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By His Excellency's Command,

ALFRED DOMETT, Colonial Secretary.

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HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-IN-CHIEF has been pleased to direct the publication of the following Addresses, with his Excellency's replies thereto, for general information.

By His Excellency's command,
ALFRED DOMETT,
Colonial Secretary.

Nelson, 14th February, 1851.

SIR,—I am instructed by the Minister and Office Bearers of the Wesleyan Methodist Society and Congregation, to ascertain if it would be agreeable to His Excellency the Governor to receive them as a Deputation bearing a Memorial, of which the enclosed is a copy.

In case an audience should be granted, oblige me by stating when and where the Deputation may have the honor of waiting upon His Excellency.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
R. P. OUTRIDGE,
At W. Hough's, Bridge-street.

— Wodehouse, Esq., (Acting) Private Secretary to his Excellency the Governor-General.

Nelson, 14th February, 1851.

SIR,—We, the undersigned Minister and Office Bearers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and Congregation, Nelson, desire to approach your Excellency with sentiments of sincere respect and esteem.

We are a *religious*, not a *political* Association; notwithstanding it may be proper for us to state that we, with every lover of order and peace, have witnessed with much gratification the great and unceasing exertions made by your Excellency to promote the welfare of both races of Her Majesty's subjects under your Government in New Zealand. Your efforts deserved the success they have obtained. The settled peace and prosperity of the colony is your rich reward; and will, we trust, be a subject of pleasing recollection to your Excellency in after years, particularly when the present favourable state of things is contrasted with the disturbed, insecure, and greatly impoverished circumstances of the colony on the first arrival of your Excellency.

If, in the order of Divine Providence, your Excellency should remove from the country without our having again the gratification of seeing you amongst us, your Excellency may feel assured that our best wishes and earnest

prayers for your increasing happiness, and that of Lady Grey, will ever follow you.

We remain,

Your Excellency's very obedient,
humble Servants,

(Signed) S. IRONSIDE, Minister.
B. GARRETT,
W. HOBBS,
A. JACKSON,
R. BURN,
J. RILEY,
A. M'EAUGHAN,
G. W. LIGHTBAND,
B. JACKSON,
B. P. OUTRIDGE.

Office-Bearers.

To His Excellency Sir George Grey, K. C. B.,
Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief
of New Zealand and its dependencies, &c.,
&c., &c.

Nelson, 14th February, 1851.

GENTLEMEN,—I thank you most sincerely for the manner in which you have expressed the gratification with which you have witnessed the exertions I have made to promote, in as far as lay in my power, the welfare of both races of Her Majesty's subjects in New Zealand, as also for your warm appreciation of the success which has attended those exertions.

I trust that I may always feel duly grateful to that Divine Providence which has seen fit to permit me to assist as an instrument in the great work of the colonization of New Zealand, and of the conversion and civilization of the Native Race. In common with yourselves, I feel that it was a great thing to have been chosen for such a work, and that we cannot be sufficiently thankful for the prosperity and tranquillity with which this country is now blessed.

But I have been myself only one of many persons who have been engaged in this great task—and many men, and classes of men, have rendered me an assistance so friendly, so cheerful, and so useful, that I shall always feel grateful to them for it.

I need hardly tell you, that amongst those persons who have rendered me such great assistance in the carrying out of plans which, without their co-operation must have fallen to the ground, are many Ministers and Members of your Society, to whom, conjointly with whom has been for some years past a source of the highest gratification to me. Wherever, then, I may hereafter go, or whatever may be my future duties, I shall always retain a lively remembrance of the encouragement and aid which your Society has afforded me in my past difficult career here; and you may rest assured that Lady Grey and myself will long remember the kind wishes which you have expressed for our future welfare and happi-

ness; and that to hear of your continued prosperity and well doing will always be a source of the greatest pleasure to us.

(Signed) G. GREY.

To the Minister and Office-Bearers of the Wesleyan Church and Congregation, Nelson.

May it please your Excellency to receive from us, the Officers and Brothers of the Nelson District of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity, the following Address of Congratulation upon your revisiting this Settlement:—

We beg to assure your Excellency, that we have ever retained a grateful and lively sense of your kindness to our Order, since we first had the honour and pleasure of addressing you upon your first landing here, after your appointment as Governor of the Colony of New Zealand.

We most sincerely congratulate your Excellency upon the stability of the arrangements made by you for the settlement of the Native claims, and that the measures adopted by your Excellency, to restore peace and confidence in this colony, have been crowned with success; and from the past experience of the energy and wisdom of your Excellency's measures, we feel entire confidence (now that the whole control of the titles and land claims of this settlement rest under your sole guidance) that the unfortunate uncertainty under which this settlement has so long laboured, from the want of legal titles to the lands purchased, will be satisfactorily arranged, and that this settlement may with certainty feel that every claim, for the future, will be decided upon firm and equitable grounds, and that we may look forward (under the wisdom of your Excellency's Government) to increased and lasting prosperity.

We trust that our Order has been so conducted in this place, that we still retain your approval; and we humbly hope that your Excellency will ever continue to give us your confidence and support.

