

seems to be stereotyped alike on castle and cabin ; and the lord and laborer appear to vie with one another in showing the Christian grace of hospitality. Qualities such as these become second nature to those who observe them ; and they may, to some extent, account for the peculiar social charm which is said to distinguish His Excellency the Governor General.

The nobility and gentry of Ireland, as a class, may have been prodigal in their expenditures and not very conservative in the management of their estates, still the personal inheritance of a gracious courtesy appears to have descended from father to son with a kind of heir-loom regularity ; nor in truth is such a possession to be lightly esteemed. Manner, like music, possesses a charm more sensibly felt than accurately described. The glow and kindness that wait on the former, in the influence they exert, resemble the joy and pleasure diffused by the latter. Both, in the first instance, are nature's endowments, but both are amenable to the laws of cultivation, and to the considerations by which those laws are controlled. Still it should not be forgotten that a bright and cordial manner, like many other things attractive in themselves, has its drawbacks as well as its advantages. There is, we know, a prejudice with some, that gaiety of thought is inconsistent with exact study, and that a mind which is sympathetic towards mirth is not well inclined towards business. Thus men will think, notwithstanding the fact that Lord Palmerston lives to refute their theories, and to prove to all that a merry heart and a clear head may lodge together, and give the world not only "assurance of a man," but of a wise man too.

His "social gait," however, in the case of Lord Monck, was the cause of some criticism, and became the point of many objections on his nomination to the office of Governor General of Canada. It was alleged, and with some show of reason, that a manifest departure had taken place with respect to the rule of preferment which was supposed to govern the Colonial Minister in the selection of