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Now, for my own country, New Zealand; we have seventy lodges, with average membership of sixty, about forty Protestant Alliance lodges, and a few Black Preceptories. Small Protestant halls are scattered over the length and breadth of the Colony, but a large Orange hall will shortly be erected in Christchurch. We have started a paper in the interests of Orangeism and Temperance, and I have the honour to be connected with it. I may say we are going ahead slowly in New Zealand, but a grand future is before us. Our Colony is yet young. The Papal army is a noisy one and aggressive, but we are determined to stand like a wall of adamant and iron, and repel Papal aggression in that "Queen of Pacific"—that lovely jewel of the British Crown.

BRO. WILLIAM COX, Delegate from New South Wales, spoke as follows:—

MY LORD AND BRETHREN,—It gives me great pleasure to be present at this meeting. I am very much disappointed at being the only Delegate present from New South Wales, as there were four appointed. I hope some of them will shortly make their appearance. I will now give you a brief detail of our Orangeism. In 1845 the first Orange Lodge was formed and opened in Sydney; Richard McGuffin was the first W. M., and, gentlemen, it was not an easy task to undertake in those days, considering the character of the population; we always allowed the Roman Catholics to be three to one of all other denominations for prisoners and paupers. Shortly after the first Lodge was opened the Grand Lodge was organized. They issued seven Warrants, their ranks increased to about 500 members, when the Californian gold-fields started, and shortly after the Colonial, reducing, for a time, the Orange ranks. As the gold mania subsided, the Orangemen commenced to unite again. All went on well until the ever memorable 12th of March, 1868, when the life of H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh was sought by the hand of the would-be assassin, O'Farrell. This event stimulated Orangemen to activity, the result was, that many hundreds testified their loyalty by enlisting under the standard of Orangeism. On the 12th of March, 1869, the Duke of Edinburgh Loyal Orange