

vernment of His Excellency Lord Monck, an address was presented to him by the Society, congratulating him on his assumption of the Government, and inviting him to accept the office of Patron of the Society. His Excellency received the numerous deputation which presented the address with his customary courtesy, and accepted the invitation to become our patron.

The Council think it not amiss to give the address of the Society and His Excellency's reply thereto in full, they are accordingly subjoined:—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Charles Stanley, Viscount Monck, Administrator of the Government of the Province of Canada, &c., &c., &c.

We, the President, Council and Members of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec respectfully approach Your Excellency, to tender to you a cordial welcome on your arrival among us to assume the Government of this important Province.

Your Excellency has enjoyed abundant opportunities of witnessing the great benefits which other Countries derive from Institutions of a kindred character with ours, and we therefore allow ourselves to hope that you will be ready to regard our Society with favour.

We doubt not that your Excellency will agree with us in thinking that, great as is the value of such Societies in older Countries, they are of much greater value in a young Country like ours, where the energies of so large a proportion of the community are, of necessity, almost wholly absorbed in the pursuits of Agriculture and Commerce, to the exclusion in a great degree of the cultivation of Literature and Science.

The Society which we have the honour to represent to-day, claims to be the earliest Incorporated Literary Institution in the Province.

The ancient City of Quebec, as memorable from its historical associations as it is grand in its natural position and scenery,