

We claim to be a part of Britain's power,  
And feel we are a section of her State  
That should not be ignored in this bright hour,  
Which we are met in joy to celebrate.

'Tis the productive energies which raise  
That island home of liberty and worth  
To her exalted place of power and praise—  
The envy and the glory of the earth.

To be the Britain of the Southern Seas,  
By every means we nobly shall aspire ;  
Although the youngest of her colonies,  
Time yet may crown this patriot desire.

Long have these Islands to your heart been dear,  
To make them great incessantly you've toiled ;  
And long may you the noble title wear,  
Of foster-sire of Britain's youngest child.

May health and happiness prolong your days,  
And give you power to realise your plans  
Of earnest love to man in many ways,  
Is the warm prayer of NELSON'S ARTIZANS.

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WILLIAM GARRARD, } Committee.

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,—

I thank you very heartily for this address, and for your expressions of love and loyalty for your Queen, which shall, without delay, be made known to Her Majesty.

It is with great pleasure I have perceived how loyal and patriotic are the sentiments you have given utterance to, and how heartfelt are your aspirations and desires, to raise this your adopted country to a position worthy of the race from which you have sprung.

I will only say that to foster such designs in the breast of yourselves and your children, and to aid you in carrying them into practical development, has always been my aim and wish, and ever shall be so ; and that I know that these wishes on my part are most fully participated in by my Responsible Advisers, and by the General Assembly.

That you may long entertain the desire of continually advancing your country and your descendants in the paths of patriotism, justice, and every national virtue, and that you may be successful in your efforts to attain such great and good ends is my earnest prayer.

G. GREY.

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ADDRESS from the BAND OF HOPE, to Governor Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B.

To His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B., Governor of New Zealand :—

It is with feelings of great pleasure that the Committee of the Nelson Band of Hope have assembled so large a number of the youth of Nelson for the purpose of welcoming your Excellency to this City, after an absence of so many years ; believing, as they do, that the interest your Excellency formerly took in the education of the young has not diminished, though it may have been set aside by matters demanding more of your Excellency's time and attention.

The cause of total abstinence from intoxicating liquors is one affecting so materially the general wellbeing of the Colony, that we feel assured that your Excellency will not be less gratified at meeting so large an assemblage of youthful abstainers than the committee are in being able to bring them before your Excellency ; especially when they remember the noble example your Excellency set before the Natives and the whole Colony by the agreement your Excellency made with the late William Thompson to abstain from intoxicants, in order, if possible, to induce the Maoris to abstain from those intemperate habits which have been such a fruitful source of decay among them ; and we would respectfully urge your Excellency to make use of the great influence you have over the Natives to discourage the use of intoxicating liquors among them, and thus help to prolong, if only for a few years, the existence of so noble a race as the Natives of New Zealand.

While thanking your Excellency for your attendance here this evening, and for the countenance thus given to the efforts which have been put forth to draw away the youth of Nelson from the paths of folly and vice, we would express our earnest wish that peace and prosperity may attend your Excellency's administration of the affairs of this Colony, so that your Excellency's name may be held in honored remembrance by both the present and future generations.

We beg to remain, your Excellency's most obedient servants,

BENJAMIN CRISP, President.  
JOSEPH CRISP, Secretary.  
CHARLES JAMES HILL, Treasurer.

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,—

You could have given me no greater pleasure than to have assembled the youth of Nelson to welcome me upon my arrival in this City, after so long an absence.

I am rejoiced to see them here, and I can assure them and yourselves, that to strive to make them happy and good will ever be to me a most pleasing duty.

I trust your efforts to promote habits of temperance may be crowned with great success, and that