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## A WEEK WITH LORD and LADY ABERDEEN

FAREWELL WORDS OF THE MOST REV. DR. WALSH.

Their Excellencies, Lord and Lady Aberdeen, have put in another very busy week visiting the institutions of Toronto, the programme including no less than four visits of special importance from the Catholic standpoint.

On Wednesday afternoon their Excellencies re-visited St. Michael's College, and renewed their acquaintance with the young students of the drama upon whom they had on previous occasions bestowed warm praise. His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto was present to receive the distinguished visitors, in addition to Rev. Dr. Terfy (Principal) and the faculty of the college. Among a large gathering of clergy and laity were noticed Vicar General McCann, Rev. Frank Ryan, rector of St. Michael's Cathedral; Very Rev. Dean Egan, (Jarrie); Rev. Father Honnessy, Rev. James Walsh, R.V., Father Dodsworth, C.S.S.R.; Rev. L. Minahan, Rev. Frank Walsh, C.S.B., Rev. Father Grogan, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Father Lamarche, Rev. J. J. McEntee, Rev. Father Prachon, Hugh Ryan, Sir Frank Smith, Capt. Law, R.N.; Hugh T. Kelly, Frank A. Anglin. The opening number on the programme of the afternoon was a motley of Scotch airs (Cox) which the orchestra rendered in spirited style. Following this Dr. Terfy read an address of welcome to their Excellencies as follows:

To the Right Honourable John Campbell Hamilton Gordon, Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada.

MAY I PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.—In welcoming your Excellency to St. Michael's College we find a difficulty in expressing the sentiments of our hearts in a brief address. Your exalted station, the power you represent, and the deep interest which your Excellency and your most charitable Lady have taken in the advancement of the lower classes, and more particularly in the welfare of our people, are factors rendering this occasion an important event in our rather quiet life. As Governor-General you have displayed a zealous and continued interest in the cause of education throughout the Dominion. And in visiting us to-day your Excellency shows that your interest reaches beyond the more favored institutions of the state. We therefore welcome your Excellency and Lady Aberdeen most cordially to our humble halls. Your work done by such colleges as the faculty in their arduous labors, as well as to the students in their ordinary work. To build and sustain a residential college, and still more to keep pace with modern progress, is a most difficult task. It needs encouragement. And in visiting us to-day your Excellency and your most charitable Lady have shown that your interest reaches beyond the more favored institutions of the state. We therefore welcome your Excellency and Lady Aberdeen most cordially to our humble halls. Your work done by such colleges as the faculty in their arduous labors, as well as to the students in their ordinary work. To build and sustain a residential college, and still more to keep pace with modern progress, is a most difficult task. It needs encouragement. And in visiting us to-day your Excellency and your most charitable Lady have shown that your interest reaches beyond the more favored institutions of the state. We therefore welcome your Excellency and Lady Aberdeen most cordially to our humble halls.

The great majority of us are of Irish extraction. It is therefore with hearts truly grateful and with special reason we welcome you to our midst. Your official life in our fatherland, your brief but generous administration of its affairs, the self-sacrificing devotion of Lady Aberdeen to the industries of Ireland, your sympathy and consideration with the poor people, are all well known to us, young though some of us are. These memories have endeared your Excellency to the children of the Irish race, whether at home or in the colonies or in the United States. Their answer we express in the prayer we breathe for your happiness and health in time and your bliss in eternity.

Signed J. R. Terry, Superior, St. Michael's College, Toronto, Ont., Dec. 15, 1897.

