

to ourselves no better model than that of the ancient Universities of England, with the studies of one of which your Royal Highness is already familiar, while we learn with satisfaction that it is your design to form a like intimate acquaintance with the other. It will be our aim, by the blessing of Almighty God, to perpetuate in this colony that spirit of old English faith and loyalty, by which the members of our communion have ever been distinguished at home, and by which we trust that they will still be recognized in every land in which our Church is planted under the protection of the British Crown."

#### The Prince's reply.

"Gentlemen,—I thank you sincerely for the expression of loyalty and attachment to the British Crown contained in your address, and the welcome you have given me to this city. The institution from which the address proceeds is one of the utmost importance to the colony, inasmuch as it is destined to train those to whose care are committed the spiritual interests of the members of the Church of England. I know the difficulties under which you have laboured, and sincerely hope that you may successfully surmount them."

#### UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

May it please your Royal Highness,—We, the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Senate and Graduates of the University College, desire to welcome your Royal Highness with loyal and dutiful respect on your visit to the Capital of Upper Canada, and gladly avail ourselves of this auspicious occasion to renew the assurance of our devoted loyalty to the Queen, and to express our grateful appreciation of the manifold blessings which we enjoy under Her Majesty's benign sway. Fresh from the advantages of England's most ancient University, your Royal Highness now honors with your presence the Academic Hall of this young Province. The pleasures and profit united in the purest of Collegiate studies have already been enjoyed by you, and we doubt not that our efforts to extend the same educational privileges among our Canadian youth will command your sympathy. Framed as our system is upon the model of the Institutions of our Mother Country, while adapted in its details to the special wants of this portion of the Empire. To this great work, which involves the intellectual advancement of Canada, our best energies have been directed. By its means the first advantages of liberal culture, and Academic honors and rewards are placed within the reach of all who are prepared to avail themselves of their untrammelled facilities; and under the Divine blessing our exertions have already been crowned with such success as encourages us to anticipate a noble future for our provincial University and College. The high gratification which we feel on welcoming in the heir of the British Crown, the destined successor of our Royal founder, is specially enhanced to us by the consideration that, alike by study and travel, your Royal Highness is being trained for the duties of the exalted position you are born to occupy. In these halls, devoted to the training of the youth on whom the future hopes of Canada rest, we welcome you as the hope of this great Empire. We rejoice to recognize in our Prince the promise of qualities which will render him worthy to inherit the Crown of our beloved Queen, whose virtues are associated with the glories of the Victoria era, and whose sceptre is the guarantee of equal liberties enjoyed in this, as in every Province of her world wide dominions.

#### The Prince's Reply.

Gentlemen,—I rejoice to receive the assurances of your loyalty to the Queen and your appreciation of the blessing enjoyed under her sway by every portion of her Empire. I am at this moment a member of a more ancient University, but I am not on that account less inclined to respect and honor those whose efforts are directed to the spread of knowledge and learning in a young country. I sympathize heartily with the efforts which you are making on behalf of science and literature. I believe that much depends on your exertions, and I earnestly hope that the best evidences of the successful exertions of the University of Toronto may hereafter be found in the progress and prosperity of Canada.

#### UPPER CANADA COLLEGE.

May it please Your Royal Highness—We, the Principal and Masters of Upper Canada College, beg to approach your Royal Highness with sentiments of devoted loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. The Institution with which we are connected is amongst the earliest of the educational benefits conferred upon this Province by the enlightened liberality of your illustrious relative, His Majesty King George IV. Established in 1829 by Royal Charter, Upper Canada College has since continued to discharge a most important work in the education of many hundreds of Canadian youth, numbers of whom have been enabled, under the Divine blessing, to serve their country and the Empire with credit in various honorable positions. The Danube, the Crimea, and the still more recent battle-fields of India, stained with their life-blood, have witnessed the daring and devotion of Upper Canada College boys; and among the officers of that Regiment, which boasts your Royal Highness' name, are several whose career in Upper Canada College gives promise of good service to their country should

