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## Priests' Protection Society.\*

SEVENTH ADDRESS

TO

### PROTESTANTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

MEN AND BRETHERN IN CHRIST JESUS!

THIS is the seventh time we address you—the *seventh* that we invoke you in the name of our common Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

The objects of our entreaty are infinitely precious: the souls who are the slaves of sin—the immortal beings who are ground down under the fatal yoke of Pagan and Papal darkness and superstition. This spiritual despotism prevails not merely abroad, but at home—not alone among the myriads of the human family who inhabit the uncivilized portions of the globe, but among our own kindred race, who dwell in the fairer divisions of the earth, subject to the milder sway and dominion of Britain and America, and the other parts of Christendom, still enslaved to the chair of the Man of Sin—dark, cruel, and unforgiving. The slavery of Romanism and the slavery of Paganism are both alike, except that the *former* is worse than the *latter*, and suffers by comparison. The one bears the semblance and profession of liberty without, while within her folds are the torture, the rack, and the prison—conscience lacerated, and Christ crucified afresh. In Paganism are found the idol, the image, the god. In Romanism are set up the very same creations of man's uneducated reason—these creatures of the handicraft of men. The world by its wisdom now as of old, knows not God eter-

\* The *fourfold* object of the Society is:—1. To protect Priests who abandon the apostasy of Rome. 2. To protect and educate young men originally intended for the priesthood in the Romish Church. 3. To disseminate Scriptural and Anti-Popish instruction. 4. To reform Romish Priests throughout Great Britain, Ireland, and foreign countries.

nal. It is only in the Book of Life that that saving knowledge of Him is to be obtained; and whoever seeks her rightly in that book, shall certainly find her. The Lord Jehovah declares this truth; and every human being of His is bound to obey this voice, speaking to us in His Holy Word; and woe be unto us, if we do not follow the heavenly mandate—the blackness of darkness in the bottomless pit shall be our portion for ever and ever!

BELOVED BRETHREN!—In contemplating the state of the heathen and Christian population over the surface of our planet, the mind of the believer is overcome with wonder and amazement, when it observes how comparatively little progress the religion of JESUS has made over that vast extent of territory in the long space of eighteen centuries and a-half! One would almost conclude that the description of the Apostle, in the first chapter of his Epistle to the Romans, is as applicable to the ignorance of our race in the nineteenth century, as it was to the inhabitants of the world in the first century of the Christian era. Vice, sin, and idolatry, with all their concomitants, are almost universal; and man, created after the image of his Maker, is still the slave of depravity, sunk in the sinfulness of sin! The population of the globe is estimated at NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE MILLIONS, NINETY-NINE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN;\* and yet how small a fraction of this almost countless mass of human beings is even *nominally* Christian! And how fewer still of this fraction, whose souls are born anew by the creating influence of the HOLY GHOST! It is written in the Statute-Book of Heaven, that the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth, as the waters the sea; † that His Word shall not return unto Him void; but it shall accomplish that which He pleases, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto He sent it. ‡ This is the decree of the Eternal—of Him who made the worlds: but oh! how little have His subjects, for whom the decree was written, and to whom the command was given, “Go ye into ALL the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature,” obeyed the law and voice of their Creator!

God works by means; He has gifted man—has conferred powers on him, to glorify God and to enjoy Him for ever. But alas! the gifts and powers are dormant, and half awake to do good, and wickedness and vice are the chief enjoyments of man. The true glorification of God is shut up within specks of earth; and the being intended to represent his

\* Weimar's Statistics.

† Hab. ii. 14.

‡ Isaiah, lv. 11.

Maker, and to proclaim His praise from shore to shore, is little better than the zoophyte or grub-worm in his native element. His light is no better than darkness visible, and, like a flickering beacon on the boundless expansive ocean, only exposing the dim interminable waste of waters, and leaving beyond our vision lurid untried regions for human enterprise and civilization.

Among the instruments discovered in later years to spread His fame, may be enumerated the Press, the Steam, and the Magnetic Telegraph. These agents might preach in their language, and convey, with vivid flash, the words of eternal life to myriads, who are yet dead and unborn to God; but they are seldom employed for that sacred purpose; they are more in use to promulge tidings of discoveries in the fields of Mammon, and to signalize the savage carnage in mortal conflict.