Then Father Murray's feast brought the students to their feet to sing "The Maple Leaf." This chorus was most patriotic. The special presentation of a scene from "Rebellion" in honor of the visitors followed. The entire play was presented by St. Michael's students has already been described in these columns. All that need now be said is that the scene selected—that laid in the garden of the Louvre, Act IV.—was most creditable to the performers. Mr. H. N. Shaw may be said to have scored a signal success in this instance. At the close of the programme, Lord Aberdeen made an exceedingly cordial speech in reply to the address of welcome and in appreciation of the students' entertainment. He said that it was with feelings of more than usual pleasure and gratitude he had listened to the address

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## ABERDEEN

road by Rev. Dr. Terfy. He appreciated its terms all the more because they had renewed the kindly expressions with which he had been received upon the occasions of former visits to St. Michael's College. In the presence of Lady Aberdeen and himself once again in this college hall was an encouragement to the students, he said in return that the expressions of good will to which they had listened were equally gratifying to them. He congratulated the Principal and faculty of St. Michael's upon the excellent work which the college has done and is doing. Its record was written to-day in the public opinion of many of its students of the past, and from the indication of its work which they had just seen he felt that he could safely predict as great, or greater, things for the future. He thanked them for the mention which the address made of Lady Aberdeen's work in Ireland. It had spoken of her "self-sacrificing devotion to the cause of our people"; but it was true that her very active interest in the revival of Irish industries had been a labor of love as well as duty. It was some years now since they had left Ireland, but their memories of the country and the people were as fresh as if they had happened recently, and it was indeed a pleasure to have those things recalled now with so much characteristic kindness. He could say that any mention of Irish industries always put Her Excellency upon the alert, and she would greatly appreciate the reference contained in this address. Before sitting down Lord Aberdeen made his usual happy reference to a holiday, which the students received with ready applause and the proceedings closed with "God save the Queen."

AT ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT.

All who were present at the reception in St. Joseph's College walked over to St. Joseph's Convent where their Excellencies were received at 4:30 on Wednesday afternoon in one of the lecture rooms that had been fitted up for the occasion with striking effectiveness. The room was beautiful with flowers and colors, among the latter the plaid of the house of Aberdeen being prominently displayed. The Reverend Mother and the sisters received their Excellencies, and as they accompanied the Archbishop past the reception room to view the beautiful new chapel, a chorus of the pupils rendered the National Anthem. Lord Aberdeen commented afterwards upon the singing had made upon him as he stood in the chapel. When their Excellencies and the Archbishop entered the reception hall they were greeted with a chorus of "God Save the Queen," the "Queen's Choice," by the pupils who stood in their school uniforms on the stage, presenting quite an inspiring picture. The young ladies were the Lady Dorothea Ross, and the little girls the Gordon ivy. The reading of an address of welcome followed. It was read by Miss Isabel Curtis, who, who she had finished reading the verses, stepped down and handed the exquisitely painted folios to the Governor-General and the other Lady Aberdeen. The verses of the address reviewed the brilliant careers of Lord and Lady Aberdeen as representatives of the Queen, especially in Ireland and Canada. A second greeting to their Excellencies was sung in chorus by the little girls.

Some of the musical numbers were: Violin duo (Moret), first violins, the Misses Kony and Downey, second violins, the Misses Falconbridge and Hughes; instrumental solo (Bach), Op. 18—Beethoven, Miss Downey; recitation, "A Northern Lass" (Boyeson), Miss Kathleen McDonald; musical trio (Burns), the Misses Curtis, Hughes and I. Curtis.

Lord Aberdeen conferred honors upon the pupils of the convent as awarded by the University of Toronto. The list of names was read by Miss Duran as follows:

Miss Una Mabel Clavel, certificate for having passed in September, 1897, the first class honors for matriculation in music; for having obtained at the annual examination in May first class honors in the history of music first year; second class honors in practical music; first class honors in the history of music second year; first class honors in harmony, counterpoint, practical music, double counterpoint and canon, fugue and sonatas.

Awarded by the Education Department to the Misses Frances Morrow, Harriet Boyle and Florence Wiley, certificates for first class honors in matriculation. Part I in mathematics, science and modern languages.

Certificates awarded to the Misses Teresa Shaughan and Ella Kony for passing departmental examinations in English, mathematics and physical science.

Certificates awarded to the Misses Janet Johnston, Carmel Sullivan, Bella

Curtis, Harriet Boyle and Loretto Morrow for passing Latin I. examination in botany, drawing, book-keeping and commercial transactions.

