confess ourselves completely at a loss to discover why any really conscientious Orangeman should shrink from letting the world know that he is identified with the principles he has sworn to support and defend. So far as we are personally concerned, we must say that we always, since we joined the Society, considered it an honor to be an Orangeman. We are free to acknowledge that there was a time when we had our prejudices—unfounded as they were—against the Association. We had no opportunity then of becoming acquainted with the principles of the Society, and its noble objects, and like many others, we judged the Institution, not by the conduct of its exemplary members, but by the thoughtless actions of some few of those who bear the name of Orangemen only to bring the fraternity into disrepute. The time we speak of is past. We have studied the nature of Orangeism, and found it to be worthy of our warmest support and most energetic advocacy; and we sincerely hope the day will never come, that we shall either be ashamed or afraid to avow our adherence to its principles. The Orange Association is composed of an

honorable and influential body of men. Its principles are glorious and ennobling—its objects are pure and patriotic; and to be an Orangeman in the present day, is, to be a man from whom is expected all that is recognized as constituting a good member of society, a loyal man, and a lover of civil and religious liberty. We are not ashamed then, to revere the memory of William III, as our great deliverer—we are not ashamed to avow, as publicly as may be, our adherence to Protestant principles—we are not ashamed to acknowledge the Orange name—nor afraid to declare enmity to superstition and idolatry, and war with the errors of Popery. Through good and ill, in light and darkness, we shall endeavor always to keep principle in the ascendant, and whether it advances our temporal interests or not, we shall in public and in private, adhere to the Orange Flag, and advocate the Protestant cause.

“*Meddle not with them that are given to change.*”

The above significant Scriptural quotation, bears expressly upon those who are agitating to effect an unconstitutional change in the Government of a country. The solemn advice, to Fear the Lord and the King, or the Sovereign, and to have nothing to do with those that are given to change, we consider as especially directed to Orangemen; and at no period of our colonial history did this command demand so imperatively their attention, as it does at present. The agents and emissaries of Republicanism are prosecuting their seductive and corrupting trade in every part of Canada. The base and traitorous hirings of democracy are venting their poisonous dogmas, and polluting our British atmosphere with the breath of political pestilence; and it well becomes loyal Orangemen to remember their faith and their duty, and arouse themselves to action in order that they may overturn and annihilate the wicked machinations of the enemies of their country and their creed. In such a state of things, it behoves Orangemen, as the friends of monarchy—and the advocates of Scriptural Institutions, to stand aloof from the scattered and motley crew of degenerate traitors who are endeavoring, through the corrupt agency of the most base and deceitful means to disseminate principles inimical to the existence of those time-honored Institutions which have made the British Empire what she is, the Queen of nations! We refer to the Annexation movement, which was first generated in the mind of some discontented Yankee, and has since met with its support from the American portion of our population. It is said, and we believe it to be truth, that some of the turncoat Annexation organs in Canada, are receiving support from New York, from the fund that was raised in that city to aid the Irish rebels in 1848. This is most certainly a characteristic and appropriate mode of applying the money subscribed by an unscrupulous people to assist the Pike-men and incendiaries of Ireland in their fruitless attempt to overthrow British influence, and extirpate the Protestant religion in that