

For the Orangeman holds to no party or sect.*
 In church or in state; for most faiths alike fit
 His liberal mind. He's Conservative, Grit;
 Presbyterian, or Baptist, or High or Low Church,
 Or disciple of Wesley; for vainly we search
 For a creed of cast iron to cripple his soul,
 His being a faith that embraces the whole,
 So broad and elastic all find enough space,
 While there still may be room for the growth of the race.

Brave leader, brave men, may your valorous deed
 Live and burn in our hearts, till humanity freed
 From the whip of the Priest, we may look in the face
 Every problem of thought—the co-heirs with the race
 Of freedom unstinted—of all things on this earth
 The lordliest, richest, the best boon of our birth,
 Without which what could be of much real worth.

* I here extract a few lines from the "GENERAL DECLARATION" or Constitution of Orangemen, morally binding on every one of them. "The Orange society lays no claim to exclusive loyalty or exclusive Protestantism, Disclaiming an intolerant spirit, the society demands as an indispensable qualification that the candidate shall be deemed *incapable of persecuting or injuring any one on account of his religious opinions*; the duty of every Orangeman being to aid and defend *all* loyal subjects of *every* religious persuasion, in the enjoyment of their constitutional rights." "Maintaining *religion without persecution or trenching on the rights of others.*"



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