**PROTESTANT BROTHERS!**—Such should not be our character in this use of arms. We should toil and strive for the evangelization and conversion of the world, as if the period of that blissful epoch depended upon ourselves—and trust and pray, as if the bloodless victory depended on our God. **TO WORK IS OURS—TO BLESS IS GOD'S.** The catholicity of the Gospel shall be only accomplished by the universal use of Christian weapons, and modern discoveries may be made the happiest instruments to promote that holy consummation.

Here, brethren, stand! Survey your enemies' territories, and marshal and command your forces. See the emissaries that are to do your Maker's will, and to subdue an illimitable empire, hitherto untrod by Christian soldiery. In the foreground we place

### MISSIONS.

It was the wisdom of Deity from the beginning that these should divulge the attributes of Jehovah, and He sent forth His first-begotten and only SON, with the message of salvation, to recreate and animate the dead in trespasses and sins, and to clothe them again with the spotless garment of immortality. He was the first Missionary to bruise the serpent's head, and He shall be the last to sit down in His dominion, when He shall have gathered into it people out of every kindred, and tongue, and nation; and all the host of heaven, earth, and sea shall join in one universal, endless chorus to the "Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing;"\* and the agents of His will shall be kings and priests unto God, and reign with the Redeemer himself for ever and ever, in an unbroken line of everlasting dominion and endless inheritance.

\* Rev. v. 12.

With these promises and that prospect before us, how can it be accounted for, BRETHREN, that we are only half awake to the cause of Missions — Missions to the Christian and heathen world? Idolatries abound in both these great divisions of our species ; and yet the efforts to effect their overthrow are circumscribed and pusillanimous. A missionary spirit is rare amongst us, and labourers are fewer still ; and the hand that should be opened liberally to sustain and constrain the work, is shut up with the vigilance of a worldling's care and a miser's grasp. Antinomian licentiousness, lurking and entwining itself in the CHURCH PROTESTANT, poisons that very source of fruitfulness, and dries up the fertilizing streams that should flow from that living fountain of benevolence. The grace of God produces fruits of righteousness in the *believer* ; but the lust of mammon manifests a flickering and dead faith, and exposes the withered members of the niggardly, hypocritical professor, to the gaze of the least acute spiritual observer. Oh ! for more love to Christ, more love to God, more love to man. Then, instead of earth presenting to our view, as it does now, an aceldama—a surface of mixed and jarring elements—we should bask in the enjoyment of a godly jealousy, and vie in the productions of a celestial paradise. POKERY, whose generosity abounds to overflowing, produces zealots, bigots, missionaries, and crusaders, and fires them with incentives to attempt any enterprise whatever for the extension of her dominion. Her failure in her ambitious projects, to circumvent the earth with her superstitions, is clearly attributable not to her apathy, but to her *wrong faith*. Not taking the Book of Life for her infallible guide, she mixes truth and falsehood, wisdom and wickedness ; and hence her footsteps are marked with blackness and blood, wherever she has sought or obtained the pre-eminence.

Let us, then, BROTHER PROTESTANTS, from this day, commence a new era in our religion. Instead of apathy, let there be henceforward love ; instead of deadness, let there be life ; instead of parsimony, let there be bounty ; instead of frugality, let there be liberality ; instead of sloth, let there be industry ; instead of barrenness, let there be fruitfulness ; instead of doubt, let there be confidence ; instead of fear, let there be courage ; instead of slavery, let there be liberty ; INSTEAD OF DEATH, LET THERE BE LIFE ;—and, consequently, all things shall be ours — freedom, peace, plenty, civilization, prosperity ; faith shall triumph, and all the ends of the earth shall glory, and see the SALVATION of our God.