Wishing your Excellency a long life of public esteem and private happiness, and that the emblems of our Order—Faith, Hope, and Charity—may ever be found in your path, we beg, most respectfully, gratefully, and loyally, to subscribe ourselves your most humble servants, on behalf of this district.

CHARLES HENRY COX, Prov. G. M.

RICHARD SUTCLIFFE, Prov. D. G. M.

P. Prov. G. M.,

THOMAS SULLIVAN, Prov. C. S.

To His Excellency Sir George Grey, Governor-in-Chief of New Zealand.

Nelson, February 14, 1851.

GENTLEMEN,—It affords me great satisfaction to have an opportunity of again visiting you at Nelson.

When first I had that pleasure, the prosperity of the poorer classes were not very bright or promising, and it was with much satisfaction that I then found you labouring to inculcate amongst them the habit of laying by some portion of their means as a resource against times of sickness or distress, and as a means of relieving the sufferings of Widows and Orphans.

It is also with great satisfaction that, now in these times of prosperity and peace, I find that you still pursue the same course, wisely remembering that man is never safe from adversity; and that, as we are blessed with increased means, so do our responsibilities increase so to administer these means as to alleviate in the greatest possible degree the wants and sorrows of our fellow-men.

I thank you for your congratulations upon the success which has, under the sanction of Divine Providence, attended my past administration of the affairs of this country.

Such a kindly intentioned expression of your opinions naturally attaches me to the interests of those from whom it proceeds, and will animate me to exert myself in every way to promote the happiness and prosperity of this settlement. In the pursuit of this object you may rely upon my taking the earliest opportunity of putting the question of Titles to Land upon a firm and satisfactory basis.

I beg that you will convey to the Officers and Brothers in this District my thanks for their flattering address, and that you will assure them that I wish them a long career of continued usefulness, and that they shall always find in me a warm well-wisher and an active friend.

(Signed) G. GREY.

To the Officers and Brothers of the Nelson District of the Order of Oddfellows.

Nelson, 14th February, 1851.

SIR,—I am instructed by the Officers and some of the Members of the Nelson Total Abstinence Society to ascertain if it would be agreeable to His Excellency the Governor to receive them as a Deputation bearing a Memorial, of which the enclosed is a copy.

In case an audience should be granted, oblige me by stating when and where the Deputation may have the honor of waiting upon His Excellency.

I have also the honor to enclose a card of admission for His Excellency and suite to the Ninth Annual Tea and Public Meeting of the

Society, with a request that His Excellency will preside on the occasion.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. P. OUTRIDGE,

At W. Hough's, Bridge-street.

— Wodehouse, Esq., (Acting) Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief.

Nelson, 14th February, 1851.

SIR,—We, the undersigned Officers and Members of the Total Abstinence Society, desire to approach your Excellency with sentiments of respect and esteem.

In case your Excellency should not again visit Nelson, we feel bound to express the gratification we have experienced in witnessing your efforts to promote the moral welfare of all classes of her Majesty's subjects in New Zealand.

We would more particularly allude to the Ordinance passed by your Excellency prohibiting the sale of spirituous liquors to the aborigines of these islands; this we believe has been productive of much moral and social benefit to the Native Race: we respectfully tender you our humble yet heartfelt thanks for your firmness in the matter.

Your Excellency may rest assured that our best wishes for the happiness of yourself and Lady Grey will ever follow you.

We remain,

Your Excellency's very obedient,
humble Servants,

(Signed) T. BLICK,
R. BURN,
B. CRISP,
A. JACKSON,
C. LUCAS,
A. M'EACHEN,
D. M'GREGOR,
R. NEWTH,
R. P. OUTRIDGE,
T. PEARCE,
J. RILEY,
C. SEWELL.

To His Excellency Sir George Grey, K.C.B.,
Governor General and Commander-in-Chief
of New Zealand, and its Dependencies,
&c., &c., &c.

Nelson, New Zealand,
14th February, 1851.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg that you will accept my thanks for the flattering address which you have presented to me.

It is very pleasing to me that you, in common with so large a portion of the community,

should view with approbation the efforts which have been made to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors to the Native population. Upon a perseverance in that line of policy I believe that the future happiness of the aborigines of these Islands very largely depends. It is therefore most gratifying to observe, that not only the European, but the Native population also, have in general cheerfully obeyed and assisted in carrying out the law in relation to this subject, and I rely with confidence upon a continuance of this feeling, in the preservation of which you will, I am sure, as far as lies in your power, continue to assist me.

Upon Lady Grey's behalf, I thank you for the kind manner in which you expressed your

good feelings towards her. It was to her a cause of great disappointment that the state of her health prevented her from visiting Nelson, in promoting the usefulness of the schools of which settlement she had hoped, whilst here, to have taken an active part.

Both Lady Grey and myself will, however, always feel the greatest interest in the future advancement and prosperity of this settlement, from the inhabitants of which we have on various occasions received acts of the kindest attention.

(Signed) G. GREY.

To the Officers and Members of the Total Abstinence Society, Nelson.

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