

Mr. R. E. Hughes; pianist Mr. Jas. Gookin, and musical director, Rev. O. Lambert, O. M. I.

Undoubtedly the most pleasing feature of the evening's programme was the interesting lecture of Rev. Father Lacombe. This venerable Oblate Missionary who has grown gray in the Lord's vineyard of the North-West Territories, is certainly most competent to speak of life on the prairies. And right admirably did he acquit himself of his task. From the beginning he held the attention and interest of his hearers, and with such earnestness did he speak, that his audience not only heard his lecture, but felt it. His description of buffalo hunting was particularly entertaining. He said that it grieved him to think that nobody has undertaken to write on so interesting a subject, and he feared the consequence would be that all knowledge of this interesting sport would be lost to posterity. Here and there throughout his lecture sparkled those gems of rare humor which as His Excellency remarked in moving the vote of thanks, are found in the true orator alone.

The reverend gentleman, speaking of the devotedness of Their Excellencies, and of their strenuous endeavours for the good of our country, said, "they have been in Halifax and Victoria, they have travelled from the Pacific to the Atlantic; yes, they have even honored my poor missions by their presence." Towards the end of his discourse he said that as Lady Aberdeen was ever ready to aid in the furtherance of good works, he sincerely hoped that she would be the patroness of a plan he had in view for benefitting the condition of his Indian and half-breed wards. At the close of his remarks the reverend lecturer sang an Indian version of God Save the Queen which was greatly appreciated. The vote of thanks so kindly moved by His Excellency was seconded by Sir Charles H. Tupper.

The entertainment having ended, the students were ushered into an adjoining apartment and there served refreshments, after which they were individually presented to His Excellency. Then with light hearts, having spent a very enjoyable evening, they prepared for their departure.

Among those present besides Their

Excellencies, Lady Marjory, and Lords Dudley and Haddo, were the Rev. Father McGuckin, president of the University, the Rev. Father Constantineau, pastor of St. Joseph's parish, and Sir Chas. H. Tupper.

The members of the Glee Club take this opportunity to extend their most heartfelt thanks for the honor done them, and for the kind appreciation and cordial hospitality of Their Excellencies, The Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen.

BOOK NOTICES.

ENGLISH LITERATURE—THE BROTHERS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS: P. O'Shea, New York.

To the already large number of excellent books on English, issued by the Christian Brothers, has been added a volume on English literature,—an historical and critical treatise on the most noted masters of our language. It is not merely a history; it is primarily a critical examination of English literature from the earliest times; and in the prominence given to this feature of the book, the exquisite manner in which it is executed, its thoroughness and clear method, consists chiefly its superiority. Extracts are inserted, and by means of these the predominant characteristics of an author's style and the tendency of his writings are pointed out with the force of demonstration. The chief excellence of this method is that it develops the faculty of criticism, teaches the student to examine for himself and to form independently a true appreciation of any literary production. It will cause him to read more carefully, and, instead of merely glancing over beautiful verbiage and admiring it, he will delve deeper, and seek out the beauties in thought which are the true criterion of literary worth. Nor will he allow elegant expressions to deceive him into the acceptance of vicious principles and false doctrines.

The literary merit, too, of this volume, apart from the invaluable criticism it contains, commends it to the perusal and careful study not only of every student but of every lover of the English language. It possesses a thoroughness, the