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But are these statements true? Sir, I believe them to be untrue. I believe that the Church of Rome holds many religious doctrines and dogmas most gravely erroneous: to these I am entirely opposed.

Mr. WHITE (Hastings). You believe too much; that is the trouble.

Mr. BLAKE. Well, perhaps I believe too much. I will not state that the hon. gentleman believes all he says; I hope he does. I have endeavored in my own poor way, and to the best of my humble ability, to promote the spread of those Protestant principles of dogmatic religion, those views of the Gospel and of the Bible, which I hold. I am doing what I can in that direction, and have been for years; it is not much, but I have done what I could. I believe that a most potent factor in that direction is a greater union among the Protestant denominations; and I have always been desirous of seeing such a union accomplished for the better advancement of the Gospel, according to our views of it. I rejoice to see the evidence of a tendency towards that union, in the existence of those organizations in which ministers and people of various denominations mingle, forget their differences, and learn what is best in each other, and in what points they agree. I rejoice to see Evangelical Alliances, Young Men's Christian Associations, and Ministerial Associations, such as the one that exists in my own city. I have worked with Orangemen in the Synod of my Church and elsewhere; they have sympathized with me, and I have sympathized with them; I cared not for our differences in politics: they have never made the shake of our hands less warm, or our co-operation in the work of our church less earnest; and it pains me that hon. gentlemen opposite should seek an occasion of this kind to raise a wall of division, even among those engaged together in church work, by uttering and circulating these calumnies against me, and by declaring that my Protestant principles are abandoned, because I cannot, in my conscience, support a Bill for the incorporation of a

society which propagates opinions like those which I have read. I know that I shall be misrepresented and misunderstood, and that men will be misled, in my Province and elsewhere, as to what I have said to-night. I cannot help it: I felt it borne in upon me as a duty to say it: I had to say it. I know that men will be misled by designing politicians, who are using the cloak of religion and the cloak of charity to promote party politics. If we could forget our differences, and agree to mingle in all charitable works, irrespective of our faith—as, God be thanked, although we differ in religion, we may agree in works of charity—it would be a blessed achievement. But to-day what are you doing? You are promoting these calumnies in reference to another church; you are coming forward and declaring, untruly as I believe, that the tenets of that church, from which you differ, are in these respects detestable, and that every true Protestant must take the same position. It is a course of which I hope you will repent before you are many years older. Now, I am anxious for a Protestant ascendancy of one kind—for the spread of those opinions which I believe to be true; but I am anxious that there should be no Protestant ascendancy of the material kind to which the leaders of the Orange Tory party refer, when they speak of that Protestant ascendancy which existed in the past in Ireland, and to which they look backward with such longing eyes. I am not anxious for that kind of Protestant ascendancy; and in my desire to promote my dogmatic faith, I do not countenance such weapons as the hon. gentleman and other Orange leaders use. My belief is that my Catholic fellow-subjects do acknowledge allegiance to, and feel loyalty to the Crown and the free institutions of this country. My belief is that they do not think that to break faith with a heretic is no sin, and that to kill him is no murder. I have not forgotten the declaration made against such calumnies as these by the Irish prelates, as long ago as the twenty-fifth of January, 1826, in a document which contains many state-