

name. They forget that wealth in this country passes rapidly from one to another, and that he who is rich to-day may be poor to-morrow; or that he who relies on wealth amassed by his father, may end his days in the poor house. It is for the young man to say whether by industry and economy he will secure competence and respectability, or by extravagance and idleness become a worthless beggar and a sponging outcast.

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## Lord and Lady Aberdeen's Visit.

ON the morning of 17th inst., the Vice-Regal Party, accompanied by the representatives of several civic bodies, together with Vice-Chancellor Mulock, Hon. John Dryden and Dr. James Mills, arrived at the College a few minutes after eleven o'clock.

As the sound of bells drew near, the students, who were all in readiness, filed out of the building and lined up in front of the main entrance. The near approach of the sleigh was the signal for a round of cheering which did great credit and good to our lungs and pent up feelings. No time was lost in removing the horses from the vehicle, the long ropes attached, the sleigh was turned round and down the front drive we rushed at top speed, cheering as we ran. The Vice-Regal occupants were at first evidently surprised at the sudden move we had taken, but as soon as they realized what was going on they seemed greatly interested and pleased with the entire proceedings. Still we rushed forward and madly onward,—now and then a cluster of fellows, having lost their footing, were rolled sideways in the snow—the turns made, the Dairy sighted, with increased cheering and quickening speed, the sleigh was brought directly in front of the main building; the visitors having alighted, the fellows again, again and again, broke forth, with undiminished vigor, in spite of the extra exertion of a good run of more than half a mile, into rounds of cheering.

The splendidly-equipped department was then inspected, the illustrious guests examining every detail and making endless inquiries. Then the home dairy and cheese factory were given attention, and from there the stables were the next point of interest visited.

Shortly afterwards an adjournment was made to Dr. Mills' house, where Mrs. Mills received her distinguished guests, and the party was also augmented by the addition of several ladies, among them being Mrs. Dryden, Mrs. Mulock, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Guthrie. After a few minutes rest, luncheon was served, and at its conclusion Dr. Mills, in a few well-chosen sentences expressed the pleasure they all felt in having the Governor and Lady Aberdeen with them, and their appreciation of the honor conferred by the visit. Lord Aberdeen fittingly responded, after which their Excellencies received the staff of the College in the drawing room, and then adjourned to No. 1 Classroom where the students were assembled to listen to a short address.

His Excellency was greeted with a storm of applause as he rose to speak. He stated that Lady Aberdeen and himself had been looking forward to their visit at the Ontario Agricultural College. After concluding his introductory remarks he said: "One cannot help feeling that apart from the actual and practical benefits which you, and others through you, derive from the opportunities here afforded for acquiring a real scientific acquaintance with the great pursuit of agriculture—one cannot but recognize that there is an indirect influence to be gained in this respect, namely, that it will induce the public generally more and more to recognize the dignity as well as the useful and practical character of this great profession—the profession of farming." He spoke of the advantages of scientific studies and their application "to the practice of agriculture; of the excellent work of the various experimental stations in the Dominion; of Canada's great agricultural resources; of Canada's illustrious success at the World's Fair, and also of the good work this College is doing in the advancement of Ontario's interest under the splendid guidance of the Hon. Mr. Dryden, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario. In conclusion he said:—"The subjects suggested by an occasion like this are many and various, and unless I curb the natural inclination to make further observations I may detain you too long." He thanked the President and

his colleagues, and lastly Mr. Dryden, for the kindness and attention paid to Lady Aberdeen and himself. His Excellency, when on the point of leaving, rose and reassured the students of his utmost appreciation and sincerest thanks for the complimentary manner in which the Vice-Regal party had been conveyed to the dairy buildings in the morning.

A hurried visit was at once made to the gymnasium and conservatories, and then the party returned to the city where they were formally welcomed. After a brief stay they left by 5.40 train for Toronto.

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## Under The Union Jack.

Tennyson has said:

"In the spring the young man's fancy  
Lightly turns to thoughts of love."

Strange to say this was not true of myself in the spring of '92. On the contrary; owing to some strange, subtle, majestic, influence, I found my hitherto peaceful soul filled with absorbing thoughts of war with all its horrible accompaniments of powder, smoke, and crimson lifeblood. When I look back on those days I am still heartily thankful that I did not do something desperate to satiate my horrible desire for the goal of my innocent countrymen. The Guelph city police force with tempting offers of possible fame, to be won in subduing angry mobs, offered alluring inducements to many young men; but its most exciting adventures were all as nothing to one who sought to carve out for himself a niche in the temple of fame, while carving at the same time, the carcases of his country's enemies, with his Damascus blade.

The desired opportunity was not long in presenting itself; for just at this time, who should appear on the scene but Major Davidson, of the Royal Canadian Militia, in search of recruits. Some of my friends (alas! were they true friends) at once said here was my chance. For some time I could not see matters just in this light, but finally one bleak and foggy morning, while suffering from a temporary aberration of intellect, I signed the service roll, resting it on a dirty gun wheel.

At last I was in a position where my horrible craving for slaughter could be gratified.

Time passed on; in a few days I made my way to the battery armory to procure my uniform and regimentals.

What was my disgust, to find, that instead of being presented with a lieutenancy and its accompanying regalia, which I really merited, I was directed to a heap of privates' outfits, and gruffly told to help myself. This I forthwith proceeded to do; and, as I was somewhat late in making my choice, I found myself in the end, the happy (?) possessor of a pair of trousers, three sizes too large and lagged out like potato sacks at the knees, and a tunic two sizes too small, with the remains of the previous year's rations still fondly adhering to its bosom.

My helmet, with its massive spike and chain, had its future brightness hidden by a heavy covering of dirt and verdigris. That helmet cost me no many an hour of anxious thought and sleeplessness; when I should have been wooing Morpheus. After some time, when the clothes, &c., had been fumigated and aired until I thought there was no danger to life or limb in putting them on, I donned them. Proudly I started down one of the halls on my trial trip; meeting one of my friends, I assumed my most military air, and saluted him in grand style. He was, of course, dumbfounded, and you can imagine my pride when I heard him muttering after he had passed me something about Solomon is, all his glory not being arrayed like one of those.

Shortly after this our detachment was ordered to prepare for active service on the Niagara frontier, where insurgent mosquitos were said to be harassing the peaceful peasants. "Ah, then and there was hurrying too and fro." Kit bags were forwarded from headquarters with orders for the men to provide themselves with certain requisite toilet articles, such as a hair brush and comb; the command was, in general, obeyed; but some of the fellows who, like the Turk, had an aversion to soap and water, ignored it entirely.

On the morning of the eighteenth of June, our gallant little com-