

PLAIN LITTLE GIRL.

I knew a little girl
 Very plain
 Who might try her hair to curl,
 All in vain
 Her neck no tint of rose
 Her cheeks of blushed, or sought repose
 She was plain.

Her thoughts that through her brain
 Came and went,
 Her compass for pain,
 Her soul's rest!

How many a beautiful thing,
 Her young soul blossoming,
 She had content.

Her thought was full of grace,
 True and true
 Her smile the homely face
 Her eyes grew
 Her eyes reflected light
 Her soul's rest light
 Shining through

Oh you, little child
 If you or I
 Our thoughts are unfeeling
 You are sure
 The bliss of worth
 The beauty not of earth,
 Will endure

St. Nicholas

LORD AND LADY ABERDEEN

Will visit our Institution some time during the Month of April next.

Our readers, officers, teachers and pupils of the Institution and all persons in our Province interested in the education and instruction of the deaf will be pleased to know that Lord and Lady Aberdeen, our Governor General and his Countess, contemplate visiting our Institution some time during the month of April next. Our pupils, officers and teachers, not to be behind other loyal people in the Dominion, met and adopted amid enthusiasm an address of welcome, a number of the advanced pupils sent kindly greetings in their own behalf. Lord Aberdeen graciously replied and we shall all look forward to what we are quite sure will be a most interesting occasion. The correspondence following explains matters fully.

ADDRESS:

To His Excellency the Honorable Sir John Campbell, Hamilton, Ontario, Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada.

WE DO PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY

Whilst, from every point, fair Canada is greeting you, we, the staff and pupils of the Ontario Institution for the deaf, beg to join the glad train of welcome. Though our ears, through inscrutable design, be insensible to sound, your love of noble deeds, voiced by fame, has not failed to reach us. In addition to the prestige of an illustrious name, of personal merit and of eminent service, you hold the enviable distinction of representing our Most Gracious Sovereign, in this young land. With pride, therefore, and with joy do we wing this tribute to your dignity and virtues. Nor are we less wanting in respect and admiration for Lady Aberdeen, your distinguished consort, whose graceful gifts of mind and heart have long cast lustre upon your house. Ever loving friendships and dispensing kindness, hope and light, her presence cannot but be saluted with plaudits of fondness and enthusiasm. And what can shamrock and thistle and maple leaf, entwined, not achieve beneath the sheltering folds of England's time-honored flag?

Canada is the land we love best. It is the home of peace and plenty. The climate, soil and scenery are those of a favored country. Our institutions are beautiful and proud. Superior education overcomes the hour. To those illumined by nature, of speech and hearing, the bright star of philanthropy shines with beneficent splendor in our Provincial firmament. On renowned Queen's shore rises our stately school, under whose bounteous shadow we have learned of God and of duty.

Should we be so favored at an early date to trust, to have your Excellency and Lady Aberdeen with us, we shall endeavor to prove that though our ears be deaf and our lips be sealed, our hearts

are no less warm in patriotic sentiments, our minds no less enlightened, nor are our souls less grateful and appreciative.

(Signed) R. MATHISON,
 Superintendent
 P. DENTS,
 Teacher on Duty.
 ANNIE McPHAIL,
 For the Pupils

Institution for Deaf and Dumb,
 Belleville, Dec. 6, 1893

YOUR EXCELLENCY It makes me very happy to write an address to you this morning to let you know that we give you a welcome to Canada. If you could come here to see the pupils in the Institution, we would be much pleased. We hope you and the Countess of Aberdeen will be happy and enjoy your living in our country.

Yours sincerely,
 EMILY L. HARLES

To His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada

We know that you are our Governor General of Canada, and we hope that you will be a successful one. We all wish your Countess and you to come here and visit our Institution and see how we are taught. We hope you will enjoy your stay in Canada.

Yours respectfully,
 M. HUTCHINSON

YOUR EXCELLENCY We, the pupils of the high class in the Ontario School for the Deaf, extend you a hearty welcome to our fair Dominion. We would be much pleased if you and the Countess of Aberdeen could come and visit us and see the system of teaching the deaf. We know you would take an interest in our education. We wish you and the Countess of Aberdeen success in the future. We hope that you will enjoy the office of ruling over Canada, and that the country will prosper under your rule.

