CHILDREN'S RECEPTION

Lord and Countess Aberdeen Address the Children at the Drill Hall.

Address Presented to Their Excellencies by the Alexandra Ladies' Club.

The latter part of the school children's reception to the vice-regal party, in the drill hall yesterday afternoon, was if anything more enthusiastic than any reception which has so far been tendered the party in Victoria. Both the Governor-General and Countesss Aberdeen were received with storms of applause the addresses were continually interrupted with cheers, laughter and applause. When His Excellency proposed that the department of education should grant the children a holiday, pandemonium reigned and the motion was declared carried. Hon. Col. Baker assenting. Cheers were given for the Queen, the Governor-General and Countess Aberdeen and the reception was brought to. a close, the school trustees and teachers being presented to the visitors. Before they left the hall Miss Kathleen Hunter and Miss Greta Renouf, of Clovely College, presented the Countess and Lady Marjorie with bouquets:

The governor-general addressed the children as follows: Your Honor, Col. Baker, Boys and Girls

of the Victoria Schools: We are delighted to have this opportunity of meeting you. Certainly you present a fine appearance. Now I hope that won't make any boy or girl too conceited (laughter), because after all each of you contributes only about one twothousandth part to the general effect. (Renewed laughter.) However, the admirable result furnishes a good example of what may be done by united action, by combination and by the application of the old principle that "many a mickle mak's a muckle." (Laughter.) Certainly when we survey this youthful host we cannot help feeling how much valuable material is here represented, and that makes us value all the more the excellent system of education which is being carried on for the development of this grand material. (Applause.) It is a after the cheers which greeted her had noble—a sacred work. It is a work of subsided, "because I believe everybody such comprehensiveness that it would be you of a few of the different aspects obey without any further demur. (Laughof this great enterprise. I shall allude, | ter.) But indeed I am very glad to have however, to one, of which I have no this opportunity of thanking you for that doubt you have heard a little-I mean the importance of technical or manual training. (Hear, hear.) I want to re- for the lovely baskets which I received mind you that that is not merely a question of the hands-it is also a question of the head, because we can do no good It was quite a novel welcome and rehandiwork without exercising our brains. Remember, therefore, that when you are of flowers. (Applause.) Well, children, taught how to use your hands you are I wonder how many times you have also being taught to use your brains. A celebrated painter was once asked that you have been born when you were how he managed to make such splendid and that you enjoy all the educational pictures, and with what he mixed his advantages that you have—so different colors. His answer was, "How do I from those which your ancestors had to mix my colors?-why, with brains." That is the secret of all good work. We a good many times, I fancy, and you must bring brains and intelligence to have come to think that it is one of those bear upon it. (Applause.) Don't forget things which older people say as a matthat technical training is of practical ter of course; and when struggling with benefit, especially in a comparatively young country like this, and that a boy that you have no reason to be so very or a girl equipped with such dignified thankful for all these educational advanacquirements, as say carpentry or the tages after all. (Laughter.) And inability to knit and sew, has gained ac- | deed we cannot expect you to realize the and value So you may be sure that in taking ad- the education of children during the last vantage of your opportunities in this re- 20 years—in the education of children spect you are providing a store upon in general, but especially in that of girls. which you can draw in future years. I And you cannot at all realize what it may mention that the present which I is to us to stand here and look on all received from my eldest boy, who is at of you assembled here and to wonder school in England, on the occasion of my what you are going to do with this edulast birthday—you see we old folks have cation and with all these advantages ant. So we hope you will send us some birthdays too-(laughter) was a table which you are enjoying. What good is made by himself, and I may say that I | this education with which your country placed a more than usual value upon the is endowing you going to do you? present because of that circumstance, though indeed most of the little presents which we have received from our chil- fore everyone of you, dear children, howdren, and their Christmas cards, etc., are | ever little you may think so now? their own handiwork. But I men- it going to help you girls to turn out a tion the table because my boy has had the advantage at the school which he is attending—that of Harrow, shall be a blessing to the country? For in England-of working in the workshop established at that school. (Applause.) Before sitting down I want to remind fitting you for woman's chief missionyou of the fact that we look to you as the building up of home. In some way new dignity to the work of teaching and the part of the teacher, and attention. century-for in a few years we shall glorious achievement, and we trust the twentieth will be even better. It is to you that we must look for that. "Where are my great men coming from,

The men to rule the state,

ism die:

When, this old century left behind, We've passed the twentieth gate;

My brave, broad-hearted citizens,

Let every boy upon the roll

Shout, 'Ready-here am I.' "

and the Countess, said:

The strong, the good, the true?

