

see the daughter of their beloved Queen, and to have a word of kindly greeting from her.

To Their Excellencies the Marquis and Marchioness of Lansdowne, the Board felt under special obligation, as they so kindly graced the opening of the new Home with their presence, His Excellency's admirable address adding so much to the interest of the occasion.

Her Excellency Lady Stanley of Preston, after her arrival in Canada, showed great interest in the Home, visiting the Refuge Branch weekly, reading to and conversing with the old women. It can readily be understood with what pleasure they looked forward to these visits, and how the kindly spoken words were treasured in their hearts.

Their Excellencies the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen, and Her Excellency the Countess of Minto, also showed their interest in the good work carried on in the institution by officially visiting and inspecting the Home.

At the Annual Meeting, in October, 1902, the writer of this sketch retired from the office of Recording Secretary. The report of that year ended with the following paragraph:

"In closing this report your Recording Secretary may be permitted a word of personal reference. For nearly thirty-five years she has acted as your Honorary Recording Secretary, and now, on retiring from the office, she desires to express the pleasure she has ever felt in the prosecution of her duties, and the warm affection she has entertained for all the members of the Board with whom she has been associated. No one could be so long and so intimately connected with any institution without feeling a strong love for, and a warm interest in