

felt by the Principal, the Trustees, and the boys in the presence of their notable guests.

Next, B. K. Sandwell, the College head boy, advanced to the platform and read a Latin address of welcome. The oration expressed in flattering terms the gratitude all felt in His Excellency's presence and a full appreciation of his high attainments as a scholar, and concluded with warm expressions of loyalty to Queen and country.

His Excellency listened attentively to the address, and at its conclusion astonished his auditors by an impromptu reply in the same tongue. He said:

Domine, viri illustres, puerique "Ibam forte Via Sacra (dicta Avenue Road) sicut meus est mos, nescio quid meditaris migarum, totus in illis, occurit" orator quidam, qui mihi orationem Latinam eloquentiæ plenam libavit.

Per quadraginta annos insolitus sum linguam Latinam loqui. Oportet tamen me aliquid dicere ad gratias vobis agendas propter orationem (sine ovo) quam mihi nuper fecistis.

In hoc collegio spero honestatem et virtutem semper velut arbores virentes creturas.

Proconsuli nostræ Reginae permissum est mihi petitionem domino doctori facere, ut diem festum det vobis. (Cheers.)

Rebus in arduis "tutela vigil" columnaque (non senectæ sed imperii) vocem popularem appello.

(To the Principal) Placetne tibi, domine reverendissime, nunc diem festum donare?

(To the boys) Placetne vobis, pueri, accipere?

Causa finita est. Consido, et discedo, paucis tamen verbis etiam dictis.

In hoc collegio floreat semper virtus, honestas, sapientia.

Patria nostra, Canada et Britannia consociata, floreat semper fortis et invicta. (Cheers.)

Et in hoc loco floreat semper vetus collegium Canadae Superioris. (Cheers)

Breaking off at this point, and addressing his hearers in English again, Lord Stanley said that it was 38 years since he had spoken a word of Latin in public, and as he had not heard of this Latin address, which was tendered to him, until he reached the College, he hoped that they would pardon his somewhat faulty grammatical construction and original pronunciation; he was afraid his remarks had been couched in the "Latinum Caninum," or "dog Latin" style, but, after all, he agreed with the Pauline apostle, when he said that he would rather speak five

words with understanding than 10,000 words in an unknown tongue. He also said that he was glad to be here and see such splendid buildings and fine boys, and that they did not neglect the sense of military duty. He hoped, at some future time, to see some of their games, for he knew that they could hold their own on the play ground, as well as in the school-room. And that much could be learnt at play, as the boy who could learn to receive body-checking good-naturedly and take a crack across the shins without losing his temper, was learning a great and very useful lesson. He would only add to this, that he most sincerely wished the College a long future of prosperity in which she would turn out many good men, good citizens, and good Canadians. (Cheers.) Throughout the empire Canadian boys as well as English boys were holding their own (Cheers.) The names of many rose to the speaker's mind, from the venerable Sir Provo Wallis, who died recently, full of honors, to young Stairs, who, after following the (speaker's) illustrious namesake through darkest Africa, had given his life at duty's call. (Prolonged cheers.) It has been truly said, that many of the battles of the British arms had been fought and won on the playgrounds of Eton, and he would have them remember this, strive honestly, play fairly, never forget the Mother College, or the Mother Country, and, above all, never forget the old folks at home. (Loud applause.)

The boys listened attentively to His Excellency throughout, but the climax of his address was reached when he announced a holiday. The boys cheered loud and long and ended in three good Canadian hurrahs for their Excellencies, for the popular Lieutenant Governor and his lady, and for the no less popular Chairman and for the masters.

Lord Stanley's impromptu reply to the head boy's address of welcome was in truth a remarkable performance, which few among the College Professors could have equalled.

The proceedings in the hall closed about four, after which Principal Dickson escorted the Governor through the building and then a light lunch was served in the library. As the visitors passed out of the College, on their way to their carriages, they passed through a double line of