

went and made myself known; wherever there was an Orangeman, I was sure of a welcome and the right hand of fellowship. Not only did the Lodges as a body do all they could to honor me and add to my comfort, but each individual member seemed to think it incumbent on him to testify, by courteous attention to me, the love he bore for his trans-Atlantic Brethren. After a sojourn of several months in England, Ireland and Scotland, I am fully convinced of the sterling worth of our Institution as it is developed in the United Kingdom, with a heart teeming with the liveliest feelings of gratitude towards the true and loyal men I had left behind me, and a hearty prayer for the welfare of the many friends I had made during my brief but happy stay in what I shall ever be proud to call my mother land. I have thus given you a slight sketch of the manner in which your Deputy Grand Master was received in the sister islands, and from it you may judge of the state of our Society there, and the spirit that animates its members. My own opinion—the result of no inconsiderable experience—is that Orangeism generally has never been so well and so numerously supported as at present.

The disadvantages under which the Institution labors in Ireland, the strong and rabid Popish opposition it has to battle with, and the short-sighted policy of a weak-minded Government, have only added fuel to the flames. Opposition has increased instead of diminishing the number of our Order.

“The truth must prevail,” and, in the natural course of events, our Irish brethren may confidently look forward to the day as not far distant, when they, like us, may openly and fearlessly wear the Orange Regalia and wave the Orange Flag.

I have the honor to be,

Yours in the bonds of love,

JOHN COYNE,

G. M., W. C.

February, 1866.