The events of the past year have brought to our knowledge records of the Creation that have been obscured from our view for ages, ere

Christianity had set her foot on earth and exposed her purity to the unhalloved touch of man, fallen and degenerate. It is only now that

## CHINA

is emerging from her long night of darkness, and the myths of Fo are giving place to the news from Heaven; that the morality of Confucius is yielding to the Gospel of Jesus, and prostration before the inanimate idol of Boodh is being superseded by the spiritual worship of the Triune, Self-existing, Eternal God. The Shamanism of China, said by her chronologists to be her ancient religion for 3,000 years before Christ, which has its foundation in the worship of the stars and other remarkable objects of nature—the morals of Confucius, founded in Deism 500 years before the appearance of EMMANUEL at Nazareth, and embraced by the Government and learned men of the “Celestial Empire,” are being supplanted by the wisdom of the God of the universe. The Bible of heaven is now dimming the fables and traditions of man; and the Emperor, who calls himself “*holy son of heaven*,” “*sole guardian of the earth, and father of his people*,” will, ere long, acknowledge himself the worshipper of God incarnate and the disciple of Jesus. The Sun of Righteousness shall soon arise on that earthly dominion, and with the illuminations of His sacred oracles shall enlighten the millions within that mural territory, who are living in the obscurity of original sin and primitive ignorance.

Here, then, PROTESTANT BRETHERN OF THE WORLD, is an enterprise before us—the most noble, the most exalted that can occupy the intellect of man. It is as high as heaven; as lasting as eternity. It is the evangelization of THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE MILLIONS of people; the proclamation of Redemption to about one-third of the whole human race—the population of China!

It was only on the 29th of August, in the year 1842, that the Emperor, before his ancient southern capital, Nankin, at the command and in consternation of a British army, signed a treaty, by which he ceded the Island of Hong Kong, and free commerce with five of his principal seaports to subjects of Her Imperial Majesty, the Queen of England: and from that day to the present, what a moral revolution is taking place in the Empire among his servile subjects, through the dissemination of the Word of God!! That absolute monarch of the “Celestial Empire of the world,” who had hitherto treated all monarchs as his vassals, and had listened with disdain, in his southern court in China, to all envoys from foreign kingdoms on missions of commerce and international law, is now compelled to hear from his own kinsmen, senti-

ments from the city of Galilee; and the sound of the trumpet, which lowered the walls of the proud ancient Jericho, is now likely to be no less effectual to humble the mural boundary of China, with its innumerable embattlements, and to penetrate to the very core the purlieus of her impregnable fenced cities. The Chinese custom, which hitherto has prescribed polygamy to the nobles and mandarins, and a numerous harem to the Emperor himself, and permits the peasant to yoke his wife and his ass in the plough together, shall be changed by "the Gospel of God," and the manners of the Christian shall supplant the habits of the brute.

The Jesuit, John Adam Schall, or Tam-yo-vam, a German, born in 1591, at Cologne, was the first missionary of Rome, in the year 1620, who commenced his labours in the City of Se-gan-foo to propagate Roman Christianity in China. He was a man of brilliant talents, and employed them all until his death, in the advancement of Jesuitism. He assumed successively the office of astronomer, courtier, warrior, artist, mechanic, and a mandarin, under the title of Tam-yo-vam, and after the death of his patron Emperor, Shun-che, died in the imperial prison at Pekin, in the seventy-fifth year of his age, and forty-sixth of his mission, miserably disappointed. The superstructure of so many years, built on a Christless Gospel, no more abiding than the "baseless fabric of a vision," crumbled to pieces at his death; and that corruption of Christianity never afterwards made progress in China, until the cession of the island and five free cities, when the Jesuits revived their designs for the propagation of their faith.

PROTESTANT BROTHERS! it is now for you to say this year, in 1854, under the guidance of Omnipotence, whether Popery or Protestantism shall prevail in China; whether the countless millions of that encircled portion of the globe — in that paradise — shall continue to worship the image, or adore the Saviour; whether Christ or the crucifix shall reign within her walls.

Honesty in religion, as well as honesty in morality, is the best policy. Tam-yo-vam and his followers *did evil* to promote religion. Let us *do good*, as the followers of Christ, and His religion shall take possession of the hearts and affections of that vast people. Schall continued to disguise the Christian religion in a Latin service, and blended it with necromancy and astrology; and he held, that it was a sufficient qualification in a native to be made a priest, if he could merely read Latin, without understanding one syllable of its meaning. He did not teach the native, in his vernacular tongue, the wonderful works of God; though he was permitted, strange to say, by Pontiff Paul V., in a



General Congregation of the Vatican, to celebrate mass with the head covered, in compliance with the custom of the country, and to translate the Holy Bible into the Chinese language, into the erudite, not the vulgar dialect, for the use of the literati. Yet it does not appear that the Jesuit Father ever authorized any one to undertake that translation; and, consequently, neither the vulgar nor the literate then enjoyed the benefit of that decree.

