

almost in order to restore and preserve the peace of the country he was come down to prosecute, and he would have it understood that, in the exercise of this his indispensable duty, he would steadily pursue his instructions which were to prosecute all men charged with crimes of whatever religious profession they might be, of whatever description, whether in high or low life, he would bring them to the bar of public justice. What has recently been the situation of Armagh? Man against man, societies formed for the illegal purpose of opposing each other by open force and hostility—the honest and peaceable inhabitants could find neither safety nor repose. In the field and in the house he found himself in danger, he could not retire to his bed without apprehension of violation to his house or injury to his person. Was there a father of a family secure in his children? He did not know the moment that his son was destined to the halberd or the assassin's dagger—there was neither security for age nor youth, for sex nor for industry. Acts had been committed shocking to human nature, cruelties that would disgrace savages had been perpetrated in the County of Armagh—however, when the law was satisfied, it would then become a natural object, a duty incumbent on every man who loved his country, to inculcate on the minds of all parties forgiveness and oblivion."

The next extract he would allude to was the formula used at the initiation of each member as described in the evidence of the Rev. Mr. O'Sullivan, in his evidence before the House of Commons:—

"The applicant shall be introduced between two sponsors, namely, the brethren who proposed and seconded his admission, carrying the Bible in his hands, with the book of rules and regulations laid thereon. Two brethren shall precede him, on his entering the room, a chaplain if present, or in his absence, a brother appointed by the Master, shall read the whole or a part of what follows:—O Lord God of our fathers! art thou not God of Heaven, and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the Heavens, and in thy hand is there not power and might so that none are able to withstand thee! who is like unto thee the Lord among the Gods! who is like thee glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders! Thou in thy mercy hast led forth thy people which thou hast redeemed. Thou hast guided them in thy strength into thy holy habitation. Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us, for thou hast wrought all our works in us. O Lord our God, other Lords have had dominion over us, but by thee only will we make mention of thy name; whereupon, glorify ye the Lord in the fires, even the name of the Lord God of Israel in the isles of the sea. During the reading of this, the applicant shall stand at the foot of the table, the brethren all standing also in their places and strictly silent. The Master shall then say—Friend, what dost thou desire in this meeting of true Orangemen! and the Candidate shall answer—of my own free will and accord I desire admission into your loyal institution. Master: Who will vouch for this friend that he is a true protestant and loyal subject? (the sponsors shall bow to the Master and signify the same, each mentioning his own name.) Master: What do you carry in your hand? Candidate: The word of God. Master: Under the assurance of these worthy brothers we will trust that you also carry it in your heart. What is the other book? Candidate: The book of your rules and regulations. Master: Under the like assurance we will further trust that you will study them well, and that you will obey them in all lawful matters. Thereupon we gladly receive you into this order. Orangemen, bring me your friend. The Candidate shall then be brought by his sponsors before the Master, the two brethren standing at each side of the centre of the table; during this, the Chaplain or brother appointed shall say, Many shall be purified and made whole and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. Bless-

ed is he that waiteth and cometh to the thousand three hundred and thirty days; but go thou thy way until the end be, for thou shalt rest and stand in thy lot at the end of the days: The Candidate shall then kneel on his right knee, and the Master shall invest him with the decoration of the order and the Orange sash: Then the Chaplain or brother appointed shall say, when thus it shall be in the midst of the land among the people, thou shalt be as the shaking of an olive tree, and as the gleanings of grapes when the vintage is done. They shall lift up their voices, they shall sing for the majesty of the Lord, they shall cry aloud from the sea, when the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established on the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills, and the people shall flow unto it, and this shall be for a token upon their hand, and a frontlet between their eyes; for by strength of hand the Lord brought us forth out of Egypt. Thou shalt therefore, keep this ordinance in his season from year to year.—Then the Master shall say: we receive thee, dear brother, into the religious and loyal institution of Orangemen, trusting that thou wilt abide a devoted servant of God, and true believer in his Son Jesus Christ, a faithful subject of our King, and supporter of our Constitution.—Keep thee firm in the Protestant Church, holding steadily her doctrines, and observing her ordinances; make thyself the friend of all pious and peaceable men, avoiding strife and seeking benevolence, slow to take offence and offending none, therefore, so far as in thee lieth turning the injustice of our adversaries into their own reproach and confusion.—In the name of the brotherhood, I bid thee welcome, and pray that thou mayest long continue among them a worthy Orangeman. The Master shall then communicate, or cause to be communicated unto the new member the signs and pass words of the brotherhood, and the Chaplain or brother appointed shall say: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace goodwill towards men: after which, the brother shall make obeisance to the Master, and all present shall take their seats, the certificate of the new brother being first duly signed and registered."

Was not this a profanation of the Holy Scriptures?—What were the details of these Orange Lodges? They might truly be said to be written in blood. Orangemen arrogated to themselves the assumption that they exclusively were Protestants, and they censured and condemned all who did not follow the course which they marked out. The hon. Col. Secretary had referred to persecution by Roman Catholics, but he (Mr K.) could show by certain letters of the Bishop of Londoff, that that Protestant Prelate, in alluding to the persecuting times of Queen Mary, had said that many Protestants then fled to Ireland, and were received by the Irish Catholics with characteristic hospitality. He (Mr K.) therefore thought that a great deal which had been advanced with regard to the Roman Catholics might have been spared. He would second the motion of the hon. leader of the Opposition.

Hon. Col. GRAY.—This subject had been discussed on a former occasion, and to-day it was all being gone over *de novo*. He had before him a book—Coke upon Littleton—and if he read it through he supposed he would meet with a great deal just as relevant to the subject as what had been read. (Laughter). He, however, was not going to inflict the reading of the book upon hon. members, as he wanted no other light on the subject than a common sense view of the matter. The thing was plain; when a large body of Her Majesty's subjects desired legislation to enable them to manage certain property, their request was entitled to consideration by this House. Such organizations, however, as the one in question generally led to processions, and when men were congregated and excited, they sometimes thought that there should be no person in the world except themselves. For his part he did not care how many processions there were in the country, as long as he had his own share of the road. But others thought differently; therefore he would like to be informed by the hon.