

academical career must alike qualify and dispose him to regard with generous sympathy every endeavour to secure to the youth of Canada a share of those intellectual advantages which are so richly enjoyed in the mother country. It is our earnest prayer that your Excellency's administration of the Provinces, which Her Majesty has entrusted to your care, may conduce alike to the public welfare, and to your personal honour and happiness.

REPLY.

I receive your Address with much satisfaction. The benefits of a sound University Education cannot, I conceive, be over estimated. Accept my thanks for your assurances of loyalty and respect, and attachment to the gracious Sovereign whose representative I am.

UPPER CANADA COLLEGE.

In respectfully welcoming your Excellency to the city of Toronto, we, the Principal and Masters desire to express our feelings of satisfaction in having near us one to whom the interests of Upper Canada College have been so happily entrusted. The position which Upper Canada College has ever occupied, as the Chief Grammar School of the country, seems to justify us in looking for that encouraging support from your Excellency, as our Visitor, which it has been our privilege to receive from your Excellency's predecessor. We trust that should your Excellency visit Upper Canada College you will be pleased with the soundness of its system; and it is gratifying to us to add, that this system is now being disseminated through the Province by the instrumentality of pupils of Upper Canada College who, without any special training thereto, are undeniably among the most able and successful of the teachers of the District Grammar Schools. And not only this, but to the Universities of home and of this country, to the Bar, the Pulpit, the Legislature and the Battle Field, has Upper Canada College sent forth her sons, and in all have they won for themselves an enviable distinction. We gladly avail ourselves of this opportunity to express the belief that your Excellency's administration of this important and flourishing part of the dominions of our beloved sovereign, will be attended with increased happiness to its people and honor to yourself.

REPLY.

All that I have heard of the institution with which you are connected, leads me to believe it to be one of the highest value. It is your business to lay the foundation for future statesmanship, and professional eminence, by enabling the youth of Canada to profit by the aids to be derived from sound learning, and from the eloquence and wisdom of antiquity. Without this training your lawyers, your physicians, your theologians, and your statesmen, would not be on a par with those of other nations. I receive therefore, with much pleasure, the address which you have just read; it is, I fear, too flattering to myself, but I thank you for it, as a welcome on your part to the City of Toronto.

VICTORIA COLLEGE.—MEDICAL FACULTY.*

We the President, Professors and Students of the Toronto School of Medicine, the medical department of the University of Victoria College, beg most respectfully to approach Your Excellency in terms of warm gratulation on the auspicious occasion of Your Excellency's assumption of residence, with Lady Head and family, in the Western Metropolis of Canada. We beg to assure Your Excellency of our unabated attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty, whose reign has been alike august in peace and glorious war. We feel assured that Your Excellency's love of literature and distinguished mental refinement, cannot fail to enlist Your Excellency's warmest sympathies in behalf of every literary and scientific institution in this prosperous and rapidly progressing portion of the British Empire, now placed by our Gracious Sovereign under the auspices of Your Excellency. The progress of our School, as that of our country, has been steadily onward, and has been secured by the self-relying effort which has characterized every other successful Canadian enterprise. The annually increasing number of its pupils, and the estimation in which its graduates are held throughout the country, evince the consideration it enjoys from an intelligent and enquiring people. As the medical department of the University of Victoria College, we shall continue to labor faithfully to respond to the high requirements necessary to render it a fitting adjunct to so noble and prosperous an Institution.

REPLY.

The study of Medicine is recommended to every one by its intrinsic interest, as well as by its usefulness in preventing and alleviating the sufferings of mankind. I sincerely trust that your University may long promote the sound and successful cultivation of the theory and practice of this noble art. I thank you for your congratulations, and for the welcome to Western Canada conveyed in your address.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

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As a patron of literature and science, your Excellency will, no doubt, be gratified to learn that the Mechanics' Institute of this City has been twenty-three years in existence: that it embraces a good Library and Reading Room, with a considerable amount of Philosophical apparatus: that it numbers five hundred and sixty members: that during the winter months a regular course of weekly voluntary Lectures is delivered, of an interesting and improving kind, by our most eminent scientific men: and that so highly has the influence of this Institution been appreciated by the community, and so liberal has been the support extended to it, that latterly the Managers have been enabled to erect a large and substantial edifice to subserve the great purposes for which it has been established. In promoting a love of knowledge and a taste for scientific pursuits amongst the industrious classes of society, the officers of the Mechanics' Institute believe that they are not only contributing to the personal elevation and happiness of the individual members of the body—but to the formation of that social order and security which spring from the diffusion of sound knowledge and correct moral principles among the population. Substantial freedom and good government rest, they believe, upon the basis of general intelligence and morality.

REPLY.

It affords me great pleasure to receive at your hands these assurances of congratulation, and to learn from the Address now presented to me, that the valuable Institution with which you are connected is in a prosperous condition. I consider that you have it peculiarly in your power to soften the toil of the working man, and to elevate the minds of the industrial classes. I feel the importance of such Institutions, and shall always be ready and anxious to promote their success.

The following Addresses from the Canadian Institute were presented on the highly interesting occasion of laying the corner stone of the Institute building, on Pembroke street, on the 18th instant. The references of Sir John Beverly Robinson, the Chief Justice of Upper Canada, to the "strenuous efforts of the Government and Legislature of this Province for the diffusion of elementary instruction among all classes of the people" were characteristic of the Chief Justice, and were peculiarly graceful and appropriate,—since the future prosperity of the Canadian Institute, and all kindred associations, can only be finally attained in a community where education is diffused "among all classes of the people."

THE CANADIAN INSTITUTE.

We the President, Council, and Members of the Canadian Institute of Upper Canada beg leave to renew the assurance of our devoted loyalty to Her Majesty, and to express to your Excellency the high gratification with which we see, in the Representative of our Gracious Sovereign—one who by the distinctions achieved by him as a member of the most ancient University of the Empire, has given the best evidence of his personal interest in the cause of learning. Permit us, on this the first occasion of our unitedly addressing your Excellency, most respectfully to offer to you our cordial welcome to the Capital of Upper Canada, and to express to you the satisfaction with which we are animated by the assurance that while your wisdom and experience will guide you in those responsible administrative duties which lie beyond the sphere of our objects, your distinguished academical career furnishes a guarantee for your generous sympathy and encouragement in all that relates to the progress of those objects for the promotion of which we are associated together. The Canadian Institute, founded in the year 1849, and incorporated by Imperial Charter in 1851, has been established for the encouragement of learning and the development of science and the arts throughout the Province. Originally instituted by a small body of gentlemen, united for the purpose of promoting one special branch of practical science, it has since extended its aim so as to embrace the widest range of a Scientific and Literary Society, and now numbers upwards of 400 members resident in all parts of the Province. The steps adopted for carrying out these comprehensive objects have been: *Firstly*.—The formation of a Library of scientific reference available to the public at large, and which, now that an amalgamation has been effected with the Toronto Athenæum, and the books of both Institutions have been united, already constitutes the nucleus of a Library from which valuable results may be anticipated. *Secondly*.—The establishment of a Museum with a special view to the illustration of the natural history and mineral products, and the economic and industrial resources of the Province, as well as the ethnological and archeological contributions to history, which specially pertain to this important section of the new world. *Thirdly*.—The reading of original scientific and literary communications and discussion of the subjects thus in-

* Presented at the Levee on the 19th instant.