Benedict XIV., a wily statesman and canonist, by two Bulls, in 1742 and 1744, revoked the edict of Paul V., and reduced Popery in China to the form that it wears in Europe, lest the novel ceremonies and the Vulgar Bible should immerse his bark.

Now, Brethren, let us from this day, with these lessons from history and experience before us, wage war with the enemies of China. Let us this year send one hundred Missionaries to her territories—even Great Britain and Ireland might of themselves raise that contingent for the war—and let us prayerfully and manfully bombard Paganism, and Popery wherever she appears in that continent, with the living Word of the living God—the rod of His strength; and they shall fall beneath its sovereign power. This will be more than requiting China for her Tea—a beverage which our own millions have drunk for ages.

Already are the towns, untrod by European feet, giving way to the influence of the sword of the Spirit; and the insurrectionary movement with its secret mine, has frightened the reigning monarch, Keen-Fung, from his imperial city, to seek refuge at Gehul, among the Mongols in Tartary.

Oh! for an Apostle, with the perseverance of Tam-yo-vam, who made a first attempt, now to preach the true Gospel to the trembling monarch! He might convert the Emperor to the faith, and thus cause him to tranquillize the empire under the superior healing sway of the Prince of Peace. Be assured, BRETHREN, if *we* do not now commence and prosecute this gigantic work in earnest, with energy unprecedented, Rome, which wrestles for the dominion of the world, will anticipate us; and if she once sow the tares in the field, the seed of the Word will not witherthwith destroy them! It is easier to restrain the sower's arm, than to root out the seed that he has cast into the ground—to prevent evil, than to eradicate it.

At home, in Ireland, she is diligently striving for the mastery. Around us we see and feel her strength! We behold **POPERY IN MAYNOOTH**—popery in the school—popery in the workhouse—popery in the jail—popery in the army and navy, by land and sea—popery in the wayside—and, for the first time, we shall behold popery in the year

this day commenced, in her IRISH UNIVERSITY, under the auspices of a convicted slanderer and infatuated pervert, drugging emasculated youths for the priesthood in the United Kingdom, and for all countries within her pale, with the quintessence of her abominations. And, finally, we shall mourn the captives of POPERY IN THE DUNGEONS, which she has already built and prepared for the victims of her INQUISITION, UNLESS THE BRISTLING ARM OF BRITAIN, RESTING ON JEHOVAH'S MIGHT, SHALL PUT FORTH HER TIMELY STRENGTH, TO PULL DOWN AND CONSUME HER ASPIRATIONS FOR COMPLETE SUPREMACY IN OUR MOST GRACIOUS AND BELOVED QUEEN'S DOMINIONS.

Experience has taught us, that education, to be prosperous and popular, should be in the language of the people. Through this channel it flows with undisturbed freedom. Let it, then, run by this course into China. Let the Protestants of our empire, or of the world, establish a CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY this year in Canton, or if practicable, in Nankin or Pekin; and from her walls streams of secular and religious knowledge may arise, which shall water that garden of earth, and fertilize its productions for eternity. In this way the formidable difficulties of language may be more easily overcome, and the natives put into possession of our best works in art, science, literature, and religion. The annexation of China to Great Britain by these ties, if it should not be perennial, under our respective sovereigns, yet it must be everlasting under the dominion of our covenant God—the King of kings. Such a school of learning as this design, would not be too great for the East India Company to undertake; and if successful, oh! how infinite would be her acquirements, and how rich and endless her praise in all the world!!

