cial loss.   From the time of the first proposal to hold the
celebration until the very day of opening, the Committee
received encouragement from private individuals and public
institutions, with loans of rare and valuable books, so that,
without boasting, it may be said to have been a credit and an
honor to the entire Dominion.   It is unnecessary for us to
say a word here in praise of the art of printing, and the great
benefits which the whole world are receiving from it, we have
simply to place on record the facts connected with this cele-
bration in Montreal, which has done a vast benefit, by impart-
ing much information, and especially shewing, (in looking at
the results in this age, of the triumphs achieved through the
printing press,) that the great Anglo-Saxon race, speaking the
" all-conquering" English language may well honor and
esteem the memory of the first English Printer, William
Caxton.   Before entering into any description of the exhibi-
tion itself, we give a condensed report of the proceedings
at the Conversazione, on the evening of June 26th :

The celebration commenced with a conversazione, and be-
fore the opening addresses were entered upon the audience
had an opportunity to inspect the thousands of rare MSS.
books, pamphlets, prints, coins, &c., which were ranged and
classified chronologically in show cases, reaching the length of
the hall.   At the rear were placed a small press, type foundry
and book-bindery, where the different processes necessary to
produce a printed book were well illustrated.   And the
platform itself presented an imposing appearance, showing
well filled book-cases and shelves, bearing costly volumes,
and a very large show of Shakespeares and Shakespeariana,
&c., &c.   About 8.30 p.m. the chair was taken by Principal
Dawson, LL.D., F.R.S., and besides the speakers of the
evening, Hon. P. J. O. Chauveau, LL.D., Quebec ;   Mr.
Thomas White, Jr. ; Dr. S. P. May, Education Department,
Toronto, and the invited guests Dr. Hammond Trumbull of
Hartford, Conn., and Theodore Irwin, Esq., of Oswego ; we