

so many bloody contentions between two sections of the same people—the Orangemen and the Catholics—he deprecated Mr. Gladstone's policy of disestablishment, as, in his opinion, Protestants only were fit to rule. When parting I offered the old man sixpence which he respectfully declined to accept, saying that he had been a total abstainer for twenty years and had two sons also abstainers, and, through sobriety and economy, he had enough to live on even if he did not do any more work; and, so I left him thinking that he was in many ways a good man, but that bigotry and religious intolerance had darkened his better nature, and asking myself the question, "When will mankind learn to adore God without smashing each others skulls for his sake?"

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