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THE ABERDEEN AT ST. BONIFACE.

An Address and Appropriate Poem to Their Excellencies.

At the reception tendered by the students of St. Boniface college on last Friday to Their Excellencies, Lord and Lady Aberdeen there were some features so unique as to deserve special mention. Rev. Father Renand, Superior of Canadian Jesuits, and Rev. Father Chartier, Rector of the College, met the vice-regal party at the foot of the steps leading to the building and bade them welcome. As they crossed the threshold, they were presented with copies of the opening chorus. On entering the reception room they were led to a tastefully draped and canopied. Against the heavy curtains of the background was a large reproduction, in colors and metals of the Aberdeen coat of arms. The first caught the eye of the distinguished guests who seemed to admire the skill with which the intricacies of a heavily quartered and double-crested escutcheon were emblazoned. During the ovation, a piano duet by two students, the Earl and Countess were evidently interested in the inscriptions that adorned the walls. On either side, beneath the cornice, were the two Scripture proverbs: "A faithful man shall abound with blessings," and "A diligent woman is a crown to her husband." Below, on the left, were the two Aberdeen mottoes: "Ne Nimum" and "Fortuna Sequatur," and, on the wall facing the dais, "Advance with Courage," the Tweedmouth (Lady Aberdeen's family motto, and "Onward and Upward," the title of the monthly review edited by the Lady Aberdeen. The graceful in which His Excellency appreciated all the delicate allusions was manifested in his reply.

There followed a very well executed chorus in parts, selected from two passages in the second and third acts of "La Muette de Portlet." The words, which Lord and Lady Aberdeen carefully examined on their copies, were:

Sing loud the praise of Lord and Lady Aberdeen! Their coming honors us and fills our hearts No nobler pair St. Boniface has ever seen; Their gifts in "heritage of service" they employ.

We welcome you
We wish you joy,
With heart and tone
We wish you joy, we welcome you.

May God your labors bless
And give to them success.

We hail in thee our gracious Queen,
Thou victory of Canadian land;
A Gordon thou, of conscience clean,
O God on him thy graces outpour
And be his helper evermore.

The singing was remarkably good in point of expression, spirit and harmony, the basses rich and mellow, the tenors and trebles sweet and clear. Particularly thrilling was the sevenfold repetition and crescendo of "And be his helper evermore." This poem, as will be noticed was written especially for the occasion.

After the applause that greeted this piece had subsided Father Drummond read the following address. To His Excellency, etc. My Lord.—In the name of the Superior General of the Canadian Mission of the Society of Jesus, in the name of the Rector and the Faculty and the Students of St. Boniface college, we bid Your Excellency and Lady Aberdeen a most heartfelt welcome. To the honor of receiving the highest representative of our beloved sovereign is added today the gracious visit of one who, by the traditions of a great and self-sacrificing family and by his own achievements has earned for himself the grateful affections of loyal millions throughout the British Empire and particularly in our own Dominion. What enhances still more our pleasure on this occasion is the presence of the Countess of Aberdeen, who so generously spent herself for the welfare of her sex in all the walks of life. (Applause.)

The beginnings of this College, my Lord, were very humble. The first Catholic missionary in this vast Northwest was also the first person to open a school. This was in 1818, soon after his arrival. Thanks to the educational labors of Father Provencher, who afterwards became the first bishop of what was then the Great Lone Land, St. Boniface College takes precedence of the other colleges in the University of Manitoba, affiliated to which was secured by the late Archbishop of St. Boniface, who may be considered the second founder of our college and who erected the present building at his own expense. (Applause.) The forty-one years of his rule in this diocese were conspicuous, among other glorious deeds of devotion, for the increasing energy with which he encouraged higher education. One of the sweetest memories we preserve of the incomparable life of this dear departed Prelate is the fatherly delight he took in the success of his college boys. You are no doubt aware, my Lord, that our students compete with those of several other colleges of various denominations, forming a unique republic of colleges in the University of Manitoba. The result of these friendly contests is often most favorable to our students, who have generally won for themselves a reputation for thoroughness and classic scholarship. (Applause.) We feel, my Lord, that Your Excellency's visit will urge our students to aim with still greater perseverance and assiduity, at those high ideals of devoted labor which you, my Lord, and your noble wife have ever reduced to practice. Gratefully wishing Your Excellency and the Countess of Aberdeen every spiritual and temporal blessing, we trust you will not forget, when opportunity offers, to assure Her Majesty the Queen that among her subjects none are more loyal than the faculty and students of St. Boniface college. (Applause.)

