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Before leaving this subject I desire to put on record my earnest prayers that it may please God to bless the endeavors of this great Association of Protestants to preserve the pure religion of the Bible and stamp out the deadly doctrines of the *Real Presence*, *Auricular Confession*, *Absolution by Priests*, *Protestant Nunneries*, and such like abominations.

During the past year an arrangement has been come to in Ireland by the leaders of the two parties that the Orange and Roman Catholic Celebrations, while lawful in their character, shall be undisturbed; thus affording some guarantee that the scenes of bloodshed and strife which we have witnessed in former years will no longer distract and disgrace the land. We must all rejoice at this, for it is one of the cardinal principles of Orangeism to accord to others the same rights we claim for ourselves. Life is too short to be spent in fighting, and, while men think that great events should be commemorated, it is best that a spirit of mutual forbearance should exist, and that all needless attempts to irritate one another should be avoided. In this country, I am happy to say, we know little of such disturbances. Though each may see in the other something they do not quite like, yet a due regard for each other's rights has ever been a distinguishing characteristic of Canadians.

When I was in Ireland, as your delegate, I took part in laying the Corner Stone of a Memorial Hall in the Maiden City of Derry, to commemorate the gallant exploit of the thirteen Apprentice Boys. This is not a mere Orange Hall, but a National Monument, in which Orangemen the world over have an interest. For so grand an object an elaborate and expensive design was prepared by our Brother, John Guy's Ferguson, Architect, of Derry, and an appeal is now made to Canadian Orangemen for aid to carry it to completion. I earnestly recommend that each Lodge should take up a subscription, however small, from its members, supplement it by a small grant from the Lodge funds, and send it by Post-Office Order to Brother William Shannon, of Kingston, who has been appointed by the Apprentice Boys of Derry to receive it, and who will acknowledge the receipt. Thus, will we all feel that we have done something to help so good a work as handing down to future generations a memento of the brave deeds of those from whom we sprang.

I am happy to be able to say that our Institution is still ever-increasing and prospering. In the United States its progress is marvellous, and already the higher branches of it, "The Irish Black Order," is fast covering the Union with its Preceptories. The Orange Order there has its own Supreme and State Grand Lodges and is entirely self-governing. The Irish Black as yet remains under the jurisdiction of the Grand Black Chapter of British America; but its numbers are increasing so fast that it must soon also organize into Supreme and State Grand Chapters.

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