

and privileges? I think there can be but one answer.—In the North, Christ reigns; in the South, his glory is given to another. In the North, the Bible is open, and prosperity and freedom beam from its pages. In the South, God's word is closed, and the clouds of error, and the mists of ignorance, brood upon all things—alike upon body and soul, and blighting in the bud prosperity and liberty, both temporal and spiritual. We may apply to them the awful words of Isaiah ii. "Because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinances, broken the everlasting covenant, therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate."

I say not these things to stir you up against your poor misled fellow-countrymen.—Far from it. It is the error alone we are to denounce and protest against. We are to pity, and love, and pray for the victims of the dreadful delusion. In this, as in everything, we are to follow the example of our Master Christ, who, while he painted sin in its true colours, as abominable and deadly, wept over the sinners, and died for their salvation. The "heart's desire and prayer to God" of every true Orangeman for the Romanists should be "that they may be saved." We are not to conceal one jot of the truth because it may offend, but then, we are to speak the truth in love.—Thus alone can we destroy error and win souls.

As an Association, you take high and most solemn grounds. The qualifications which you consider essential for a member are, (I quote from the Regulations) that "he should have a sincere love and veneration for his Almighty Maker, productive of those lively and happy fruits, righteousness and obedience to his commands. A firm and steadfast faith in the Saviour of the world, convinced that he is the only Mediator between a sinful creature and an offended Creator. His disposition should be humane and compassionate,—a lover of rational and improving society: faithfully regarding the Protestant religion: zealous in promoting the honour, happiness, and prosperity of his King and Country."