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## FRATERNIZATION WITH POPERY.

To the Editor of THE MONTROSE REVIEW.

SIR,—Britain, for about 300 years, has been looked up to as the stronghold of Protestantism; but alas! it is deeply to be deplored that of late she has, with strange infatuation, been, session after session, breaking down the fences which our pious fathers erected for the protection of Protestantism. And for what? Just to gain the favor and aid of him whom the Word of God expressly points out as the 'Man of sin,' and his system as the 'Mystery of iniquity! Nor is it less to be lamented that a shameful apathy and disregard about the chief concern of man prevents the great majority of our nation from lifting up a united voice, in a loyal and constitutional way, against this unholy procedure. If they be not already condemned to suffer the awful threatening—(2d Thess. ii. 11) 'God shall send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie'—reflection on the few following facts may tend to open their eyes:—

1. The Pope absurdly claims dominion over the religious opinions of all men.
2. He claims a right, although he has not always the power, of persecuting even unto death all baptised persons, unless they embrace his unholy system.
3. He, by cunning hypocrisy and cruelty, has erected a power which has poisoned the freedom and happiness of Europe for 1200 years.
4. He claimed a right to dispose of all kingdoms to whom he pleased, and he has never disclaimed that right.
5. He excommunicated our Queen Elizabeth, and pretended to release her subjects from their oath of allegiance.
6. He still regards Britain as a province revolted from his dominion, and all its Protestant people as heretics.
7. He yearly, on the day before *Good Friday*, solemnly curses our Queen and all her Protestant subjects, *on the part of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and by the authority of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, &c.!*
8. He is expressly predicted (2d Thess. ii. 4) as exalting himself above God; and he positively commands what God forbids, and forbids what God commands.
9. He shuts the Bible, and teaches the people to bow down in

prayer to a woman who died 1800 years ago, and to adore a bit of bread which he pretends to have changed into the body, blood, and divinity of Christ!!! 10. And, finally, 'Him,' the inspired Apostle declares (2d Thess. ii. 8), 'the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and destroy with the brightness of his coming.' And therefore all are exhorted to keep at a distance from him, that they be not partakers of his plagues. (Rev. xviii. 4.)

What strange infatuation, then, can induce Britain to join in cordial friendship with the Pope?—with him whom the Word of God denounces;—whom the page of history brands as the monster who dragged our fathers to the stake to be burned—for what? for reading and believing the Bible;—with him whose deluded partizans contrived the cursed plan of blowing up our King and Parliament, and thus by one stroke to banish Protestantism from this land;—with him against whom the experience of the present generation can bear witness of the most unchristian acts of Popery—in banishing 600 persons from Tyrol, their native land—in cruel persecution at Madeira—and in most wickedly depopulating with fire and sword the small but Protestant kingdom of Tahiti!!! Alas! it is just *political expediency*. In our high places, the best and eternal interests of man must now give place to the supposed expediency of the day. And this darling expediency, in the hands of short-sighted man, has precipitated from their thrones the most potent kings, and shed the blood of millions. To talk of shaking hands with the Pope in his civil, not in his ecclesiastical, capacity, is mere jesuitical sophistry, and utterly false. These cannot be separated—nay, it is the aid of his spiritual power which is sought. But let Britain beware: let her reflect on the past, and consider well the future. If we do shake hands with the Pope, his well known cunning, deceit, and unhallowed ambition will never cease till he get the British nation to *kiss his toe*, and bow to his unchristian authority! And *then*—if you will read the 'Holy Wells of Ireland,' a most interesting tract—you will see in what a state of brutal ignorance, di graceful superstition, and abominable slavery, both of body and soul, to this worst of tyrants, you must live!!!

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