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THE QUEEN CITY RECEIVING THE GODDESS OF SCIENTIFIC CULTURE.—The annual gathering of the American Association for the Advancement of Science is always a notable event; this year it is a matter of special interest to Canadians, as the Dominion is honored with the presence of the savants; and an occasion of particular pride to the citizens of Toronto, as our own good city is chosen as the place of meeting. We extend to the learned body a most hearty welcome, and anything we can do

to make their visit pleasant and successful will be most heartily done. Although Canada has up to the present time been pretty busy with the rougher work of nation building, she has managed somehow to give sufficient time to study and research to give her no mean place in the scientific world. In the meetings now in progress some of the ablest papers will be those of Canadian scholars, and there is certainly no community that will surpass our own in intelligent appreciation of the work to which these learned gentlemen are devoted. The local arrangements for the meetings here are in the hands of an active committee, to whom thanks are due for a great deal of earnest and laborious work. The credit of an unusually pleasant time will be due from our visitors to these gentlemen, and especially to their leaders, Prof. Loudon and Mr. James Bain, Public Librarian.

THE MAYOR'S RETURN.—His Worship Mayor Clarke returned from the Old Country with City Treasurer Coady on Saturday evening, the 17th. His reception at the hands of the citizens amounted to an ovation, and demonstrated that Mr. Clarke has achieved a very marked popularity with all classes of the people. The unqualified success of the mission upon which the Mayor and Treasurer went across the ocean of course added to the zest of the occasion, and furnished a pretext for the excursion, fireworks and illuminated address, but we strongly suspect that it was only a pretext for the explosion of a lot of genuine admiration for the Mayor's general course in office. As to the loan transaction, Mr. Clarke frankly declines to take the chief credit, which rightfully belongs, he says, to Mr. Coady.



SCOTCHMEN in this vicinity were unco' proud last week over the conclave o' the chiefs o' the clans which assembled in our City Hall, and the great gala day or games which followed. Bagpipes, thistles and tartans had free scope, and the praises of bonnie Scotland were played and sung and orated to the heart's content

of her leal sons. We who are native Canadians, and who insist that loyalty to our own land ought to be the uppermost passion in the breasts of all our citizens of whatever origin, cannot, nevertheless, feel that such a demonstration as this is in any degree inimical to our best interests. The loyalty of Scotchmen to their mother country seems only to intensify their love for the land of their adoption; at all events it is certain that Canada and the United States have not within their borders any citizens more thoroughly American, or more intelligent and loyal than those from the land of Burns.

THE *Globe* tells of a man who has cooked his own breakfast for the last fifteen years. His appetite ought to be pretty keen by this time, but he will have the satisfaction of knowing that the grub will not be under done.

MR. GREENWAY and his colleagues evidently mean business. The separate school and separate language in Manitoba have "got to go." It will not be done in a day, of course. Already the Tory organs, whose only business on earth is to wait on the "Old Man," are falling into line with the little minority to "conserve" the dual nonsense, not because they think it good for the Province, but to keep the Quebec vote for Sir John. Some of the old time Grit papers and politicians will, no doubt, follow suit, but at present it looks as though the rank and file of the Reform party—together with a goodly number of sensible men from the other camp as well—are going to stand by the Government.

BUT whatever opposition may develop, the reform is sure to be achieved, and that before a very great while. And, by the way, it is refreshing to find that there are some leaders in the Reform party who deem it not entirely heretical to do something in the way of practical reforming. Mr. Greenway is one of these, and if he lives