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"EXPULSION OF THE JESUITS."

Whatever history and Webster's Dictionary tell us of these much abused gentlemen, the priests of the Society of Jesus, American experience of them has not been unsatisfactory. They have been seen conducting schools and missions; bringing to the one, great learning and traditions of the most eminent educational order in the world; and, to the other, frequently burning eloquence, and always a practical knowledge of humanity and its manifold weaknesses.—*New York World*.

"I love the Jesuits!"—This was the graceful and grateful pronouncement of the great O'Connell in his letter to the Earl of Shrewsbury, defending the Order under whose teachings that massive intellect was developed which afterwards shook State-craft to its foundations and broke the "fetters from millions of Catholic limbs."—I love the Jesuits, is the cry from many a heart and home which the pious ministrations of the children of Loyola have blessed and brightened throughout the habitable globe. I love the Jesuits! represents even the ideas of unprejudiced Protestants, like the writer whose tribute we make our epigraph. But, it appears, we must change all that, in deference to the lowest promptings of the lowest bigotry. "Expel the Jesuits" shall henceforth be the substitute for the declaration of appreciative love. The manifesto of the Orange oracle of Bonaventure Street is to supersede the acknowledgments—sometimes tardy and unwilling—of Protestant Historians, Essayists and Encyclopedists; and because, forsooth, an inconsiderable

portion of the community—ignorant and unreasoning, when not mischievous and malevolent—are prevented, under the provisions of an old Act of Parliament, a display of wanton wickedness in our streets, there must be disinterred an older Penal Statute to prohibit meek and cultured priests of God the exercise of His Worship in our churches! The begrimed and bigotted, aye, and brutal, Young Britons are disappointed in their designs of hatred and folly; and, forthwith, the Church of the Gesu must be suppressed, and the self-sacrificing Fathers who minister in love to His Holy Name at the Altar, be expelled as felons from this free land. Well, our comfort, as the consolation of the Jesuit Fathers, is to be found in that comprehensive motto which indicates the object of the Order:—*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam!* Hate and opposition are often the agencies through which great triumphs are achieved; many a name would have remained in obscurity, and many a hope doomed to defeat, were it not for the indomitable spirit that prompts resistance to wrong-doing;—and, simply regarding the Jesuit Order in its secular aspects—so it has been with it: often assailed it has always triumphed in the end—going on, on, and over fighting the good battle—

Till persecution dragged it into fame,
And cast it up to Heaven!

And this fight is still to continue. The Order of the Jesuits—as, indeed, all Catholic organizations, conventual or clerical—has had, and will have a violent struggle with the zealot, the bigot and the fanatic. All England resounds