Yours Loyally,
 A. D. SWANSON

Ontario School for the Deaf
 Belleville.

YOUR EXCELLENCY—You may be surprised to receive addresses from some of the pupils here. We often say to the others that we wish you to come to see us. Will you come and visit this Institution? I am sure that Mr. Mathison will give you a very pleasant time. We have had a nice time since we left home, but we feel lonesome without our dear parents and friends. We give you and your noble Countess a hearty welcome to Canada.

Yours respectfully,
 FLOESSY GARDINER

To His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada

YOUR EXCELLENCY—My teacher told me that I should write you a good letter. I have much pleasure to do so. I hope you will be very much pleased to read it. We want you to come here and see us. I think you will be pleased with it if you come. Our Institution is very nice and very large. You are the Governor General of Canada now. We like you very much, because you are very good and very wise. I hope that you will ever be happy. I heard you were visiting in Ontario and the people were much pleased with you. You arrived here last summer. People are very glad that you came. I hope God will give you and Lady Aberdeen health and happiness.

Your most respectful friend,
 W. C. MCKAY

To His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada

MY LORD—I have been asked to write a letter to you. Canada is very proud to have you. We are deaf boys and girls, but we are happy here at school. Our teachers have told us, and we have read much about you and Lady Aberdeen. The Government of Ontario has provided a good school for us. The Institution is situated near the City of Belleville, and close to the shore of the beautiful Bay of Quinte. We hope that God will bless you both.

Your most respectful friend,
 INA FAMES

YOUR EXCELLENCY I am highly pleased to write you an address, and I hope you will be delighted to hear from the

deaf pupils of this Institution. We all wish very much you and Lady Aberdeen would come and visit us, as we hope it will be great interest to you and Lady Aberdeen. We would show you how we are taught in school and it would be a memorable pleasure to us.

Yours sincerely,
 DOLLY MORRISON.

Ontario School for the Deaf,
 Belleville.

To His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada

I know you would like to get an address from me, and I am very much pleased to write a short one to you. I am very well and I hope you are the same. I hope you will be pleased to visit us in the class room, and we will be glad to see you. I welcome you and send my respects. I hope God will bless and keep you.

Yours faithfully,
 FANNY WARWICK

To His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada

We, the deaf mutes of the Ontario Institution situated near Belleville, extend to you and the Countess of Aberdeen a cordial welcome to our fair Dominion. You are now our Governor-General, and we hope your rule will be successful. You and the Countess of Aberdeen will be in our Dominion for a term of five years, and will see how our country is progressing. We would be pleased to have you come and see our school and the system of teaching the deaf here. Our school is situated near the beautiful Bay of Quinte. Our boys' favorite sport is foot-ball, and they are now champions of the Belleville League, and hold the cup.

Yours truly,
 DAVID A. LUDDT

Ontario School for the Deaf
 Belleville

YOUR EXCELLENCY—We hope it will be interesting for you to hear from the pupils of the Institution. We would like your Excellency and the Countess of Aberdeen to come and see us and visit the class room. If you come, we will be delighted to see you. We wish to give expression of our hearty welcome and good wishes towards your Excellency and the Countess of Aberdeen.

Very respectfully,
 DONELLA BEATTY.

Ontario School for the Deaf,
 Belleville, Ont.

YOUR EXCELLENCY—We hope it will please your Excellency to get a short address from the deaf pupils of the Institution in Belleville. We all know about your Excellency being the Governor-General of the Dominion. We express our hearty good wishes for your success in the ruling of the Dominion and we hope your stay in Canada will be pleasant. We will welcome your Excellency and the Countess of Aberdeen with great pleasure when you visit us.

Yours respectfully,
 ANNIE McPHAIL.

