

SECRET SOCIETIES.

Mr. Blake's Recent Remarks Concerning the Secrecy Feature.

Correspondence on the Subject.—Between the Grand Secretary J. B. King, and Mr. Blake.

The following correspondence has been handed to us for publication:— Hon. Edward Blake, M.P., Ottawa: Respected Sir,—My attention has been called by not a few prominent members of our order to a speech delivered by you lately on the 'Orange Incorporation Bill,' in which you appear to have denounced all secret societies, accusing them of being the 'fruitful mother of malignity, misrepresentation, and bigotry.' At the same time you admit that you are not a member of any society, and therefore do not know of yourself anything of their workings or teachings.

Many of my correspondents feel aggrieved that when you repudiated the language of having any reference what ever to Freemasonry, that you did not at the same time also include 'Oddfellowship,' it surely having as strong a claim upon your kindly feelings as any other society.

I may say that 'Oddfellowship' is purely a benevolent society, having for its single purpose the relief of its members in the trials and struggles which are inseparable from human life. That its secrets are only those which are intended to protect its funds from imposition, &c.

I am unwilling that your conscientious remarks upon a bill then before you should be harshly judged or wrongly construed by our Order, amongst whose members are very many of your warmest and most ardent supporters, without first learning from yourself that you so intended, a fact which I do not for a moment harbour a thought of.

I shall be glad, indeed, if you will give me an assurance that I am right, that I may make public through the columns of our official paper the Dominion Oddfellow.

I am, sir, respectfully yours, J. B. KING, G. Sec.

(Copy), Ottawa, March, 18th, 1884. DEAR SIR,—I am much obliged by your letter of the 20th instant, in which you make some enquiries (very natural in view of the misrepresentations which have been circulated) as to the bearing of my recent remarks on secret societies. The most satisfactory reply which I can make is to enclose you (as I do herewith) a print of my speech, from which you will see what I did in fact say, and the connection in which my different remarks were made. You will observe that speaking in the first place of secret benevolent societies, such as that of which you are a member, I used the following language:—

"I have never joined one, though many of my best friends are members of secret societies, which are as this profess to be, benevolent—secret societies that do not meddle with political topics—secret societies whose real action, so far as one of the public can know, is not consistent with or does not go beyond the avowed purposes of their association. But I believe the tendency of secrecy itself to be injurious. I believe that it involves a certain amount of sacrifice of individuality and independence, and gives very great facilities for the misleading of members by designing leaders—very great and mischievous facilities for that purpose. That is my general proposition with reference to secret oath-bound societies, a point on which, I dare say, as I said before, I am in a small minority; for I suppose the vast bulk of at least the Protestant members of this House belong to one or other of those societies; and I do not wish to be understood as saying that these mischievous tendencies are carried out in many of those societies, the operation of which, as far as I know, are beneficial."

I then proceeded to refer to secret societies of a very different class, of which I gave as an instance 'the Ribbon Society,' 'the Phoenix Society,' and 'the Fenian Society,' and pointed out the great evils which had resulted from their existence. You will see that it is after having discussed the evils which had arisen from this latter class of secret societies and exclusively with reference to quasi-political societies that I used the following language:—

"But we have no right, because we have no necessity, to engage for these purposes in secret societies which, as I have indicated, have often been the fruitful mothers of malignity, misrepresentation and bigotry." You enquire when repudiating any intention to apply these words to the Society of Free-Masons I did not make a similar repudiation as to your society. The explanation is simple. The speaker who followed me had charged me with having used these words applicable to the Freemasons. I denied his statement. It seemed unnecessary to deny a reference which had not been imputed. After what I have said it is needless that I should add that the words referred to had no reference whatever to your society, any more than to that of the Free-Masons, or other like organizations. I conceive that it would have been a wanton slander had I used the words in the connection imputed to me.

I am, Dear Sir, Yours faithfully, EDWARD BLAKE, J. B. King, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Ontario, I. O. O. F., Toronto, Ont.

A Case Much Talked Of. The case of John Morrison, of St. Ann's N.S., who was afflicted with a serious dropsical disease of the kidneys, the best medical aid having failed, his life was despaired of. Two bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters cured him. His statement is vouched for by J. D. McLeod, J. P., who knew of his condition. The cure is considered marvelous in his town. 2

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Mr. Blake and Secret Societies.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Guelph Mercury writes:—Attempts are being made by the Tories to distort and misrepresent his remarks about secret societies generally, but any one who reads the report of his speech will see that while personally he is not in favor of any such societies, yet he admitted that often they were the means of doing much good. Referring to such societies he said:—"I do not wish to be understood as saying that these mischievous tendencies are carried out in many of these societies, the operation of which, so far as known, are benevolent." Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Blake so clearly excepted purely benevolent societies from his condemnation, the Tory squawk, for the purpose of trying to prejudice the members of them, have, with characteristic dishonesty, repeated his malignant misrepresentation nearly every day since the speech was delivered. The ultimate effect of his speech it is hard to determine, but he has done a great service in this. If in nothing else, that he has painted out the wide distinction between working for and promoting one's religious convictions and co-operating with those of the same way of thinking, regardless of political or national divisions, and working for an end with the agency of an association, which was calculated to keep alive a sentiment of political hostility, and which addressed itself rather to feelings of malignity than those of charity. The speech was most intently listened to by both sides of the House, and the cheering was general on both sides when he closed. At the first and for a while Sir John and Mr. Bowell took notes as if they meant to reply, but as Mr. Blake went on they gave it up and seemed to consider it a hopeless task to attempt an answer. Those who spoke after him on the Tory side did not touch his remarks at all, but contented themselves with abuse of him or the party which he leads.

Tarred with the Same Stick. Wilkinson stated that he had attempted a big game in trying to upset the government by bribing members, but that he was working purely for himself and by himself. Mr. Bunting was entirely innocent. Wilkinson is willing to offer up himself as the scapegoat. But the evidence is too strong against Mr. Bunting. His relations with Simon are known and these have yet to be unfolded. They will show that Bunting, Wilkinson and Stinson were hand and glove in the conspiracy.—[World.]

All in the Mire. It is not of much use for the Tories to endeavor to free themselves from responsibility for Wilkinson's actions. They knew what he was doing—at all events Messrs. Meek and Bunting did—and if there were no evidence of direct complicity in his crime, they must at least be held accessories after the fact. But there is a most damaging piece of evidence against the Tory Ministers in that item in the public accounts—John A. Wilkinson, \$3,350.—[Winnipeg Free Press.]

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