

As an acknowledgement of Your Excellency's kindness and as an earnest of our gratitude we desire to assure you that the best wishes of all here present will accompany you in the future, especially while you are engaged in the administration of this vast and important portion of the Empire.

Although the name your Excellency bears is one upon which eloquence, poetry and statesmanship have already shed their threefold lustre in the person of your noble father, Earl Derby; although the achievements of that illustrious son of Albion, as well as the bright records of your own past career, betoken the wisdom, prudence and success that will attend your labors in our midst, yet, as we are aware of the importance of your mission, and of the weighty responsibilities that have been laid upon you, we shall beg all blessings in your behalf of him who is the "King of Nations" and from whom comes down every perfect gift."

To the noble Lady Stanley we would also tender a cordial welcome and offer the homage of our kindest wishes. We hope and trust that so long as she will reside in this land, for her a new and distant one, her days will pass pleasantly and that when the time of her departure may come, she will take away with her none but kindly and fond reminiscences of this Canada of ours. As for us, we desire to assure her that we shall never forget the auspicious occasion on which she graced with her presence our college home.

To the noble Lord and Lady Stanley, their honored guests this evening, the students of the College of Ottawa extend a most hearty welcome.

His Excellency was very happy in his reply. He began by saying that when he entered the hall, the stirring music and cordial song of welcome led him to fear that he might be expected to respond in a similar poetic strain; but his reply must take a more prosaic form. As the representative of Her Majesty he was sincerely grateful for the expressions of loyalty contained in the address, sentiments which he had perceived everywhere throughout the Dominion.

Touching upon the question of education, he dwelt at length upon the advantages of a University training, speaking, as he said himself, rather from a negative than from a positive standpoint, as he had never pursued a regular University course. He complimented the faculty of Ottawa College upon the work that was being done in their institution, and administered a decided rebuke to those pseudo-scientists who falsely claim that religion and science tend in opposite directions. He could not understand, he said, how those men could reconcile their different attitudes. In religious matters they would accept nothing they could not see, because they could not see it; whereas in science they readily adopt statements of which they

could never hope to have the proof. There was an evident contradiction without any apparent reason. Nothing but the best results came from the union of moral and intellectual training.

Proceeding, Lord Stanley referred to the prominence of athletics in Canadian colleges, his remarks being specially addressed to the College foot-ball club. He wished to strongly impress the necessity and advantage of physical training. Often upon the foot-ball field were developed qualities of perseverance, endurance and courage which were of the greatest importance in after life, and to which many men owed their future success in the various pursuits of the world.

His Excellency concluded his remarks by thanking those present for the cordiality of their greeting to himself and Lady Stanley, and for the statements of respect and affection towards all the members of his family expressed in the address.

He replied in a similar manner in French to the French address.

At the conclusion of Lord Stanley's address, Rev. Father Nolin stepped forward and announced that the Governor-General's medal for general proficiency in literature, had been won by Mr. D. A. Campbell, of Alexandria, Ont. Lady Stanley made the presentation and warmly congratulated the recipient.

The second part of the programme included a selection by the band—La Rieuse—and an interesting chorus by the College Glee Club, after which the proceedings were terminated by the rendering of the National Anthem.

SOCIETY NOTES.

THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

The first regular meeting of this society took place in the science lecture hall on Wednesday evening, the 17th ult., when Rev. Father Balland presented the first portion of his highly interesting paper on "The Origin of the World." For those who had the pleasure of hearing Father Balland as he traced out the progress of the world from its primitive gaseous state to its present solid condition, the evening was indeed pleasantly and, at the same time, profitably spent. With the assistance of