Lord Aberdeen delivered a happy speech to the pupils. He began by complimenting them on the singing of the National Anthem, which he said had rarely made such an impression upon him as when, standing in the beautiful chapel adjoining, he heard their fresh young voices swelling its ever welcome strains. In regard to the musical part of the entertainment, and the university honors which he had the pleasure of conferring he said "I can only say to you what we have again and again observed, that, although during the past four years we have travelled through the length and breadth of this wide Dominion, although we have had the pleasure of visiting the various colleges, seminaries, and academies of the land and of expressing again and again our enjoyment and appreciation of the welcome everywhere prepared for us, we have certainly not exhausted our pleasure in witnessing such gracefulness and skill as we have been struck by here this afternoon. In the address we have listened to our attention is turned to our own

Central Prison on Sunday evening. Their Excellencies were accompanied by Warden Gilmour, Inspector Noxon, Mr. Frank Walsh, O.S.B. (prison chaplain), Mr. S. H. Blake, (P.C.), Mr. Hamilton Cassels, and a number of ladies and gentlemen prominently identified with prisoners' aid work in the city. The scene was a remarkable one, and perhaps the most interesting in the entire round of visits their Excellencies have made to the institutions of the city. The Warden made a short introductory speech after the visitors were seated. He said every one present would be glad to listen to Father Walsh, the Catholic chaplain, who had been asked and had consented to speak to their Excellencies upon the working of the prison as he had observed it. He (the Warden) would confine himself to expressing what he believed to be the thought prominent in the heart of every inmate—gratitude to their Excellencies, when visiting the institutions of Toronto had not omitted the Central Prison. (Applause.)

Father Walsh thanked the Governor-General and his amiable lady for the wisdom and thoughtfulness that prompted them to make this visit on a Sunday

him the his congregation is decreasing, and also growing better. Three times a year they receive Holy Communion; and last Sunday 50 of the 100 Catholic Sacrament. In the last batch of 50 arrivals there were only 6 Catholics. He thanked God for evidences of improvement. He would sooner see a man anywhere than here; but the man whom he once met here and who was sure would be his religion, was always glad to meet as a friend as often as possible. He did meet very many who had reformed their lives in prison. That was one of the joys of a chaplain's life and their Excellencies he was sure would be glad to know it. Before closing the speaker drew the attention of their Excellencies to a locked cupboard near them, and made the humorous remark that it was the Catholic church, but he said the inmates are sparing no effort to facilitate both the Protestant and Catholic by providing two rooms instead of the one now used as a chapel. The arrangements were approaching completion.

Hon. S. H. Blake followed with a touching and earnest address.

Lord Aberdeen followed with one of the noblest addresses of his series of visits. He said he had been forcibly struck by the subject matter of his address. He ministered to such inmates strictly, even to the extent of putting off other requests for instruction. That information had pleased and impressed him as a pastor to remember and possibly to use elsewhere for the comfort and profit of persons interested in prison work. His Excellency then entered upon a practical talk to the inmates, "showing at once his own sympathy with the inmates, but also the necessity but also the manliness and spirit of obedience to discipline and law. Lady Aberdeen followed, speaking she said, not in an official sense, but as the representative of the mothers, wives and sisters of the men listening to her. One of the things that could not fail to attract notice was the keen attention and sympathy of the prisoners, the readiness and unanimity with which they responded to every word that touched their emotions, whether it made them applaud, laugh or start tears in their eyes. They sang the hymn which he sang once more before they left the hall.

AT LORRTO ABBEY.

