

I think, dear Brethren, the time has come when we should show our determined opposition, on Biblical principles, to the "Man of Sin," and at this moment, too, when the insidious efforts of the popish propaganda are carried to an almost successful issue. The Jesuit power is notorious in many popish kingdoms, from which they were at various times expelled, but never so effectually as during the late change of affairs in Spain and Germany, when in the former case the female "tyrant of the Pope," *Isabella*, had to fly with her friends and seek an asylum in a foreign land, never more to return to her own. Then as to the latter. The determined and successful efforts of that great and honourable statesman, Prince Bismarck, through whose instrumentality not only have the schools of Germany been freed from popish teaching, but Jesuitism, in its widest sense, banished from the shores of ancient Germania. Having had the pleasure of addressing to that noble man, at the close of the late war, a letter and poem, and the far greater honour of receiving his reply, I beg to embody both in this work.

In conclusion I would say, that the songs of a nation, or body of men, go far to form the mind, character, and conduct of that nation or body; and, therefore, I sincerely trust that this work will not only prove instructive and amusing, but beneficial to many. Should this be the case, it will attain the object of the compiler, who heartily wishes it God speed.

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