

Governor-General replied as follows:—"Pray accept my sincere thanks for the loyal address with which you have welcomed me as Her Majesty's representative. I am authorized also by his Royal Highness, Prince Arthur, to say that he feels most obliged by your words of kindly greeting, and that he cannot fail to take a deep interest in the success of institutions such as yours, which were, as you properly remark, highly prized by his lamented father, the late Prince Consort. In truth, it is impossible to over-estimate the value of well regulated national Universities. They are the rich storehouses of wisdom, from which the seeds of knowledge may be sown broadcast throughout the land—the centres of sound principle and high moral bearing; the scenes of many a friendly contest for the early laurels of literature; the fruitful sources of many a trusted and life-long friendship the homes of traditions and cherished memories. To them the various schools throughout the country will look for light and guidance; and from their open portals there will ever go forth a constant stream of well educated and high principled men, who, as they move in their various careers in after life, cannot fail to diffuse around them somewhat of the benefits they have themselves received in that greatest of all benefits—a sound and Christian education. I take it as a happy augury for the future of the Dominion that such importance is everywhere attached to the education of the people; and most sincerely do I trust that from this University, as from the heart of the system, the life-streams of knowledge may freely circulate to the remotest extremities of the land, bringing blessings to you for your efforts in the good cause, and unspeakable blessings to the homes of the many who will profit by your labours." The ceremony of presenting and accepting the address having been concluded, the scene on the platform became more animated. His Excellency and the Prince conversed in an animated way with those around, and after some time spent in this way, the Chancellor presented a large number of ladies and gentlemen to His Excellency and His Royal Highness. After the presentations had been concluded, three rousing cheers were given for the Queen, the Governor-General, Prince Arthur, the Lieutenant-Governor, and the Chancellor. The procession then re-formed, and the Royal party, under the guidance of the Chancellor and Principal McCaul, visited the Library of the University and several of the class rooms. The Prince was pleased to express the surprise occasioned by the fine appearance of the University buildings, surpassing, as they did, anything he had anticipated seeing in his visit to Canada.

#### THE ONTARIO EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

At the Education Department the Royal party were received by Rev. Dr. Ryerson, who conducted them to the platform of the theatre. In the theatre itself was a very pleasing assemblage. For the most part they were school children gaily dressed, and as the Royal party entered, and the whole burst out in unison with "God save the Queen," the effect was exceedingly impressive. On the platform along with the illustrious visitors were Sir John A. Macdonald, the Lieutenant-Governor, the Mayor, Dr. Fuller, Dr. Jennings, Hon. W. McMaster, Hon. Sandfield Macdonald, Col. Taylor, Col. Cumberland, Rev. Mr. Punshon, Rev. Dr. Green, Rev. W. S. Darling. After the children had concluded singing the National Anthem, Dr. Ryerson read the following address:—"The Council of Public Instruction for the Province of Ontario beg to unite with the many thousands of our fellow subjects in welcoming you and H. R. H. Prince Arthur to a country first selected as a home by the United Empire Loyalists of Canada. To us as a body has been assigned the task of establishing the Normal and Model Schools, for the training of teachers, and making the regulations for the government of Elementary and Grammar Schools throughout this Province, and for selecting the text books and libraries to be used in them; while to one of our number has been imposed the duty of preparing and administering the school laws. It has been our aim to imbibe the spirit and imitate the example of our beloved Sovereign in the interesting zeal with which Her Majesty has encouraged the training of teachers and the establishment of schools for the education of the masses of her people; and we have been nobly rewarded in our efforts by our fellow subjects in this portion of the Dominion. At the commencement of our labours in 1846 the number of our schools was 2,500 and the number of pupils 100,000. At the present time we have the educational buildings now honoured by the presence of Your Excellency and His Royal Highness, where teachers are trained, and maps, apparatus and libraries are provided for the schools; and those schools now number about 4,500 attended by 415,000 pupils, while in the text books and songs of schools, loyalty to the Queen and love to the Mother Country are blended with the spirit of Canadian patriotism. Christian principles are ever combined with sound knowledge, not only in the libraries but also in the teaching of our school." To this address His Excellency replied as follows:—"The account which you are able to render of the result of your labours cannot but prove a topic of reassurance