Loretto Abbey tendered a reception to their Excellencies on Monday afternoon. It would be idle to attempt a description of the decorations of the lecture hall and the elaborate arrangements for welcoming the visitors. Garden fountains and fields with welcoming mottoes greeted the eye in every direction. The Archbishop, the Reverend Mother and the Sisters welcomed Lord and Lady Aberdeen at the main entrance. The lecture hall was crowded with ladies. The Queen's National Anthem as the vic-regal party entered the hall. Some of the prominent citizens present were Hon. Edward Blake, Hugh Ryan, Sir Frank Smith, George Pinuckett Magan, Eugene O'Keefe, H. T. Kelly, Patrick Hughes, P. A. Auglin, Joseph Brudenell, Major Gray, W. T. J. Leo Inspector May, D. M. Defoe. Among the clergy were Vicar-General McCann, Fathers McEate, L. Minahan, Dollard and Wm. McCann. Lord Haddo accompanied the Governor-General. The presentation was presided by Miss P. Vattins, Miss Gertrude Foy, Miss Winnifred Evans, Miss Norma Fraser and Miss Gertrude Sullivan. The address of welcome was read by Miss McMahon. Then the musical programme was presented. To say that the singing and instrumental music were alike admirable is unnecessary, as Loretto Abbey enjoys distinction in this respect. The following was the programme:

Valse Song—"L'ardita" (Ardito), Miss Ruby Shea; duet, harp and piano—"Gloria Go Branch" (Dobson), Misses Krating and Devan; three-part song—"Bonnie Doon" (Scottish), St. Cecilia's Chorus; recitation—"Magdalen," Elocution Class; chorus—"Misericordia" (Verdi), Miss T. Flanagan and Loretto Abbey Chorus; Chorus—"Bonnie Doon" (Op. 83) (Chopin), Miss H. McMahon; Cavatine—"Plus grand" (Gounod), Miss M. Chapin; duet and chorus (Ballo), Misses Flossie Burns, Sarah Palmer and Loretto Abbey Choral Class.

After His Excellency had warmly praised the entertainment, and spoken of the form of the address presented as a work of art which would ever be treasured among the most prized possessions they would take back from Canada to Scotland, and had also tendered to the sisters a sincere expression of his own admiration for their Excellencies' respect and admiration, the pupils were given a holiday.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S FAREWELL SPEECH.

After a few pleasant introductory remarks on the subject of the Christmas holidays, the Archbishop said. Your Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen—This is probably the last opportunity I will have as head, in the official and spiritual sense, of the Catholic citizens of Toronto, of expressing the most heartfelt and warm affection of all on account of the unvarying kindness and benevolence of the Governor-General of Canada and his amiable Countess, which we have seen during their visit to the city now drawing to a close. (Applause.) I am quite sure there is not one Catholic in the city who, at the same time, can think that there is anything unusual in the consideration which

their Excellencies have shown in the series of visits they have paid to our Catholic institutions, and we know that their kindness is in no sense a special favor; but on the contrary that their visit is like the sunshine of heaven itself in their beautiful impartiality. (Applause.) We all feel that indeed during their Excellencies' short stay in the city, I am quite sure by reason of the completeness with which they have embraced all local institutions, that they must have themselves, to St. Paul, the debtors of all classes of our people. The gentle and simple, the rich and the poor, the learned and the illiterate, all have been comprehended in the attention they have bestowed upon Toronto and its citizens. The charm of their presence will remain as a bright page in the lives not only of the inmates of our charitable homes for the old, but also of our charitable refuges for the young. Even the bars of the prisons have not availed to keep them out, for we have seen them acting in perfect accordance with the words of the Saviour of Mankind, visiting the dungeons and carrying their sympathy among the unfortunate victims of human justice. Your Excellencies, I may indeed say, in the words of a countryman of my own, you stoop to conquer. (Applause.) You have stooped from your high station to visit all the aged, the sick, the afflicted and the imprisoned; and you have condescended and taken captive the hearts of the citizens of Toronto. But as we know all human captivity must have an end, so it will not do for me to say that we do not hope for release from the willing captivity of affection into which your Excellencies have led us. Your official residence in Canada must soon come to an end; but we do not expect you to return here again to restore our liberty at the same time that we resume our relations of loyal attachment to you as the representatives of the sovereign in this Dominion. (Applause.) Otherwise your Excellencies were most earnestly hoping that when at the foot of the throne you shall give an account of your Canadian stewardship you may be rewarded with the praise earned by the good toward: Well done that good and faithful servant who has been so faithful I will make you ruler in many things. (Applause.) If you are not to return to Canada, we hope that your future official trusts may be even more exalted than this. And now your Excellencies will be saying words of farewell to the citizens of Toronto, and we will be that which brings to yourself, "Fortuna Sequatur." (Applause.) May good luck and fortune follow you; may kind Providence protect you, shed upon you every blessing and benediction and reward you in the life to come.