Then Alfred Bernier, quite a little boy stepped out on the other side of the bank of flowers and stood in front of the dais and recited with much naturalness these quaint verses:

L'enfant est tete eger,
Ne sait rien faire de bon.
Passe pour les enfants du reste de la terre,
Male pour nous, Monsieur, non.
Car nous savons deux choses faire;
Et les voici:
En raccourci.
Nous sentons vivement, et c'est la la premiere
Quel bonheur c'est pour nous et quel honneur
De recevoir tel visiteur:
Si noble pair, si grande dame;
Noms que transmet le temple sans reproche sans blame;
Couple si bienfaisant; couple si distingué.
Puis nous savons encore demander un congé,
Monseigneur.

The little boy then presented a beautiful bouquet to the Countess of Aberdeen, who drew from it a tiny roll of paper containing the above charming French lines.

His Excellency replied to the address in these terms. "I am very grateful for this address, which will be a permanent souvenir and token of this visit with its many associations, for I can assure you that it will furnish a specially interesting memory to Lady Aberdeen and myself. We are gratified, not only by the kindly words of welcome and good will, and those evidently sincere expressions of loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen, which pervade this declaration, but also by the manifestation on every side of this same welcome, this same kindly greeting. (Applause.) I notice that with graceful thoughtfulness our family motto has been here represented. I think we shall all feel that our wishes, or the maxims which these indicate are worthy of attention. "Fortuna Sequatur" that certainly is the wish which I desire to express for this academy—"Fortuna Sequatur," "Ne Nimum"—I do not think I shall apply the latter part in the present case. (Laughter and applause.) We cannot hope or wish for too much success and good fortune in the best sense of the word for a seat of education and learning. No doubt as I had occasion to say before, "Ne Nimum" was added to the motto "Fortuna Sequatur," with the feeling that we must not depend on mere fortuitous circumstances of advantage; we must expect to meet with obstacles and difficulties, but at the same time we should remember that those are the common lot of life, and that they are to be encountered in a spirit of fortitude, trust and hopefulness. (Applause.) But again I am led to refer to Lady Aberdeen's ancestral motto, which appears on the opposite wall; "Advance With Courage," that is the very point to which I have referred. I see also a motto, which although not a family motto I may call—well a Lady Aberdeen motto. (Laughter and applause.) I mean "Onward and Upward," but I had better not enlarge too much on the maxim, I am sure we will all aim at "Onward and Upward," and it appeals to us especially when we are face to face with a body of the young. I cannot refrain from saying that though our visit here is to us not only a matter of great interest but of pleasure, yet there must be a trace of sadness entering into our interest, and our enjoyment, because of the associations naturally aroused regarding the recent loss of that eminent and beloved man the late Archbishop Tache. The words of this address in a most feeling and fitting manner make reference to his great services, and I would like to say to my young friends especially—save us, my influence do not let me inspire you with a chauvin de vous (applause)—and now I should like to add a few words in French but I am under the impression that you mostly understand English; however, I will say this much [taking the French verses from Lady Aberdeen's hand, he held them up to view and said with real French emphasis] "C'est un petit bijou" Yes, this piece, so delightfully recited by the son of my friend, Senator Bernier, certainly endears and made complete the greeting and demonstration of music so delightfully rendered, with which you commenced those proceedings which will certainly be not less cherished by us. One word more, you allude in these lines which betoken that skillful thoughtfulness manifested in many other ways during our present visit—you allude to the fact that family traditions and lineage heritage are something to be proud of and to be cherished with a sense of humility—to be regarded as a matter of responsibility, and just so national pride, for instance, the pride we have reason to feel in our own country of Canada should be the sort of pride also which is accompanied by a sense of responsibility, and a true sense of responsibility implies also a determination that we shall not be unworthy of the traditions which we have inherited—a determination that we shall help to build up the glory of our country—the recognition that upon all of us devolves a duty, a responsibility, a privilege in this matter. And it is to you, my young friends, that we especially look, to you who are enjoying advantages of a thorough education, who are being fully equipped for the battle of life, to carry on this great and sacred work, to be worthy of your name, your country and your church, and as God shall give you opportunity to do your part in the noble effort to leave the world better than you found it. (Loud applause.) Again I desire to express my thanks to the vicar general, to the reader and his colleagues, for this greeting, I again offer our cordial good wishes for the success of this college. (Loud applause.)