### THE HOLY LAND.

Despotic power and superstitious influence have reduced this "*Land of Promise*"—from Lebanon to Egypt—the most fertile of countries in the old world, to the degradation of barrenness in the new, and infested it with pilgrims and robbers: and its chief city, Salem of the ancients, under the rule of Melchizedec, is perhaps less civilized now as Jerusalem, under the Pacha of Damascus. Papists, Jews, Turks, Greek Armenians, Abyssinians, Copts, Nestorians, Jacobites, and Maronites differ little but in name, under intellectual slavery. In that once holy city, modern art and science are uncultivated; and her unpaved streets begrimed with dust or mire, present no appearance of progress in the march of civilization. There, the gloom of IDOLATRY seems to ha

taken up her abode, and primitive Christianity to have winged her flight to heaven. The Mosque and the Anchorite have displaced the Temple and its spiritual worshipper; and hosannas to the Son of David no longer tune the harps of Zion. The BIBLE, the enlightener and civilizer of the nations, has not yet found free course there; and hence her 25,000 inhabitants are steeped in semi-barbarous habits, and far behind in the knowledge and practice of acquirements derived from REVELATION.

Here, then again, Missions, rightly directed, might have been applied with more success for the conversion of Syria and Palestine, if art and science had accompanied the WORD of Jesse's Son. All these should go hand-in-hand. They mutually help each other; for the two *former* tend to strengthen the faith of finite man in the Divine original of the *latter*.

We have embraced this view for the amelioration of Asiatic Turkey during the past year, in consequence of a communication received from the British Consul resident in Jerusalem, dated January, 1853, in which he expounded a plan for the establishment of a Protestant "ENGLISH COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL" in that city. In it all Israelites are to be educated, free of expense, in ancient and modern languages, and scientific improvements. Students of this College, as in other countries, where successful experiments have been made, would be the medium of general knowledge and intelligence to their kindred tribes in their fatherland, and in continents abroad. To that foundation we give our most cordial assent and support; because it is self-evident that similar effects will be the result from the same cause.

### IRELAND.

To borrow an argument in favour of this project from our own land, we will adduce the following statement. In the "Ancient Citie of the Tribes," commonly called Galway, in the West of Ireland, the Irish and dialect of the Erse language are generally spoken by the native population. By the census taken in 1834, the number of Romanists was 2,117; the number of Protestants was 1,003. So far back as the thirteenth century, there has been one Parish Church, St. Nicholas's, Galway; and yet, after so long a space of time as 500 years, there has not been another Church added to that solitary number in the parish; while the Romanist population has increased prodigiously, and there are now thirteen mass-houses for the performance of the corrupt services of the Church of Rome in the "Citie of the Tribes"!!

The cause of this lamentable fact is, partly the abortive attempt to reform the natives by an unintelligible tongue, and partly by an indiffe-

rence of their teachers, constituted by law to accomplish their enlightenment and reformation. This we believe to be the true reason for the facts above recorded, and the figures represent their accuracy. The district of Claddagh, a city suburb, contains a race of human beings some of whom we have seen last autumn in a state of nudity, not more civilized than the aborigines of New Zealand. This people are not to blame for their savage and deplorable barbarity; for if they had been addressed and instructed through the medium of their Erse dialect, and the pure Irish understood by them, they would long since have been as ripe in knowledge and refinement as any other human beings in the Island of Erin.

Under the auspices of the present admirable and excellent Bishop of Tuam, a blessed reformation in morals and religion is now taking place among these people, who are shrewd by nature; and we anticipate that the men of Claddagh will, in half a century, not be inferior to any other race in Europe. Commerce, and intercourse by sea and land, will complete this work, rightly begun in education.

This statement, then, establishes a principle, that to convert a nation you must first address their judgment and prejudice in their own language; and the natural principle is clearly elucidated also, by the gift of divers tongues on the day of Pentecost. The conversion of the natives of Raratonga, and of other islands in the Polynesian groups, confirms this truth, and establishes it as an axiom for our future guidance. Language is the key of the heart—the universal picklock of the human edifice, under every phase.

### THE PRESS.

We tender our most humble, grateful thanks to the press—the periodical newspaper press—for the magniloquent and mighty aid which it has rendered to our operations during the year 1853. In the year gone by, the press of the world—of Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and Oceanica—has contributed to the promulgation of our principles, and to the dissemination of that seed which we have laboured to cast upon all the earth, through the instrumentality of this Society. Prayer can fructify it, and God alone can sanctify it with His blessing.