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Christmas Church Services.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

The Christmas services will begin at 6 o'clock a.m., when Solemn High Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Father Wynn, assisted by deacon and sub-deacon. At 8:30 o'clock the children's Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Father Wynn. A choir of fifty children will sing under the direction of Prof. Donville. Miss Costello will act as organist. At 10:30 o'clock the Solemn High Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Father Grogan, assisted by deacon and sub-deacon. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Cosgrave, will sing Giorza's Third Mass in C. The soloists will be Mrs. O'Hara, the Misses Flannery, O'Donoghue and Murphy, and Messrs. Terry, O'Donoghue, Shahan, Thompson, Grogan, and Murphy. Signor Diuelli will preside at the organ and will be assisted by a full orchestra. Rev. Father Dodsworth will preach.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

The Masses on Christmas Day in St. Paul's Church will be at 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 o'clock. At the High Mass, at 6 o'clock, the Christmas music of the "Pastores" and "Adeste Fideles" will be sung by the school children. At 10:30, Solemn High Mass, music by Mercadanti, soprano, the Misses O'Connell, Baxter, Ryan, Geary, Carol and Troman, altos, Troman, Foy, Tumpson, Curran, and Murphy, tenors, Tomney, O'Connell, Larkins, basses, Hall, McGuire, Tadmor, Mogan, Gilling and Cadapan. Mr. Harry Troman will conduct the choir, and Miss Kate Rigney will preside at the organ. Rev. Father Chino will be celebrant of the Mass. Father Hand will preach the Christmas sermon.

ST. BASIL'S CHURCH.

Masses will be celebrated, beginning at 5:30 and every half-hour to 10:30. When Haydn's 10th Mass will be sung by the choir, under the leadership of Rev. Father Murray, assisted by a full orchestra under Mr. Bailey. The celebrant of the Mass will be Rev. Father Marjion. Rev. L. Bronaun will preach the Christmas sermon. Vespers in the evening at 7:30.

CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES.

Soprano's Mass in "A" will be sung for the first time in Canada by the choir of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes on Christmas morning, at 10:45. The choir will be accompanied with full orchestra.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH.

Masses on Christmas Day at 7, 9 and 11 o'clock. At 11 o'clock the choir will sing Millard's Mass, under the leadership of Miss Murphy. Sermon by Father McKintee. Vespers at 7:30 p.m.

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL.

Mass, Mass's First Vespers, "Pastors" (Lambert), soloists, Mrs. Callner, Misses Flannigan, Foley, McKeown, Banks, Messrs. Morcier, Durban, McNamara, Stack, Russell and Egan.

## The Early Christmas Mass

AN IRISH BALLAD, BY SHAW-NA-MON

Shipping down the dim Welsh mountains to the early Christmas Mass,  
When the shadow 's on the heather, and the rime is on the grass,  
Want may chill our highland cottage, troubles bide with us all day;  
But the Saviour makes us happy on His Holy Christmas Day.

I must wake my dear ones early on this morn of peace and joy—  
Little pet-lamb, pretty Nora; sturdy Neil, my noble boy—  
When the hearth is neat and cozy, and the dancing flames are gay,  
And the kettle croons a welcome to the coming Christmas Day.

Darkness lingers in the valley, and the fairy-haunted glen,  
Eastward now the breaking morn brings the peace of God to men;  
Near the mountain rim, first jewel of the Christ-child's diadem,  
Burns a star of radiant beauty like the star of Bethlehem.

Wake ye now, my sleeping treasures, wake ye now, your mother's joy—  
Pretty Nora, drowsy lambkin, blue-eyed Neil, my laughing boy—  
For the shadow 's on the heather and the rime is on the grass,  
And the Angels hurry earthward to the early Christmas Mass.