On their way out of the college both Lord and Lady Aberdeen repeatedly expressed to the Faculty their appreciation of all the features of the reception. As they drove off the students gave three rousing cheers.

DANIEL CAMPBELL CAPTURED.

Late Postmaster at Whitewood and Member of the Northwest Legislative Assembly caught in Chicago on Friday.

A telegram on Friday night announced the arrest in Chicago of Daniel Campbell the defaulting Whitewood postmaster Campbell, who was formerly a member of the Northwest Assembly as the representative of Whitewood division, became a fugitive from justice about two years ago to avoid prosecution on a charge of embezzling public funds in connection with his position as postmaster at Whitewood. The government detectives have been quietly looking for him ever since, but he somehow managed to elude them until he was run down in Chicago. His defalcations amounted to only a few hundred dollars.

WORKING IN A STABLE.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—Daniel Campbell, an ex-Canadian postmaster and legislator, was arrested here today charged with embezzlement. He was found working as a hostler. Campbell, it is alleged, left Moosomin, Assiniboia, Canada, where he was postmaster, two years ago, taking with him something over \$600 of the government's money. He sent his wife and daughter to England and he came to Chicago, where he has been living ever since, working at odd jobs. A few days ago Campbell registered a letter to his wife in England, giving his full name and address. It was through this that he was discovered. He has come down considerably from his high position and was found doing menial work in a livery stable.

The Canadian Magazine.

The Canadian Magazine for September is rich in the variety of matter which properly belongs to a review and magazine combined, and is well illustrated. Thos. Hodgins, M. A., Q. C., in "The Early Parliamentary Franchise of England," reviews the old manhood suffrage of England and the change to the restricted suffrage of later times. Edward Meek's study in comparative politics, "The Canadian Constitution: its Fictions and Realities," is an exceedingly able paper which brings satisfaction to those who have faith in the stability of the Canadian political system. "The Moral of the British Columbia Elections," by R. E. Goenel, not only throws light on the situation in that distant province, but suggests valuable lessons for politicians everywhere. "Production of wheat in Canada," by Sydney C. W. Roper; "Cecil Rhodes and South Africa," by J. Castell Hopkins; "Irrigation in the Arid Regions of America," by Harry S. Ingles, are all valuable and entertaining. "With the Prairie Chicken in Manitoba," by R. S. Masson, will please sportsmen and everybody. The illustrated articles—"The Monastery of La Trappe," by Clifford Smith; "The Gate of Lake Michigan," (Mackinaw) by Capt. J. A. Currie, and "The Pagan Iroquois" of Ontario, by A. H. H. Heming, are capital contributions. Elgin Myers, Q. C., in "Ford vs. De Pontes," clothes with fiction the actual facts of a most thrilling case in the law courts, and Mrs. C. A. Fraser tells in "Who was He?" a very good ghost story. "Ahmet," a long poem by William Wilfred Campbell, is full of power and beauty and is, perhaps, one of the best of that gifted writer's productions. The magazine is published by the Ontario Publishing Co., Ltd., Toronto, at \$2.50 per annum.

Wit and Humor.

"I ain't had nothin' to eat for a week, sir," said the tramp; "can't yer do suthin' for me?" "Certainly," said the peddler; "fast for two months and I'll get you a place in a dime museum."

Omnibus stops; smilingly young lady enters; every seat full; an old gentleman rises at the other end.

"Oh, don't rise!" says the lovely girl. "I can just as well stand."

"You can do just as you please about that, miss," says the old man. "but I'm going to get out."

Johnny—I've got a little baby brother what what came from Heaven last night.

Tommy—That's nothin'. My little baby brother went to Heaven yesterday.

Johnny—(reflectively)—I bet it's the same kid.

Mrs. Pedntrif—"I know that five dollars is a good price to pay for a Landkerchief, but it's real lace. You're not provoked, my dear, are you?"

Mr. Pedntrif—"Yes, I am very much provoked. The idea of paying five dollars for a handkerchief. It's too much to blow in; you'll ruin me, Eugenie."

"What's the matter with the baby?" Mr. Firecracker said explosively.

"There must be a pin-wheel sticking into it somewhere, popper," sleepily replied his wife, lighting a Roman candle.

