

Greek life and feeling, and where literal accuracy was wanting it had been sacrificed only for the larger truth.

The lecturer was accorded hearty thanks on the motion of Professor R. S. Conway, seconded by Mr. C. E. G. Spencer.—*Manchester Guardian*, Nov. 22nd.

Earl Grey on the Development of Canada.

THIS Excellency Earl Grey was the guest of honor at a banquet given by the Canadian Club, in Toronto on Nov. 29th. His address on that occasion was on the development of Canada in relation to imperial federation. These quotations will serve to give some indication of his statesmanlike skill in analysing political conditions, and the forceful but moderate tone he would assume in dealing with them. He has been indefatigable in his endeavors to understand Canada and Canadians. He has but lately finished a trip which took him from Newfoundland to the Pacific Ocean. His opinions and forecasts may well be considered those of an experienced traveller and statesman.

"It is only a question of time before you, the people of Canada, become, because of your numbers, if you only remain united, high-souled, public-spirited and incorruptible, the most powerful factor, not only in the British Empire, but in the English-speaking world. The chief requisites of Canada appear to me to be the taking of such steps—

"(1) As will lay firmly and securely the foundations of a future trade with the Orient.

"(2) As will perfect your system of transportation east and west, and secure to Canada the full benefits of her geographical position.

"(3) As will increase the supply of labor.

"There are three alternatives which Canadians have before them—

"Absorption by the United States;

"A weak and impotent isolation,

"And a recognized position in a pan-Britannic federation, in which each component part can hope to reach that position of leadership to which it is entitled by reason of its moral and material strength, and through which it can exercise its influence in the councils of the world.

"Your Imperial connection with the mother land promotes, it does not retard, the growth of your national development, and, conversely, the growth and development of your nationality brings strength and security to England and the Empire. I agree with the late Principal Grant, who was one of the greatest Romans of you all, when he said, in the emphatic language of Scripture, "It is a shame even to speak of such a thing—we would repent it only once, and that would be forever."