

Protestant Benevolent Societies, which are doing much and valuable work for the relief of the suffering. Like the St. George's, the St. Andrew's and the New England Societies, the above association is purely benevolent. As explained by the President, Captain McMaster, the work it does is of a quiet and unostentatious nature. The society endeavors to carry out its objects, by giving good counsel as well as relief. When, for example, clerks come to Mr. McMaster to secure his influence to obtain situations as book-keepers, he gives them the advice of Horace Greeley, to go west and work on the farm. Many young men, who have followed such counsel, are now independent farmers, who present a delightful contrast to the large number of educated young men who are vainly searching for employment in their own calling or profession. The farm is the thing for a young man of pluck and ordinary skill. He can hardly fail to get on. He may have to work for an employer in the first instance. But if steady and industrious the day will come that will see him on a farm of his own. Even then he may have to hire himself for part of the day to another; but that is making, sure the day of independence. The moment is not far off when he will proudly stand upon his own unencumbered acres.

But the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society gives more than advice. It seeks to aid the deserving poor, who hail from Ireland; and, thus, is an important factor in the solution of the problem of how to help those who need and deserve aid. We wish every blessing to rest upon this benevolent society. Let us hear of substantial support being given to its funds by the brave and noble hearted of our Protestant citizens who hail from the Green Isle.

ADDRESSES TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

WE have already noticed the warmth and cordiality of the reception accorded to the Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise on their arrival in this country. The feeling of the community was expressed in a variety of ways, but it was most clearly and definitely set forth in the numerous addresses presented to their Excellencies by the various bodies, municipal, educational, and religious. We cannot find room for all these documents, but it will not be considered invidious if we make an exception in favour of our own Church. The Governor-General, though he is himself a Presbyterian, and has already, it is stated, taken a pew in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, must, in his public capacity, treat all denominations alike. But this is not the case with us for in our public capacity we are Presbyterian. On the arrival of the vice-regal party at Halifax, N.S., the following address from the Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada was presented, and read by the Rev. Dr. Burns:

To His Excellency, the Most Noble Sir JOHN DOUGLAS SUTHERLAND CAMPBELL, K.T., G.C.M.G., Marquis of Lorne, Governor-General of Canada, etc.

May it please your Excellency:—

We, the ministers and elders of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada, desire to tender you a very cordial welcome on your arrival upon our shores to assume the office of Governor-General of this Dominion. We belong to a church having eight hundred ministers and missionaries, embracing a

constituency of six hundred thousand, and covering an area that stretches from Newfoundland to the Rocky Mountains. We yield to none of our fellow-citizens in loyalty to the Queen and respect for her representative. We have reason to feel grateful for the privileges which we enjoy, as an integral portion of the British Empire, and we fervently pray for the perpetuation of the bonds that unite us to the parent state, believing as we do, that such a union is as important to the peace and prosperity of Canada as it is accordant with all our wishes and aspirations. We share in the general satisfaction that the distinguished nobleman who, for the past six years, has so successfully filled the vice-regal office, has received in the person of Your Excellency so worthy a successor. Our gratification is increased by the consideration that you are accompanied by one who, as the daughter of our beloved Sovereign, will bind all hearts throughout the land (were it possible) yet more closely to the Crown, and whose example of womanly virtues and accomplishments, lending an additional grace to her exalted station, will exert a widespread influence for good.

Nor can we omit referring to the peculiar interest which, as Presbyterians, we feel in your appointment, arising from the fact of your belonging to an honorable house which has ever proved true to the altar as well as the throne, and that you claim an ancestry held by our church in loving remembrance, whose fidelity to our time-honored principles has stood the grandest tests.

Our prayer is that Your Excellency may be enriched abundantly with Divine Grace; that wisdom from above may direct and prosper all your measures; that every needed blessing may be vouchsafed to yourself and your illustrious consort, and that at last you may be both raised to an eternal and unending inheritance.

P. M. MORRISON, S. Clerk. A. Ross, Moderator.

REPLY.

To the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces:—

Reverend Sirs and Elders of the Presbyterian Synod of the Maritime Provinces:—

I accept with gratitude, as Her Majesty's representative the address which you, on the part of so numerous a body of the Presbyterians of the Maritime Provinces, have presented to me to-day, and which assures me of your unflinching love for our sovereign and affection for our throne.

Her rule ensures equal rights and privileges to all, and I note with pleasure your conviction that, in upholding the integrity of our Empire, you recognize the advantage of all, and that you are as determined as any of the people of our great colonies to maintain that union which is the result of those national ties sustained by the free development of the colonies and fostered by their prosperity.

The Church you represent is one counting in membership very many throughout North America. It is impossible to think of the multitudes who look to you as their ministers without knowing what responsibilities attach to your position. The way in which they have been met are known to all, and form a part of the history of the land. Ignorant indeed would be he who did not know of the good you have done, and the manner in which you have met the difficult demands made upon you by the widely scattered populations of the provinces of British North America.

The Princess thanks you, reverend sirs, with me for the geniality and warmth of the good will you express towards her, and I assure you that to me personally it has been a great pleasure to receive the address you have presented in the name of the Presbyterian Synod of the Maritime Provinces. Halifax, Nov. 30th, 1878. LORNE.