"Why don't you rocket, then?" And with these words Mr. Firecracker went off to sleep.

General News.

Deerfoot, the Seneca Indian; who, in 1863, was declared to be champion runner of the world, is still living on the reservation of his people, near Irving, N. Y.

Uncle Sam will save about \$50,000 a year by printing his own postage stamps Congress has given to the bureau of engraving \$163,000 for this purpose for the fiscal year beginning July 1. Out of this appropriation some machinery must be bought. The expense used to be \$208,000 per annum. Of course the government had nearly all of the required plant ready at hand. About fifty new people have had to be engaged to do the extra work.

A death from a remarkable cause occurred in Walker county, Ga., recently. A lady who was riding to church reached

out her hand to pluck a twig from a bush by the roadside and was bitten on the finger by a katydid. Her hand and arm soon began to inflame and swell, and in a few hours she died in great agony.

Mrs. Mary E. Harris, of Roxbury, Mass., has had for thirty years the hobby of collecting buttons, until now her collection numbers twelve thousand different kinds. Thirty years ago she made a wager that there were more than nine hundred and ninety-nine different kinds of buttons; she reached the thousand mark inside of a year, but once started in the fascinations of "collecting" her pursuit was kept up. Mrs. Harris has some interesting buttons in her collection. One was worn by a soldier in Napoleon's army; another by a soldier in Washington's.

The burial ground of an ancient race has been discovered near Adamsville, Mich. The remains indicate that the aborigines were a least seven feet tall. From the fact that their bodies were turned toward the east it is supposed they were sun worshippers.

Three thousand six hundred school teachers are employed in Chicago and about four hundred new ones are needed each year. Half of these are selected from among experienced teachers of all parts of the country. The teachers in primary grades receive salaries ranging from five hundred to eight hundred dollars, according to their years of experience; high school teachers from eight hundred and fifty to two thousand dollars. While this is a larger sum than in smaller places it must be remembered that the expense of living is proportionately higher.

An Auburn (Me.) woman, expecting a cousin of her husband whom she had never seen, introduced a book agent to her household, made him kiss the children, invited him to the best room to cool off, and was simply astonished when he began to talk business.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1893, 590,662 letters from foreign lands drifted into the deal letter office at Washington. The individuals addressed being not discovered, nearly all of these missives had to be sent back to the countries whence they came.

A fad with some of the fashionable women is to have a dress book. This consists of a large blank book into which is pasted a two-inch square of every gown bought by the owner. The data recorded are the date of the purchase and its first wearing. As an off-set opposite these entries are the no less interesting ones of the cost price and the dressmaker's bill for the same.

A Boston bird-fancier has had a parrot that mastered some words of Chinese, in the use of which he became proficient, but never could be taught anything else. The dealer was at first in despair, believing that nobody would want the bird, but a Chinaman became so much interested in it that he bought it at a large price.

Secularian and Non-Secularian.

Hardly a word in the language is so constantly and almost invariably misapplied as the words "secularian and non-secularian." In the ordinary non-Catholic mind, especially the politician's mind, they appear to be interchangeable with "religious" and "non-religious;" and it is deplorably true that there are not a few thoughtless or badly-instructed Catholics who use them in the same sense. These people need to go back to etymology as well as to catechism, says the Pilot.

A sect according to correct usage means something cut off from the main body. No well-informed person disputes the fact that in the history of Christianity the Catholic Church was the original, as it is the main body. In the earlier Christian centuries, the Arians, Nestorians, Gnostics, etc., were sects cut off from the Church. In the modern religious world, the Lutherans, Episcopalian and other Protestant bodies, are all equally sects cut off from the Church.

To refuse to reckon the Catholic Church with the sects is not a demonstration on the parts of Catholics of extreme religious loyalty, but simply an evidence of their knowledge of facts and language. This was well explained on one occasion in that foremost of secular newspapers, the New York Sun.

Any Protestant effort to reduce the Catholic Church in language to the secularian level is merely pitiful. Soboriarly or thoughtless Protestants never join in it, however little they love Catholicity.

This point should be more frequently explained to our young Catholics in Catholic schools, reading circles, sodalities, etc. Let them be taught the "sound form of words" for the sake of the precision of speech which should characterize educated people, as well as for the loyalty which should mark the heirs of the Faith once delivered to the saints.—Catholic Record.