

day, 19th and 20th July. I need hardly tell you that I met with a hearty reception from my brother delegates from all parts of the Empire, and especially from Brother Wm. Johnston, of Ballykillbeg; Dr. Potter, of England; and Professor Macklin, of Scotland—all of whom had been on two different occasions in Canada as representatives of their different Grand Lodges. As the Report of the Council and also a description of my travels in the Old Land have already appeared in the columns of the *THE SENTINEL*, and as the proceedings of the Council will be printed in the Grand Lodge Report, I will not take up your time by giving an extended report in this address. Suffice it to say that the Imperial Council did this Grand Lodge the honor of electing its Grand Master to the second highest position in their gift, viz, Vice-President of the Council and also Chairman of Committee on the Assimilation of Degrees. The Committee recommended, and it was unanimously adopted by the Council, that the first or Orange Degree be made the same throughout the Empire, and that the degree as it at present exists in Great Britain and Ireland be adopted; and so you see we have made an advance in the right direction. Orangeism is making great strides at home, and especially in Ireland, where it is the back-bone of loyalty and patriotism, and the great rallying point of all Protestants, forming a bulwark against Popish aggression, Land Leagueism, Fenianism, and all other isms that are enemies to Her Majesty, or that tend to disturb or dismember the British Empire. Brethren, we well may feel proud of belonging to the Orange Order, when we see the noble efforts put forth by our brethren in Ireland, not only to preserve law and order, but going from the North into the South and West and protecting and saving the crops and cattle of Roman Catholic as well as Protestant, and offering their services to the Government as a police force at a critical period (viz, when the police force threatened to resign), and no doubt that their timely offer of assistance was of immense benefit to the Government.

This, Brethren, has shewn Orangeism in its true colors; that we are at all times ready to maintain the integrity of the Empire.

I was much pleased to be able to visit some of the places connected with the early history of our Order, and of him whose name we bear, viz, Torbay, where William landed on the 5th Nov., 1688; Old Bridge town, Boyne River, Enniskillen, Derry, and other places of interest dear to the hearts of Orangemen.