and rejoicing to every one who desire to see the well-being of the community placed on the same foundations of general intelligence and sound principles. An increase in little more than 20 years to double the number of schools, and more than four-fold the number of scholars, attests at once the assiduity and judgment with which your duties have been carried on, and the corresponding appreciation on the part of parents, of the great advantages offered to their children. His Royal Highness empowers me to thank you for the terms of your welcome, to assure you of the deep interest he takes in the cause of education, and to express the wish that you may attain the reward which, doubtless, you most covet, of seeing the schools you superintend filled with pupils and enlightenment, spreading from them as centres in ever widening circles over the land." After the addresses had been presented and accepted, the party retired into the Library, where the following parties were presented by Dr. Ryerson to His Excellency the Governor-General and Prince Arthur:—Ven. Archdeacon Fuller, Rev. Dr. Jennings, Hon. Mr. McMaster, members of the Council of Public Instruction, and the following officers of the Department: J. G. Hodgins, LL.B., Deputy Superintendent; Alexander Marling, LL.B.; A. J. Williamson, M.D.; F. J. Taylor, J. T. R. Stinson, W. Atkinson, Dr. May, J. H. Sangster, A.M., M.D., Head Master Normal School; Rev. W. H. Davies, B.D., 2nd Master Normal School; Wm. Armstrong, C. E., Mrs. Cullen, Miss McCausland, Miss Jones, Mr. Sefton, Mr. Clare, Mr. Hughes, Dr. Carlyle, Mr. Scott, Mr. Archibald. The following were also presented to the Prince and the Governor-General:—Mrs. Ryerson, Mrs. J. G. Hodgins and Masters George and Fred. Hodgins, Mrs. Punshon, Miss Punshon, Mrs. Stinson, Mrs. Rolph, Mr. J. W. Rolph, Mrs. Hayward, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Davies, Rev. W. M. Punshon, M.A., Rev. Dr. Green, Rev. Mr. Darling, E. E. Ryerson, W. E. Hodgins, J. W. Punshon. Subsequently the Royal party visited and inspected with much interest the various rooms of the Educational Museum. The Prince was particularly pleased with the beauty and variety of the museum, and at the tasteful manner in which the rooms were decorated. Indeed every one of the visitors expressed their gratification at the unexpected exhibition of works of art. During his progress through the building, His Royal Highness very graciously accepted from Master George Hodgins a handsome edition of the "Sketches and Anecdotes of the Queen and the Royal Family," compiled by J. George Hodgins, Esq. The Prince was also handed a small, beautiful bouquet of flowers by Master Fred. Hodgins, which he most kindly and smilingly received.

#### UPPER CANADA COLLEGE.

At Upper Canada College, the boys to the number of several hundreds were drawn up in two lines on the lawn leading to the main entrance, and as the Prince and his friends passed through between them, a genuine English cheer—such a cheer as has not been heard in Toronto for many a day—was given and kept up most vigorously until they entered the building. On the steps they were received by the Principal, Cockburn, Dr. Barrett, M.A., M.D., Chancellor Morrison, Mr. Martland, B.A., Mr. C. H. Connon, M.A., Dr. Connon, Mr. W. Wedd, M.A., Mr. J. Brown, M.A., Mr. G. Schluter, J. Thomson, Esq., and Professor Wilson. The Royal party adjourned for a short time into the Principal's room, and after the boys had had time to assemble in the hall, they passed through the lobby, which was tastefully decorated with evergreens, on to the platform at the north end of the hall. The boys indulged in one cheer more, and then the Principal proceeded to read the following address:—"We the Principal, Masters and Scholars, of Upper Canada College and Royal Grammar School, with sentiments of loyal devotion to Her Most Gracious Majesty, beg to tender our most respectful welcome to your Excellency as Governor-General of the New Dominion, and to the noble Prince who now honours us with his presence. We beg to inform your Excellency that Upper Canada College was founded upon the model of the great Public Schools of England, and that it has, during the last forty years, educated and trained many thousands of Canadian youth, who now not only occupy and adorn high positions in the Dominion, but who have distinguished themselves in various careers in all parts of the Empire. We may be permitted to point with pride to the many names of former pupils inscribed upon the walls of this Hall, as evidence of the successful work hitherto accomplished by Upper Canada College, and we are incited to do so in the hope that His Royal Highness Prince Arthur will take pleasure in noticing the many University honours achieved by youths of his own age. Of the present generation of pupils, we can only express the hope that they will follow in the footsteps of those who have gone before them; and we can assure your Excellency that no effort on the part of the Masters shall be wanting to prepare them for the future business of life. We congratulate your Excellency on