In like manner, at Montreal, the Governor-General and Her Royal Highness were met by a large deputation representing the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, who presented an address in the name of that body. The deputation consisted of the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, Moderator of the General Assembly, who read the address; Rev. James Patterson, Acting Clerk; Rev. Chancellor Cooke, Rev. Principal MacVicar, Rev. Professor Campbell, Rev. Professor Murray, Rev. John Scrimger, M.A., Rev. D. Ross, B.D., Reverends James Flock, B.A., R. Douglas Fraser, Wm. McKibbin, B.A., Prof. Ouriere, Alex. McGillivray, Hamilton Gibson, William Forlong, Thos. Bennett, P. Wright, J. Wellwood, A. Rowat, Robert Wilson, D. Patterson, Robert Campbell, Jas. Tait, K. McDonald, J. Nicholls; Messrs. Jas. Croil, Jos. Mackay, John Stirling, Alex. Buntin, David Macfarlane, Andrew Robertson, David Morrice, William Robb, J. S. Archibald, M.A. William Drysdale, John L. Morris, William Darling, Thos. E. Coulthart, William Darling, jr., James Rose, Geo. S. Spence, Alex. Rose, T. Davidson, John Hope, Alex. Mitchell, John Rankin, William Reid, James Aitken, Alex. McPherson, John C. Becket, Jas. Middleton, Jas. Lillie, Jas. Bissett, Alex. Ewan, and others. The address and reply were as follows:

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir John Douglas Sutherland Campbell, Marquis of Lorne, P.C., K.T., K.C.M.G., Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, etc., etc.

May it please Your Excellency:—

In name of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and of the Synods, Presbyteries and Congregations under its charge, we beg to offer to Your Excellency our most respectful and cordial welcome on Your Excellency's arrival in Canada as the representative of our Most Gracious Sovereign.

We hail with entire satisfaction the appointment of Your Excellency as Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada; the more that this appointment secures the presence in Canada of Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, the daughter of our revered Queen, and Your Excellency's illustrious consort.

In approaching Your Excellency on this auspicious occasion, it gives us pleasure to state that the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in whose name we speak, represents the Church of Scotland, the United Presbyterian Church, and the Free Church of Scotland, and that it also includes representatives of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and of the English Presbyterian Church, constituting, until lately, four distinct and independent Canadian Churches, but now happily united in one Presbyterian Church, having an ecclesiastical jurisdiction co-extensive with the Dominion.

Forasmuch as we thus embody the Canadian sections of these Historic Churches, we cannot but rejoice to see amongst us, in the person of Your Excellency, the representative of the noble and ancient House of Argyll, a House which, in so many of its distinguished members, has been closely and honorably identified with the most momentous periods in the history of Scotland, and whose patriotic personal sacrifices have largely helped to secure to the Scottish people those signal liberties, both civil and religious, which they now enjoy.

That Almighty God may vouchsafe to Your Excellency and to Her Royal Highness every earthly blessing; and may so guide Your Excellency's administration that it may, in all respects, tend to the welfare of Her Majesty's Canadian subjects, is our earnest prayer.

On behalf of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. (Signed), JOHN JENKINS, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly.

Montreal, Nov. 30th, 1878.

REPLY.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Mrs. Moderator and Gentlemen:—I beg to thank you most sincerely, not only for the kind address with which you have been good enough to welcome my arrival in Canada as Her Majesty's representative, but also for the kind allusions to the presence of the Princess amongst you. I am glad to think that the tenets of the Presbyterian Church should be disseminated and administered under such satisfactory auspices as those which attend the ministrations of her clergy in this country, and I can assure you that I have no greater desire than to promote, so far as it may be possible for me to do so, a spirit of unity and contentment throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion. In conclusion, I beg to thank you sincerely for the kind expressions contained in your address, which are personal to the Princess and myself. Montreal, Nov. 30th, 1878. LORNE.

KNOX COLLEGE ORDINARY FUND DEBT.

Collected by Rev. J. G. Robb, D.D., 23rd November, 1878, (as follows):—Perth: John Armour, \$100; Mrs. John Armour, \$100; James Thompson, \$25; Rev. William Burns, \$10; Rev. William Bain, D.D., \$4; J. M. Walker, \$5; George Templeton, \$5; M. R. Dodd, \$5; Robert Allan, \$5; J. M. O. Cromwell, \$5; Henry Taylor, \$5; James Gray, \$5; Robert Miller, \$1; Duncan McDonald, \$2.45; A. Robertson, \$1; Miss M. Hersberg, \$1; James Templeton, \$2; J. G. Campbell, \$5; James Allan, \$5; \$291.45.—Carleton Place: A. McArthur, \$10; Horace Brown, \$10; John P. Cram, \$10; William Taylor, \$5; Thomas McCallum, \$5; James Cram, Senior, \$2; Collin Sinclair, 75 cents; \$41.75.—Smiths Falls: Rev. John Crombie, \$10.—Cobourg: Mrs. F. Jones, \$15.—Total, \$358.20.

We are now prepared to supply Sabbath School Superintendents and others with the Supplemental Lesson Scheme for 1879, printed on slips for the use of scholars, at sixty cents per hundred. This scheme contains the International Lessons, supplemented by 1. Selected portions of Scripture (of a richly devotional or practical character) to be committed to memory. For the first and third quarters the selections are from the Psalms, and begin where the scheme ended last year. For the second and fourth quarters the selections embrace the "Sermon on the Mount" and the parallel passage in Luke's Gospel. 2. Three questions of the Shorter Catechism which are illustrated by the lesson. These should be asked by the teacher during the teaching of the lesson. 3. The Shorter Catechism in consecutive order for careful analytical study by senior scholars. 4. A topic, for the congregational or teachers' prayer-meeting, suggested by the lesson. Finding that some prefer, instead of the "Prayer Meeting Topic," to have the last column occupied by a list of "Doctrines to be proved," we have had the scheme printed in both ways so as to meet the wishes of all. The credit of preparing this Lesson Scheme belongs to Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, M.A., of Norwood.