See, above yon wiced abbey, where God's servants prayed of old,  
Fery pillars in the heavens—bars of silver, shafts of gold—  
Swing the gables of glory open, shining silvers unnumbered pass,  
Let us hurry down to meet them at the early Christmas Mass.

Down the mountain, up the valley, from the riverside and glen,  
Throng the cheery-chatting people, stately women, stalwart men;  
Guard them there, oh God of Erin, butter sorrowers their' alas!  
Many a heart shall bleed in exile ere another Christmas Mass.

Lit' the drooping face, my Ern, God has heard thy bitter moan,  
Tho' His hand rest heavy on thee, us to make thee more His own.  
Faith has died where nations flourished; earthly gain His gifts surpass,  
When He greets His gathered people at the early Christmas Mass.

When the old country and to the future,  
And we are asked to remember  
"one bright day"—this day—of our  
visit to St. Joseph's Convent. I can  
assure you that we will regard this as a  
bright day indeed, and often think of it  
with the same wish which we have in  
our hearts now, that God may continue  
his blessings and benedictions upon  
you and the work done within the walls  
of St. Joseph's Convent. I thought to  
say something about the Sisters; but  
what can I say. I can only repeat to  
you the words of Goldsmith which His  
Grace the Archbishop made beautiful  
use of a few days ago, when speaking  
of them, he said: "They do speak by  
strength and blush to find it fame."  
They set us all one example, to  
seek first the kingdom of God  
and His righteousness. His Ex-  
cellency made a lengthy comment upon  
the artistic covering of the address of  
welcome, describing minutely the design  
pointed on the outside, which combined  
the shamrock, rose, thistle and maple  
leaf and the motto of the house of  
Aberdeen "Fortuna Sequatur." He  
praised the artistic value of the ad-  
dress; but he added that they would  
value it for the thoughtfulness which it  
expressed, and the sentiment which he  
was sure emanated from the mind of a  
woman. In expressing his gratitude he  
could only say, may fortune and every  
blessing attend the work of St. Joseph's  
Academy. The usual holiday was  
pleasantly greeted and after a short  
address by the Archbishop the reception  
was terminated with a farrow chorus  
and the National Anthem.

AT THE CENTRAL PRISON.

The "National Anthem" sung with  
enthusiasm by over four hundred pri-  
soners, greeted Lord and Lady Aber-  
deen as they climbed up the spiral iron  
stairs and entered the chapel at the  
evening so near to the blessed Christmas  
time. This thought, he knew, was in  
the heart of every visitor and inmate  
present. The speaker paid a warm  
tribute to the goodness of Lord and  
Lady Aberdeen, remarking that he had  
known Lord Aberdeen, and was aware of  
the affection which his name still in-  
spires throughout Canada, this affection,  
he said, had been born again  
among every class of the people by the  
many virtues of head and heart of Lord  
and Lady Aberdeen. (Loud cheers by  
the prisoners.) He had been asked to  
give an account of his charge to Lord  
Aberdeen. It would be very brief; but  
there was one thing he would testify to,  
and he believed their Excellencies would  
be glad to hear it. "There is not," he  
said, "as far as I know, an institution of  
this kind on the continent of America  
or elsewhere, where the Catholic chap-  
lain is received so cordially, treated with  
such respect, and given more perfect  
facility for access to all the inmates  
under his charge than the Central  
Prison. This is a matter of so much  
importance, your Excellencies, that I  
am bound to add, for my own part, that  
I only restrict my actions as much as  
possible in consideration of it. I  
have been chaplain here for seven  
years and to this day I do not know the  
names of the Catholic guards. Another  
point is this, that although I have often  
been approached by inmates not under  
my charge with the request to give  
them Catholic instruction, I have felt,  
although I could not refuse as a priest,  
that I could not consent as chaplain  
to do anything resembling proselytism;  
and in every such instance I have put  
the request off to another time and  
place." Continuing he said he had not  
prepared any statistics. There were  
about 100 Catholics now in the prison  
out of 410, being the smallest proportion  
during his chaplaincy. It was a joy to