You're drifting now; rouse up my boys,

Don't let past glories be forgot. or patriot-

I wish you well. (Loud applause.)

Hon. Col. Baker, minister of educa-

the honor of your presence, but for the of their own-we talk as if it was for

kindly interest in their progress and wel- the future only for which they were be-

fare, and for the eloquent words of wel- ing prepared and trained, whereas they

come and sympathy with which you have have a great mission themselves at the

tion, addressing the Governor-General

Britain and who is so ably represented may be able to accomplish; but as time by yourselves. May this visit rekindle in the hearts of the children that spark of loyalty that already exists, and when they think of this occasion its memory cannot fail to recall to them the long cannot fail to recall to them the long chain of empire that binds us to the dear children comes in—God sends children into our homes to do what only cannot for the children into our homes to do what only cannot for the children realized as follows: by yourselves. May this visit rekindle goes on there comes worries and difficulold mother country. On behalf of the children into our homes to do what only public schools of Victoria allow me children can, bring sunshine into those again to thank you for your kindness, homes, to restore our faith in God and and to hope that you will long hold that man and make us feel that there is position which you so honorably occupy something worth living for in trying to and which we are sure you will continue | make the world better for these children. to fill as ably in the future as in the But then, children must be real children, past. (Applause.) their bright mission can only be accom-His Excellency, on Col. Baker resumplished by bright, natural, modest, child-

ing his seat, again came forward. Your Honor, Col. Baker and friends, go along the streets and stop to watch said he, we are very grateful for these some children playing—playing fairly, when they rose to speak, and during kindly words regarding our visit here and being kind to the little ones-going to-day from Col. Baker, and I can assure | with all their hearts into the game, it you that we feel on our part that thanks | makes you feel ever, so much better. But are due from us to Col. Baker and to the if we see them rough, and playing unboard of education and to the superin- fairly you come away feeling sad.. tendent of education, and to those who | we go into a home and see the children have organized and arranged this great | doing all they can to please their father gathering, which we certainly shall re- and mother, on the alert to be of any member with peculiar pleasure. I may little use they can-ready to give a say that one feature of interest which | bright smile and a pleasant, respectful distinguished this occasion is that it is answer to anyone who may speak to the first since we arrived in Canada offi- them-it does us all good to see children cially on which Lady Aberdeen has been like that. (Applause.) And when you induced to address an assembled gather- meet such children, whether in their ing of children of this kind. (Applause.) homes or on the street, and they greet Colonel Baker was good enough to say | you with a bright smile and a courteous that we would not altogether forget the salutation, it makes you feel the world occasion and some of the words which a bright place. And if you go into a have been said, but it may assist you to school and see all the children looking have an occasional recollection of it if | bright and neat and tidy, and their I shall now announce there are two sil-, books and copy books neat and tidy, ver medals given for competition, one paying great attention to what is said, for the various schools of the city and fastening their eyes upon the teacher or another for the high school, where of whoever may be speaking to them, you course a number of the pupils who have feel a great hope for the future and been at the various public schools con- come away with your heart cheered. tinue their education. Therefore I beg | And the same thing applies as regards to announce that there will be two silver | church. Children can be of great use medals presented by myself as long as I or a great trouble in a church—I will say am officially in this Dominion. (Great applause.)

His Excellency concluded by calling cheers for Her Majesty the Queen.

The Hon. Col. Baker then announced that the Countess of Aberdeen would address them.

"I am going to give you a good example of obedience," said the Countess, here has to do exactly what Colonel for me here to even remind Baker tells them, and that is why shower of flowers with which you greeted us when we entered, and in addition my little girl Marjori also thanks you. minds us that this is indeed a very city been told you ought to be very thankful put up with. You have been told that a hard sum or difficult lesson you think creat revolution that has taken place in it going to help you through all those storms of life, which are so surely begeneration of women able as no generation before to build up homes remember whatever else your education may do its chief value must be in

