

Thus is the good seed growing, and soon will arise a giant tree overshadowing that land which Governor Hoffman, of glorious memory, emancipated from Popish Tyranny at the point of the bayonet.

I have been much pleased to notice a feeling of greater unity among Orangemen during the past year. Our forefathers contended for their rights with fire and sword, and their battle-ground was on many a well-fought field; we with the Ballot-Box, the scene "the polls." But victory with either weapon is still as necessary as ever to the preservation of our rights and liberties. Let us achieve them, and, having achieved, let us conserve them by upholding that Throne and Constitution which our Great Deliverer adorned and framed. To accomplish this it is necessary we should be vigilant, and above all united, avoiding all kinds of Radicalism by whatever luring name it may be called, pinning our faith to British Connection, and following to the field those political leaders who have always stood true to this great principle.

I invoke the blessing of the Almighty on the labors in which you are about to engage, and trust that wisdom and prudence, brotherly love and Christian charity may characterize all your deliberations.

I remain, dear Brethren,

Yours, in the Bonds of the Order,

D'ARCY BOUTLON,

Grand Master W. O.

Grand Lodge,  
Clinton, 16th February, 1875. }

Moved by Bro. James Wilson, C. M., seconded by Bro. John Carter, C. M., and

*Resolved*,—That the Grand Master's Address be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Moved by Bro. John Lynn, C. M., seconded by Bro. Robert Cade, C. M., and

*Resolved*,—That the following Brethren be a Committee on Credentials, viz., Bros. John Carter, C. M., A. W. Ward, D. M., B. Gerry, C. M., Robert Cade, C. M., and W. G. McKindsey, C. M.

Moved by Bro. James Wilson, C. M., seconded by Bro. Robert Cade, C. M., and

*Resolved*,—That the Committee on Correspondence be composed of the following brethren, viz., Frank Somers, D. M., John T. Jones, Proxy, W. W. Connor, C. M., John Witter, C. M., and John Dagg, W. M.