

kenzie Bowell's answer, be amended by striking out clause 4, and that the report, as amended, be filed.

Moved by Bro. Garriock, seconded by Bro. A. Wright, and resolved:—

That the collection to be taken up in Church, to-day, be appropriated to the Protestant Orphans' Home of this city.

Moved by Bro. R. McAuley, seconded by Bro. J. C. Tait, and resolved:—

That this Grand Lodge do proceed to Church in a body.

The Grand Lodge was then formed into procession, and, headed by the brass band of the Orange Young Britons, proceeded to Church, where the Rev. H. M. Collisson, of the R. E. Church, preached the following eloquent sermon, taking for his text, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings to the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound." Isaiah lxi., 1.

SERMON.

This text is a prophecy regarding Christ, as He Himself informs us in His discourse, preached at Nazareth. He is the anointed one—anointed as a King! The objects of His reigning over men, of His becoming their King, are specified. It is, that He might bind up the broken-hearted and proclaim liberty. In another place we are told that he came to bring "peace on earth, good will towards men."

Christ's Kingdom, in one sense of the word, consists solely of all those who love Him in their hearts. These are His elect, His chosen, His saints, His redeemed, who are to live and reign with Him forever in Heaven. But Christ's Kingdom has an influence that extends far and wide beyond the boundaries of the company of the redeemed on earth. We may perceive this fact by glancing at the condition of any so-called Christian nation, as contrasted with a heathen nation. All Englishmen, Irishmen, and Scotchmen, for instance, are not true followers of Christ Jesus—not real, genuine saints; yet the influence of Christianity is such, in Britain, that we call our's a Christian nation. Where Christianity prevails, there liberty is beloved; a sound morality exists; marriage, and those family ties upon which, in reality, the very existence of a nation depends, are held sacred. Government means the restraint of evil-doers; not the oppression of the weak, but their protection. The pauper is not a slave, to be sold for what he will fetch in the markets, as in ancient Rome, but an unfortunate human brother to be cared for. The criminal is not a wretch to be tortured, but a man to be reformed. War, even, when between Christian nations loses half its horrors, and peace is regarded in Christian nations as better than war, and the very watchword of