After the school children's reception esterday afternoon, Lady Aberdeen attended the opening of Alexandra Ladies' Club, the first of the kind to be organized in the city. The club has secured rooms over the Province office on Broad street and have had them very comthe hope of the future. That gives a or another you will have something to do fortably furnished. There is accommodation for reading, correspondence, restnew dignity to the work of teaching and | with building up homes, and it is for learning; to make a good scholar detaction should line and light refreshments. This will good voice. Madame Laird's "The be a great convenience to the members, Flowers of the Forest," and "Sing" with building up homes, and it is for boys in getting prizes and medals,"— who will be able to drop in at the club and then turning to the boys, "the girls coming of obstacles on the part of the learner. You boys and girls are to be the grown up citizens of a few years later. Did it ever occur to you that you are to be the people of the twentieth out first in your classes. It is that you have the girls during their visits to the business portions of the city. Countess Aberdeen spent a short time with the ladies yes terday afternoon, refreshments being thing more than that you should come are to be the people of the twentieth. out first in your classes. It is that you | Mrs. Dewdney, president; Miss Perrin, | comes more popular after each performshould be fitted for the great mission treasurer; Miss Day and Miss Allison, have entered upon that century. The that lies before you. Your country is joint secretaries. nineteenth century has been a century of not sending you to school to learn just. The governor-generates are considered in the control of the century of The governor-general, hearing of Mr. so much geography, history or arithme-Scaife's historical chart, stepped into the tic, but also to acquire that knowledge sanctum of the editor of the Province to being well suited to her pleasing and of life, that training, that power of selfcontrol and application which will enhour in doing so, and was much pleasable you to serve your day and generaed with the result of the author's pa-She expects you to give her a tient labors. The chart is simply a Brown, was splendidly sung and receivlife of service in your trades, your pro-leasions your homes Your country expects great things of you, and we are down to the present time, is accurately glad to be here to give you our best outlined, and in such a way as to im-wishes that you may be enabled to take press the eye as well as the ear, of the full advantage of all the opportunities which you have now. And if we want the story upon the memory. Persistent to know whether you are going to be application and accuracy of the author able to do this great service expected of are at once apparent. His lordship complimented Mr. Scaife very heartily beyou how shall we look for the signs? Shall we not look for them in ascertainfore leaving. ing whether the children of this genera-I am sure I am expressing the united voice of all the schools of Victoria in them as children? We forget very of-dress:

The members of the club presented Lady Aberdeen with the following ad-

so far west, and we should like to get

some more letters not only from children

in Victoria but throughout this island

generally, telling us about their homes

and their pets and all their doings, and

ALEXANDRIA LADIES' CLUB.

(Applause.)

thanking you most heartily, not only for | ten that children have a special mission | To Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen: We, the members of the "Alexandra Club," Victoria, have the honor to present Your Excellency with this address of Wel-

come on your arrival in our city.
We sincerely appreciate the favor been good enough to favor them. I am present time which only children can sure the children will remember your perform. You know that young people have conferred upon us by consenting to

presence here they cannot fail to remember Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, who rules over this great empire of Great Britain and who is so ably represented Britain and who is so ably represented may be able to accomplish; but as time with woman and woman's work.

you of our admiration and esteem for your zeal in, and devotion to the cause of Right and Worth, especially in connection with woman and woman's work. We hope that your visit to this city may