opportunity offer. It is our grateful duty and our privilege, along with the sound and religious training which characterizes the time honored Grammar Schools of England, to inculcate in our Canadian youth attachment to the land and Institutions of their forefathers, and so to educate both mind and body that they may be fitting and useful members of the great Empire to which it is our pride to belong. In those of our youth who are now passing under our care, we cannot on this happy occasion forget that we see many who are destined to take prominent parts in the future of this young country, at a time, when, in the order of Providence, your Highness shall hold the sceptre, which is now so benignly swayed by your august mother; and the recollection of this Royal visit will, we fervently trust, stamp an indelible impress of reality on the abstract sentiment of loyalty, and knit the hearts of the rising generation inseparably to the youthful heir to the mightiest Empire in the world.

#### UPPER CANADA COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

May it please your Royal Highness,—The Council of Public Instruction for Upper Canada beg to unite with the many thousands of our fellow-subjects in welcoming you to a country first selected as a home by the United Empire Loyalists of America. To us, as a body, has been assigned the task of establishing Normal and Model Schools for the training of Teachers, of making the Regulations for the Government of Elementary and Grammar Schools throughout the country, and of selecting the text-books and libraries to be used in them; while on one of our number has been imposed the duty of preparing and administering the School laws. It has been our aim to imbibe the spirit and imitate the example of our beloved Sovereign in the interest and zeal with which Her Majesty has encouraged the training of teachers and the establishment of schools for the education of the masses of Her people; and we have been nobly seconded in our efforts by our Canadian fellow-subjects at large. At the commencement of our labors in 1846, our meetings were held in a private house, the number of our schools was 2,500, and the number of the pupils in them was 100,000. At the present time we have the Educational Buildings now honored by the presence of your Royal Highness, where teachers are trained, and Maps, Apparatus, and Libraries are provided for the schools; and those schools now number 4,000, attended by 300,000 pupils. In the song and text-books of the schools, loyalty to the Queen and love to the Mother Country are blended with the spirit of Canadian patriotism, and christian principles with sound knowledge are combined in the teaching and libraries of the schools. With all our Canadian fellow-countrymen, our earnest prayer is "Long live the Queen." But whenever in the order of Providence it shall devolve on your Royal Highness to ascend the Throne of your august ancestors, we trust the system of public instruction now inaugurated will have largely contributed to render the people of Upper Canada second to no other people in your vast dominions, in virtue, intelligence, enterprise and christian civilization.

#### The Prince's Reply :

"Gentlemen,—The progress of Canada has excited my admiration, but there is no subject in which your efforts appear to have been more glorious than in the matter of public education. You have, I know, the assistance of an able administrator in the person of your Chief Superintendent, and I hope that the public education of Upper Canada will continue to emulate the principles of piety, obedience to law, and Christian charity among a thriving and industrious population. Accept, Gentlemen, my thanks, for the welcome now offered to me within the walls of this great and important establishment."

#### Eleventh Conference of the Association of Teachers within the limits of the Laval Normal School, held on the 24th and 25th August, 1860.

Morning and evening sittings, 24th August, 1860.

Present:—The Revd. Mr. J. Langevin, Principal of the Laval Normal School; F. E. Juneau, Esq., School Inspector; Mr. C. J. L. Lafrance, President, and Messrs. N. Lacasse, C. Dion, J. B. Cloutier, N. Thibault, Jos. Létourneau, J. B. Dugal, Frs. Fortin, Mag. Langlois, A. Enouf, Ls. Lefebvre, Jos. Prémont, Ls. Roy, Charles Pageau, Samuel Côté, Cyp. Gagné and C. Langlois.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Owing to the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. Pelletier, the accounts for the year expired were not examined.

The following were elected by ballot officers for the current year—

Mr. C. J. L. Lafrance, President.

Mr. N. Lacasse, Vice-President,

Mr. Jos. Létourneau, Secretary.

Mr. J. B. Cloutier, Treasurer.

And Messrs. C. Dion, Jos. Prémont, J. Donnelly, Ls. Roy, N. Thibault, A. Enouf, Ls. Lefebvre, Frs. Fortin et C. Pageau, as a Council.