

who have come forward with such warm expressions of loyalty to your Queen, and of kindness to ourselves, must regard your Convent Home, and those kind Sisters who sacrifice themselves to your welfare; and I trust that you are able to repay them in some measure for all their care and for their goodness to you, by your attention to their instructions, and your love for themselves. I hope also the day is far distant when you will cease to think a holiday one of the greatest pleasures in the world. I can assure you that if I can persuade these good ladies, to-day, to allow me to present you with one, you will not enjoy it more than myself.

The company then left the hall and returned to their sleighs. A large concourse of ladies and gentlemen attended their Excellencies on this interesting occasion, among whom we noticed, His Honor the Mayor, Hon. A. A. Dorion, Hon. John Young, Justices Drummond and Monck, T. White, Esq., E. Murphy, Esq., Dr. Hingston, M. C. Mullarky, Esq., and Councillor Jodoin.

### The Montreal College.

A long drive through the storm, which had increased in violence, brought the party to the door of Montreal College where a number of our prominent citizens had assembled to meet the Governor and Lady Dufferin. Among them we noticed Mr. Beaubien, M. P., M. P. Ryan, Esq., M. P., Judge McKay, Councillor Loranger, Councillor Jodoin, Councillor Rolland, Mr. Penny, of the *Herald*, and Mr. Clerk, of the *True Witness*. His Excellency and suite alighted and were escorted into the building, but Lady Dufferin feeling too much fatigued to remain continued on the road to town. The officials of the college conducted the party through the numerous recitation rooms and studies and finally reached the large hall or theatre. Here the students had assembled to welcome the Governor, and as he entered the room and seated himself on the chair of honor, the college band played a march. When all were seated the music ceased, and three of the students advanced to the front of the platform, and one of them read an

### ADDRESS IN FRENCH,

of which the following is a translation:—

My Lord,—The College and Grand Seminary of Montreal have awaited with impatience the noble visit with which they are honoured to-day. Before your Excellency had reached our shores, rumour had made known to us the history of the noble scion of the House of Blackwood; the literary merit of the descendant of Sheridan; the scientific attainments of the author of "Letters from High Latitudes," and the administrative talent of Baron Clandeboyne, tried in numerous, important and delicate missions, honored by brilliant distinctions, and finally entrusted by our Gracious Sovereign with the Government of one of the finest colonies of the Empire. So much merit, joined to the affability and kindness of Lady Dufferin, has, my Lord, made the names of your Excellencies popular even in our remotest country places. We are deeply touched at the interest manifested by your Excellency in the education of youth. We know the wise counsels you have given, and in this old house of St. Sulpice, honoured by the visits of so many illustrious predecessors and by a Prince of the Blood, we will devote ourselves "to amass treasures of knowledge, and what is more important, to discipline our minds, to strengthen our intellect and make it acquire those habits of labor, that power of perception and analysis which will make them struggle against obstacles of every kind, resolve every problem and derive profit from every favorable circumstance." We thank your Excellency for these

wise counsels. We shall always be grateful for your visit, and we hope that you and your family may enjoy happiness and prosperity.

As the above was concluded, a second student read the following

### ADDRESS IN ENGLISH.

To His Excellency The Earl of Dufferin, Governor-General of Canada, &c.

*May it please Your Excellency:*

The students of the Montreal College, highly appreciating the honor of your Excellency's visit, beg to present to your Excellency, the homage of their cordial thanks and profound respect. The dutiful reverence we are taught to cherish for Her Gracious Majesty, permit us to say frankly, receives, to-day, a new impulse from the presence amongst us of the worthy representative, as well as the most eloquent and happy eulogist of Queen Victoria. We leave it to those engaged in the battle of public life to compliment your Excellency on your ability and success as a statesman. In this inner world of College life, we breathe a different atmosphere and have different aspirations. The outer world we regard at a distance, as a sphere in which we shall have to move in the future. Leaving that future in the hands of Providence, we think only of the duty of the present, and concentrate all our efforts to develop and strengthen whatever abilities God has given us, by the acquisition of useful knowledge, in order that when the day of action comes, we may be found able to do our duty. We know that it will please your Excellency to learn that here we are taught to love education,—that complete education which trains the affections of the heart, as well as the faculties of the intellect, and gives to the world good as well as able men. Boys value what they love. The high literary position (as an author) enjoyed by your Excellency, and the very special protection and encouragement given by your Excellency to education among all classes of our varied population, since your arrival in our new country, secure for your Excellency the highest place in our affection and esteem. Permit us with all sincerity to wish your Excellency and your most amiable Lady, who shares in, and, no doubt, stimulates, all your kind and important works, a happy New Year and every blessing here and hereafter.

The third pupil, a mere child, now presented to His Excellency, for Lady Dufferin, a beautiful bouquet, with a request that he would grant the pupils a holiday. The Governor then rose, and made, in French, the following

### REPLY

To the Pupils of the College and the Grand Seminary of Montreal:—

My Young Friends,—It is with difficulty that I am able to express to you as I could wish, how touched I am by the warm and spontaneous welcome you have accorded to the Countess of Dufferin and myself. In the address that has just been read, you have adopted words used by myself on another similar occasion to the present. It is very flattering, and at the same time very encouraging to me, that that which I then said has been so noticed and approved, more especially as it proves to me that you appreciate my wish to associate myself with those who like yourselves, have not yet begun to fight the battles of life single handed, and to encourage you, both in your present studies, and your after aims and aspirations. To each of us certain talents have been given, which it is our duty to use to the utmost. Under the wise and able instruction of the learned Fathers, your talents are now being developed, and I would exhort you most earnestly