Countess Aberdeen replied as follows: Mrs. Dewdney, I "congratulate the ladies of Victoria on their enterprise in starting this club, the first of its kind in the Dominion. Such clubs are of recent growth even in London, though there are several now flourishing. I can sympathize with your efforts as we tried to form a club very much on like children, (Applause.) When we the lines you are now laying down in our northern town of Aberdeen. But I am sure all the members of the Aberdeen club would be very envious of the rooms with which you are now starting. But you have a further object apart from the conveniences afforded by such rooms for ladies shopping or in town from the country and this is shown by your magazines and by your object of having a library. You aim in fact at enabling the women of this place at a small cost to themselves, to keep in touch with all the thought and life of the world-to cultivate a taste for reading-in a word, to promote true culture amongst them and thereby to promote cultured homes. For the influence of this club must react on the homes. Too often the women of a community become cramped in their views of life by the practical impossibility of having any command of the literature of the day. the motto "Ten Thousand Welcomes There is the daily paper-but as for Our Noble Friends." Daylight was shut magazines they are a needless luxurythe gentlemen can see them at their making the scene a very brilliant one clubs, that is all that is necessary. There may be no circulating library and white, formed a semi-circle on a raised any books that are worth reading are dear to buy, and so the ladies of the family resign themselves to the inevitable, but in so doing their homes must this although I see His Lordship the Bishop is here. (A laugh.) A child who necessarily lack the variety, the breadth ren arose and the orchestra, composed of of view, the general knowledge of the pianos, harps, violin, guitars and manis inattentive in church sometimes upupon the assemblage to give three rousing, ringing British and British Columbia whereas a child who tries hard to folworld, and the influence which this ing the Governor-General and Lady Ab brings on our own minds, conduct and low the service can be a real help even sometimes to the preacher. You see on that of our children, so as a conse- Archie Gordon, the Lieutenant-Governor you have a great mission to perform now | quence, not only the home but the com- and Mrs. Dewdney, Hon. Theodore Dain filling your homes, your schools, | munity, the country at large is the poorwherever you are with sunshine. The er for this condition of things. So, sunshine of gentle, kindly, bright, obediagain, Mrs. Dewdney and ladies, let me | quhart, A. D. C., and Mr. Campbel ent children will, with your good beha- congratulate you and offer you my best private secretary to the Governor-Gener wishes. May I also express the hope al. All the pupils sang "Our Loyal vior, enable you to send us away cheered, because in spite of having had to that the representative ladies who are Hearts Your Presence Greet," here to-day will take an interest in the which four young ladies advanced to the wait here for some time in an uncom-Women's Local Council which is about front of the platform and one of them fortable position, you are so bright that you will send us all away with cheery to be formed here. It is an organiza- read an address to the Governor-General tion founded on the widest basis which hearts. (Applause.) You are doing more than that now-you will make us seeks to make a link between all women think that the teachers are teachers workers without respect to creed or class and it exists in favor of no one ernor-General the young lady who read who know how to train the children. propaganda. I believe it contains many the address pinned a buttonhole bouquet (Applause.) Before I sit down, children, possibilities for good if it is moulded by want to say one thing more, and that is to give you a message from my little the wisest and most experienced wogirl. We want to tell you that we are men in each place. I trust that the May it please Your Excellency and Lady ladies here may be able to be present at very, very pleased to have received some the meeting on Thursday. Once more letters from some children in Vancouver let me than you, Mrs. Dewdney, for Island addressed to a small boy called "Wee Willie Winkle.". We are very pleased to know that he has penetrated this very kind welcome and let me say

> THE CONCERT. A thoroughly Scottish concert was

that given at the Victoria theatre last

what pleasure it gives me to declare the

Alexandra Club open.

trying to win some of our competitions. evening by the St. Andrew's and Cale-

you would like, I will send you copies donian Society, in honor of the visit of "Wee Willie Winkle" to your schools the Governor-General and Countess in case any more of you wish to write to Aberdeen. Every seat in the house it. His Excellency, you know, is pro- was occupied long before the concert prietor of that magazine, and when we commenced, the guests of the evening in the person of her noble and worthy rereceive the competition papers we very being unavoidably delayed. They arrived, however, about 9 o'clock and were wishes of happiness. May this feeble trioften call in the proprietor to help us judge, but sometimes we don't because escorted to their box by Robert Irving, bute prove agreeable to our beloved Queen we know he is inclined to be too generous and give too many prizes, but at rising and singing "God save the The fame of your noble deeds has Queen." The Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Dewdney, the Mayor and Mrs. Dewdney, the Mayo all events it enables him to see these letters and to understand something about the home life of the children through-out the Dominion, which is very pleas-citizens were present. The concert deserved the large attendance, the artists more letters addressed to "Wee Willie, and their rendering of the various num-Canada has a gifted ruler who wields the Winkle, Government House, Ottawa,' bers being first class in every way. The first number on the programme was a part song, "Hail to the Chief," by Thank you, children, for having listened so attentively, and mind you remember Madame Laird, Mrs. Rowlands, Mr. to be the true sunbeams of Victoria. Wolff and Mr. J. G. Brown. It received well-merited applause. The dancing of the sailors' hornpipe and the Highland fling by Mr. W. Anderson, the Highland fling by Miss and Master Mackenzie. and the sword dance by Miss Strachan, afforded a pleasant variety in the programme. Mr. Anderson's dancing was splendid as was that of the three younger dancers, each being recalled. Mr. Clement Rowlands sang the "Battle of Sweet Bird," were very acceptably renance, his playing being far above the ance, his playing being far above the average. Mrs. Rowlands received an home, that abundant benedictions atencore for her singing of "Angus Mac- tend your labors; may your rule be associadonald," and replied with "Daddy," both examine it. He spent a quarter of an well-trained voice. Later in the evening she sang "We'd Better Bide a Wee." "The Laird o' Cockpen" by Mr. J. G. so sang "The Auld Scotch Sangs." The part song "All Among the Barley," by Madame Laird, Mrs. Rowlands, Mr. student, thus more indelibly imprinting Rowlands and Mr. Wolff, was one of the most pleasing pieces on the programme and was remarkably well rendered. Mrs. Rowlands and Mr. Brown received an encore for the duet "The Crookit Bawbee." The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" by the company brought to a close a very pleasant and successful concert, for which the public is indebted to the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society and Mr. J. G. Brown, under whose management the concert was held. Mr. Wolff and Miss Leech acted as accompanists.

