

From the recent attacks made by the fanatics in America upon the Catholic *religious* females, their intolerant supporters in Great Britain, wishing to imitate their example, have republished the most unprincipled productions of the transatlantic haters of "popery," conceiving that they would be less liable to detection than home-manufactured slanders.

We call upon Protestants of all denominations, if they value truth and hate lies, to discountenance the scandalous attacks now made upon the religious female Catholic institutions. Where is the honest Protestant despising falsehood and misrepresentations, who believes the atrocious fabrications of such self-condemned characters as Reed and Monk; the first denounced by the Protestant Committee, who inquired into the state of the Ursuline Convent at Charleston; and the other branded in a public court of justice, as unworthy of all credit? And what is the object of the present unholy warfare against religious institutions? Is it to promote female virtue, or to increase the obedience or improvement of youth? Suppose that the enemies of Monasteries and Convents obtained the destruction of all religious communities, would they thereby check immorality, or advance the character of our country? Where would we then find thousands ready and willing, at all hours, to instruct the children of the poor gratuitously; or like the good Samaritan, to pour the oil of comfort into the bosom of distress? Have not the instructions and example of the religious in Ireland preserved the female character of our country, when the rulers of other nations, (whose "liberalizing policy" opposed those thus consecrated to God,) have destroyed that of the fairest portion of creation?

If some infuriated fanatics were to follow up the anti-christian work, performed by those of a similar character in America, what would be the consequence? Perhaps the destruction of their own offspring, as happened there, would be the first fruits; the ramparts which religion has built up would be removed—licentiousness would be aided in its satanic work—the number of profligates and prostitutes would rapidly increase; and vice, in all its terrific forms, would assail even the bosom of our peaceful dwellings!

Could these "philosophic" and "rationalising" gentlemen ever give the poor a substitute for those lessons of piety and

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