We have issued from our Society, since the commencement of our labours in the year 1844, 308,360 copies of our publications, all of which testify, more or less, against pagan and papal bondage; whilst they proclaim to sinners CHRIST CRUCIFIED, and JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH IN HIM. Our priest's letter and CONVERTS' PROCLAMATION, we have published in four languages—Irish, French, Italian, and English—

varied slightly according to the circumstances of each people, and have freely circulated them wherever these languages are spoken, by means of that mighty engine. Among our publications is the

**"GIFT OF FATHER GAVAZZI TO THE IRISH PEOPLE"**

—his orations delivered in the Rotundo of Dublin, in the year 1852. This gift, we believe, is invaluable to Protestants and Romanists: because, while the papacy exists and the world lasts, it will be a standard—an imperishable witness against her abominations—and the mere quotation of the Father's authority is an extinguisher, an end to Romish controversy, and an economiser of time to both. The Maynooth priests quailed before him, and were silent and dumb as death. It is, therefore, a *Treasure*, only less valuable than the Reformation itself.

We have constantly received reports of Gavazzi's mission in America, since his arrival in that Continent, and the same or greater amazement seems to have been produced on the American mind as on that of the British Isles. Wherever he went his eloquence triumphed, and his antagonists have been silenced and confounded. A scheme had been long hatched by the priests in the United States to exclude or extract the Bible from their federal free schools; but this prince of orators has, with his flashing orations, so exposed their wily tricks, that the Statesmen see clearly the plot against their liberties, and have unequivocally declared in favour of retaining the birthright of heaven.

The Old and New World, therefore, owe an everlasting debt of gratitude to Father Gavazzi; and if he be permitted by God to revisit our shores, we should, one and all of us, who are advocates for the Bible, pay him a tribute of homage worthy of the cause—worthy of the man, who is indisputably the greatest of all living orators.

In the providence of God, it was the traffic of indulgences that caused Martin Luther, the Augustinian monk of Erfurth, to burst the bands of Roman profligacy in 1510, in the pontificate of Leo X., and made him convey the *whole* Sacred Volume to his fatherland—to Germany—the world. It was the tyranny of Pio Nono, and his false profession of liberty of conscience, that caused the revolution in Italy in the year 1848, the bombardment of his own imperial Rome, and raised up the Barnabite monk of Bologna, to act as Chaplain-General to the forces; first, to the papal armies by the Pope's appointment, and secondly, to

the revolutionary, to preach to the Italian nation that liberty of conscience, which Pio Nono then, like a second traitor, denied to his subjects. That revolution expatriated Gavazzi from his beloved peninsula, to seek a temporary home on the island-mistress of the seas, and here he found the "pearl of great price," which had hitherto been concealed from his mind by the fabrications of mystic Rome. He discovered "the riches of Christ," divested of fable, in that **BOOK** of books which is the bulwark of British greatness. That revolution, begun amid the clank of trumpets and the boom of cannon, the loss of property and the slaughter of brethren, the murder of Bassi and the excommunication of popular priests, has at length converted the heart and vision of Father Gavazzi, and borne him up to a lofty and sunny eminence, from which he looks down, undismayed, on mysterious **BABYLON**. From the platforms of Great Britain and the pulpits of America, he now preaches to Pio Nono and the followers of Antichrist, *that faith* which he once laboured ardently to destroy. *He is now conferring good for evil.*

It is not for us to sketch the already eventful life of Gavazzi, and to contrast his fearless toils for Christian freedom with the arduous combats of the German Reformer. That duty shall be work for future historians: but it is at present clear to us to perceive, that the Monk of Bologna, like the Monk of Erfurth, shall have a name to live, even in this world, when temporal and spiritual petty tyrants, with their detested memorials, shall have ceased to exist, and the grovelling creatures that did them obeisance shall have been loathed and forgotten.

May God preserve Alessandro Gavazzi to the day of redemption, and receive him finally to **ETERNAL GLORY**.

We remain, **BROTHER PROTESTANTS**, till death,

Your devoted and affectionate Servants,

**THE DIRECTORS OF  
THE PRIESTS' PROTECTION SOCIETY.**

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