ernor-General spent all morning in attending to his correspondence and other business. At 3.30 they visited St. Ann's convent, and from there they went to the provincial museum. This evening there is the dinner and evening party at Government House, for which a large number of invitations have been issued

NOTES OF THE VISIT. William Campbell, the Governor-General's private secretary, has occupied a similar position for all the governorgenerals since Lord Dufferin's term. The members of the press are indebted to him for many favors, as he is at all times ready to afford them what information and assistance he can. The party leave on Friday morning

for Nanaimo and Wellington, arriving at the latter place at 12.20 p.m., and leaving for Vancouver at 3 o'clock. They will probably visit the mines and other points of interest.

The thanks of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian society are due to Captain John Irving for his kindness in lending plants, flags and bunting for the decoration of the stage at the theatre last night.

From Wednesday's Daily. The reception given at St. Ann's Aca demy yesterday afternoon to the vice regal party was one of the pleasantest that has been tendered them since the arrival in the city. The large hall was very prettily decorated with pink tulidraped with ivy and other green twin ers. Across the end of the hall was out and the hall illuminated with gas, The pupils, all of whom were dressed platform, facing the vice-regal party while behind were the pupils of the kindergarten and a number of visitors.

On the arrival of the visitors the child dolins, played a welcome. Accompany erdeen, were Lady Marjorie and Hon vie, premier; Hon. Col. Baker, ministe of education; Miss Wilson, Captain Ur-

while the others presented Countess Aberdeen and Lady Marjorie Gordon with bouquets. At the request of the Govon his coat and also on Hon. Archie's. The address follows:

Aberdeen: Victoria, exulting in the honor conferred upon it by your visit, greeted your arrival with the enthusiasm that loyal devotion inspired. The echoes of these joyous accla mations have penetrated into our peaceful homes, and we shared in our city's jubilee cherishing the hope that these precincts within which we hailed the adevnt of many distinguised visitors, would likewise be hon ored by the presence of Your Excellency. In your great condescension you have gra tified our desire, and with youthful jubilation we tender you our welcome to-day. We assembled are pupils of various national origin and governments, yet as mem-bers of the same family all unite on this The fame of your noble deeds has precedand elevated feelings that add a special lustre to noble birth and exalted station. We have learned that in Your Excellency

baton of authority with a powerful hand, and who by word and deed will further its interests. We know that every shrine of learning throughout the broad Dominion cherishes the name of Lady Aberdeen; that the youthful mind struggling through the laby-rinth of science, led on by glimmering reflections to the Great Luminary itself-the divine source of all true knowledge-rejoices that in Your Ladyship it has a protector, a model and a guide. Moreover, we have been taught that Your Excellency and worthy consort possess the priceless charm of shedding happiness on those around you-kind and conciliating, the poor and the afflicted may with confidence appeal to you for sympathy and relief. In a word, your lives may be justly com pared to the fertilizing stream that flows through the arid desert, clothing it with verdue and gemming it with fragrant flowers. With pride and love your honored names will be handed down to future generations.

"For noble names when nobly borne Live within a nation's heart!

With united voice we re-echo the earnest ted with all that is most prosperous, great and glorious in the history of the Dominion over whose destiny you have come to

an exalted station in the heavenly kingdom where all nations and peoples will form but one family, united by the golden link of divine charity. Tendering you once again our greetings of welcome, and thanking you for your hon-

May the Supreme Ruler reserve for you

We beg to subscribe ourselves, The Pupils of St. Ann's Academy. There was a harp solo by a pupil, folowed by the singing of the Latin anthem, "Laudate Pueri," sung by a number of pupils. The Governor-General replied to the address of welcome as fol-

Your Honor, Mr. Premier, Rev. Mother Superior, ladies and gentlemen: You have indeed given us a charming and attractive greeting. This is not the first time and I sincerely hope it will not be the last-that we have an opportunity of visiting an academy sure the children will remember your perform. You know that young people kindness for many a long year. In your go into life generally with high hopes,— open our club to-day, and we beg to assure party's quiet days, they having been in one common element and characteristic,

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