

the princes of the earth, and the powers of darkness, she rose in majesty to repel an invasion intended to annihilate the glory of England, and bury in blood our holy religion,—and trusting in the God of the Reformation intrepidly exclaimed : “I know that I have but the weak and feeble arm of a woman, but I have the heart of a King, and of a King of England too ;”—animated, I say, by the same spirit that presided, in the morning of the Reformation, over the destinies of England, in the person of Elizabeth, you are here to attest your faith in the principles which guided her, your allegiance to that throne from which VICTORIA, fit successor of the “Good Queen Bess,” now sways her sceptre over an empire which has steadily expanded in proportions, and advanced in prosperity, as the nurture of Protestantism constituted the purpose of its kings. I rejoice in your firm attachment to the Protestant faith, because Rome is ever insidiously seeking to win to her side the influence of woman. Themistocles, I think it was, who said of his infant child that he governed Greece ; because, he explained, “Athens gives law to Greece, I command the Athenians, whilst I am ruled by my wife, and the boy controls his mother.” The Jesuits, into whose hands the interests of the Roman Church appear at present to be entirely surrendered, are constantly alert to gain in the family the position of Themistocles’ child ; and while they seem to occupy it with the harmlessness of doves, they exert their peerless supremacy over the mind of woman with the subtlety, and not without the poison, of the serpent. The exigencies of the hour preclude my entering now upon a delineation of the principles and practices of the Jesuits in this sphere of education. They merit a thorough exposure. I trust there is no one here destined to fall a prey to Jesuitical intrigue through her preference for conventual instruction. But it is a time of danger to the young. Let them be trained to emulate the Ladies of the