

BURKE AND WILLS INSTITUTE AT FRYERSTOWN.

A short notice of the laying of the foundation-stone of this Institute on Tuesday last appeared in our paper yesterday. We now give a more detailed account of the very interesting proceedings of the day.

About sixteen of the brethren of various Masonic Lodges were in attendance, and after having duly opened a Lodge in the Board Room of the Fryer's Creek Road District, which was kindly lent for the occasion, the Brethren attended Divine service at the church of All Saints, Fryerstown, after which a procession was formed by them in conjunction with the Loyal Talbot Lodge of Odd Fellows, and the schools of Fryerstown, which, headed by the Fryerstown Band, proceeded to the site of the intended Institute. The Foundation Stone was then laid in due and ancient form by the Rev. W. M. Brother A. Haute Wyatt, Loddon Lodge; Brothers Hull and Merrifield officiating as Wardens, Brother Taite as Treasurer, and Bro. Lewis, P. M. 1029, bearing the Square.

T. D. S. Heron, Esq., Resident Warden, on behalf of the Committee of the Institute presented the Rev. Master with a beautifully chased silver trowel, with which he spread the cement; the stone was lowered and adjusted by the square, level and plumb line. The W. M. having expressed his entire confidence in the Masonic Art of his Wardens and P. M., finished the ceremony by striking the stone with the maul.

The Choir of All Saints Church having previously sung an anthem, the stone was then strewed with corn, a libation of wine was poured, and it was then anointed with oil by the Rev. Master, a prayer being offered, and each portion of the ceremony being lucidly explained by him. The Choir chanted an appropriate anthem, between each rite.

The W. M. then delivered a Masonic oration of which the following is a *resumé*: He congratulated the inhabitants of the District on the happy mode they had selected for perpetuating the memory of those first fruits of Victorian Chivalry, Burke and Wills; no better method could have been devised of glorifying God, benefitting mankind, and consecrating the memory of the heroes, than by erecting such an Institute as they proposed to do, and of which he had laid the foundation stone. Masonry had been misrepresented and vilified by the prejudiced and ignorant of the outer world; he, (the W. M.) would tell his assembled friends what Masonry was. It was the science which especially taught Masons a knowledge of themselves; and inculcated those strict morals and sound principles which are the groundwork, the beginning and the end, of simple Christian religion. In speaking of the religious tendency of masonry, he asked, amongst what society was the Bible, from the first line of Genesis to the list of Revelations more venerated than amongst Masons. Between those lines, in fact, was comprehended the whole of their moral system. Archbishops and Bishops had been Brethren of the Mystic Tie; Saint John the Evangelist, and Saint John the Baptist were the Holy men to whom the majority of the Lodges were dedicated. If he were called upon to sum up the religion of masons, it would be in these two simple texts: "To give glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will, amongst men." "To

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The Rev. Master and his assistants, company of Odd Fellows and others then partook of an excellent lunch, provided at the Cumberland Hotel; T. D. S. Heron, Esq. in the Chair. The usual loyal toasts were given, and duly responded to. The Fryer's Creek Brass Band was in attendance, and much contributed to the festivity of the occasion.