To His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada

MY LORD The Superintendent of this Institution commended us to write to you. We are pleased that you came to Canada. Our Institution looks very nice and there are some new buildings here. You succeeded Lord Stanloy this year. We hope you will be pleased with Canada. I will be glad to see you and your wife. I send my best regards to you all. I hope that God will bless you.

Your most respectful friend,
 ELI CORRIERS.

To His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada

YOUR EXCELLENCY—I am requested to write a letter to you by our Superintendent. I am afraid it will not be a clever one, yet I hope you will be pleased to read it. Her majesty sends out to Canada able men to rule for her. You are the seventh Governor since the Dominion was formed. When you have ruled five years you will receive excellent payment. Lady Aberdeen is very kind and clever. We would be very glad and thankful to you if you would come and pay us a visit. I think you are the best Governor-general we have had. We are getting a good education in this excellent school. You succeeded

Lord Stanloy this summer. We hope God will bless you and Lady Aberdeen.
 Your obedient servant,
 H. W. ROBERTS.

REPLIES:

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, OTTAWA,
 January 2nd, 1894.

DEAR SIR—I was gratified by receiving the address and the letters which you were good enough to forward with your courteous communication of the 8th December. I regret that these were not acknowledged at the time and I have to apologize for the delay, which I can assure you has not been caused by any want of appreciation of the loyalty and good feeling which prompted the sending of the address and also the letters. One reason why my reply was in the first instance somewhat postponed was that I wished to be able to speak with definiteness as to whether I might hope to have an opportunity of visiting your Institution at Belleville.

I am now glad to say that I certainly shall look forward to making such a visit, sometime in the month of April, if that will be convenient, and if possible Lady Aberdeen will accompany me.

With the renewed assurance of my appreciation of the sentiments conveyed by your address, and with all good wishes for the success of the beneficent work in which you are engaged.

I remain,
 Yours very faithfully,
 (Signed) ABERDEEN.
 H. MATHISON, M. A.

P. S.—I enclose herewith a communication addressed more especially to the pupils who sent separate letters. Allow me also to thank you for two copies of the MUTR, which I have been reading with interest.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, OTTAWA,
 January 2nd, 1894.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS—The letters from individual pupils of the Ontario Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, which accompanied the loyal and gracefully expressed Address which I had the pleasure of receiving some weeks ago, were most interesting and acceptable.

It is very gratifying to notice the tokens which these letters convey, regarding the excellence of the instruction which you receive, and the care which is taken by the pupils to make good use of that instruction. It is certainly wonderful, and most encouraging, to notice what may be accomplished by the methods now in use on behalf of the deaf. I should like to mention an incident which I alluded to when addressing the pupils at the Mackay Institution at Montreal. A friend of mine, Dr. Donaldson, Principal of the University of St. Andrews, in Scotland, told me that he once had occasion to visit Dr. Bell, whose name you all know so well. He was told that Dr. Bell was not in, but that Mrs. Bell was at home. He sent up his card, and was shown into the drawing-room. Mrs. Bell was there, and a conversation ensued between her and Dr. Donaldson, which he found interesting and agreeable. Soon Dr. Bell entered the room. "Ah," he said, "I see you have made acquaintance with my wife." "You are aware that she is deaf?" Dr. Donaldson was amazed—he had not observed anything unusual, except that Mrs. Bell's pronunciation of some words was rather peculiar. So skillful had Mrs. Bell become, that she was able to understand and reply to the remarks of Dr. Donaldson without the use of signs.

I observe that although your letters have each their own characteristics, you nearly all express a wish that I should visit with Lady Aberdeen pay you a visit at Belleville. This I am glad to say we certainly hope to do during the ensuing spring.

I beg to thank you for the kind greetings which your letters convey, and most heartily wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

Yours very faithfully,
 (Signed) ABERDEEN.

Childhood shows the man as morning shows the day.—Milton.

To worship rightly is to love each other, each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.—Whittier

MOTHER TO BE COOKED?—During the examination of a class of deaf and dumb children, the question was asked, "What shall you do when you go home for your holidays?" One of the girls answered, "I will help to cook my mother," meaning of course that she would help her mother to cook.