

many of those upon whom I now look with regard and interest, may in after years maintain the promises of their youth, and, by example, practice, Christian love and charity, do their utmost to promote the cause of temperance in all things.

G. GREY.

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ADDRESS from SUPERINTENDENT, at Nelson, to Governor Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B.

To His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

It is a source of much gratification to me, as well as to the inhabitants of this Province, that your Excellency has consented to assist, by your presence and countenance, to-day, at the foundation of our new Hospital.

The large increase in our population, consequent upon the late important discoveries of Gold Fields upon the West Coast, renders greatly enlarged accommodation for the sick absolutely necessary, the more especially when the constant exposure and the risk of accident to which the avocation of the miner subjects him are taken into consideration.

Care has been taken, in designing the new building, to follow the most approved mode of construction, so that the patients may have fresh air in abundance, and be supplied with ample attendance and every convenience which their condition requires.

Your Excellency, I am assured, will heartily join me in congratulating the people of Nelson upon the improved state of the finances of the Province, which enables them to make so satisfactory a provision for the relief of their suffering fellow-citizens.

OSWALD CURTIS,
Superintendent.

REPLY.

YOUR HONOR,—

It is with great pleasure that I find that one of the first acts of your administration of the affairs of this Province is to aid in providing increased accommodation for the sick and suffering; and I gladly give such assistance as I can in the promotion of so wise and good an undertaking, by availing myself of the opportunity you have so kindly afforded me of taking a share in forwarding a work with which I consider it a privilege to be in any way connected.

That the care which has been taken in designing the new Hospital, and in supplying all things requisite for the recovery or comfort of the sick, and that the benevolence which has led the inhabitants of the Province of Nelson so munificently to provide for the relief of the suffering, may be rewarded by this building answering all the charitable desires of its founders, and remaining for many years a blessing to the inhabitants of this part of New Zealand is my earnest wish and prayer.

G. GREY.

No. 33.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B., to the
Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON.

(No. 51.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

28th April, 1867.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No. 5, of the 1st of February last, in which you express your sincere regret at the controversies which "have unfortunately so long subsisted between myself and "the officers successively commanding Her Majesty's Troops in New Zealand."

2. You will, I trust, pardon me for saying that I fear that any person reading these expressions might naturally conceive a prejudice against my proceedings in as far as they are herein referred to.

3. I therefore wish to place on record that I was first appointed to a Colonial Government in the year 1840, and from that time until 1863 I was constantly engaged in administering Colonial Governments, to each of which I was successively sent because serious difficulties and disturbances prevailed in the countries to which I was appointed.

4. For that long number of years the most harmonious relations always existed between myself and the very many military officers, of very varied ranks and characters, and of different dispositions, who were from time to time in command of Her Majesty's Forces in my Government, and sometimes upon occasions when very important operations were being carried on.

5. During that long period of time, also, Her Majesty's dominions, wherever I might be, suffered no serious injury; no province was laid waste; no large loss of life or great expenditure was incurred; no rebellion ever spread to a great extent; Her Majesty's subjects soon returned to their allegiance, and became