

THE LOYAL ORANGE ASSOCIATION. 5

Protestant Briton is to be found, to the remotest corners of the globe, for the establishment of Protestant faith and British liberty to the latest age of posterity. The whole Association is one neighborhood, within which every Orangeman is at home, in the farthest parts of the world; and such is the mechanism of the Association, that while its operations are thus extended, its every movement is alike felt and answered in every part.

The Association in these Provinces can never be suppressed but by means which would subvert the constitution, and annihilate the connection with the Mother Country.

In many quarters, where the true nature of the Orange Association is not properly known, its designs and objects have by some been misunderstood, and by others misrepresented. From the name it bears—being connected in everyone's mind with the history of parties in Ireland—some are apt to suppose that its sphere is necessarily confined to that country; not reflecting that an instrument which has been chiefly used there to suppress rebellion, repel invasion, and secure domestic tranquillity, may be found equally efficacious to loyal men of all countries, in protecting their lives, liberties and properties. The Association is constituted upon the broadest principles of national freedom. It takes its stand upon the glorious principles of the Revolution of 1688; it lays its foundation in the field of British liberty; it disdains the badge of faction, and knows no emblem save "The Altar and the Throne."

As the Prince of Orange was invited to England by a coalition of parties, who united from a common sense of their sacred duty to preserve their religion and liberties, so the Orange Association, named after that Immortal Prince, invites a similar combination, and calls upon the sons of Britain to lay aside political feuds, and, like their illustrious ancestors, who