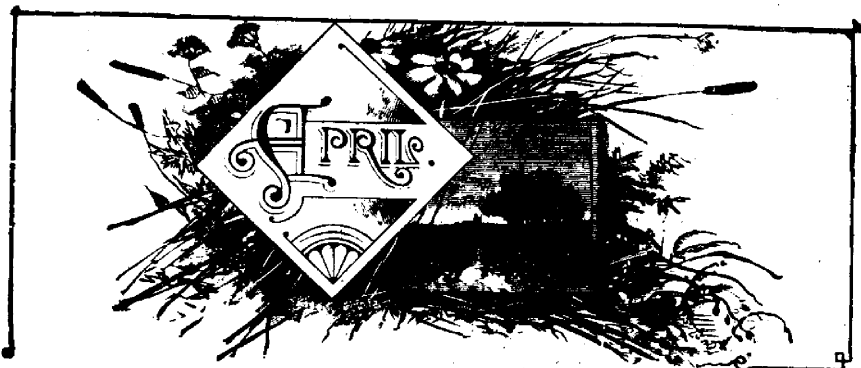


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OUR GOVERNOR-GENERAL.



THE EARL OF ABERDEEN, Governor-General of Canada, whose portrait is given in this number, was born August 3rd, 1847, and educated at St. Andrews and Oxford (M.A., 1872). In 1880 he was appointed Lord-Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire. From 1881 to 1885 he was High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. From February to August, 1886, he was Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland. In 1893 he was appointed Governor-General of Canada. His Excellency has the honorary degree of LL.D. of the Universities of

Aberdeen and St. Andrews.

In Lord Aberdeen's early childhood, although the family lived near London, they had in reality all the advantages of a country life, because the Earl of that day (the grandfather of the Governor-General), who was for some time Premier of Great Britain, held the office of Ranger of Greenwich Park, and gave to his son, Lord Haddo (the Governor-General's father), the use of the Ranger's Lodge, a fine building on the edge of Blackheath Common, with a large and beautiful garden attached to it,—forming in fact a section of the historic Greenwich Park of which one reads in the "Fortunes of Nigel" and elsewhere. In those youthful days no pastime was so much enjoyed by the future Governor-General as working with the gardeners in their various operations in the shrubberies and pleasure grounds; and he had still further extended opportunities of a similar kind during the annual visits to Haddo House, Lord Aberdeen's home in Scotland.