

OUR GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

We are pleased to present to the readers of THE ANGLO-SAXON a photograph cut of Lord Stanley; also a short sketch of the positions he has held under the Crown of Great Britain.



LORD STANLEY.

Right Hon. Frederick Arthur Stanley, 1st Baron (created 1886)—Younger son of the 14th Earl of Derby; born 1841; was educated at Eton; entered the Grenadier Guards in 1858, and was appointed lieutenant and captain in 1862; retired from the army and entered Parliament as member for Preston in 1865; was a Lord of the Admiralty from Aug. to Dec., 1868; elected member for North Lancashire at the general election of 1868, and again in 1874, 1880 and 1885; was Financial Secretary for War from Feb., 1874, to Aug., 1877, when he was appointed Financial Secretary to the Treasury; Mar., 1878, Secretary of State for War, which office he held till the retirement of Lord Beaconsfield's Administration in 1880; on the formation of Lord Salisbury's Administration, June, 1885, Secretary of State for the Colonies; resigned Feb., 1886; President of the Board of Trade in Lord Salisbury's second Administration, Aug., 1886; became Governor-General of Canada, 11th June, 1888; married on 31st May, 1864, Lady Constance Villiers, eldest daughter of George, 4th Earl of Clarendon.

Lord Stanley and the Ottawa Brethren.

The joint address of welcome of the four Ottawa lodges—Derby, Bowood, Stanley and Russell—and the united White Rose degree lodge was presented to His Excellency Lord Stanley of Preston on the afternoon of Friday, October 12th, at his office in the Eastern Departmental Building. The deputation numbered about thirty brethren, and was received with the utmost cordiality by His Excellency. All the members of the deputation having been introduced to Lord Stanley, Rev. Henry Pollard, Grand District Chaplain, read the address as follows:—

To His Excellency the Right Hon. Sir Frederick Arthur Stanley, Baron Stanley of Preston in the County of Lancaster, in the Peerage of Great Britain, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Hon. Order of the Bath, Governor-General of Canada and Vice-Admiral of the same.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.—The lodges of the Sons of England Benefit Society organized and working in the City of Ottawa desire to welcome to this his temporary home the Governor-General of Canada.

We are pleased to learn that the fifteen lodges of the Sons of England order have already been permitted to address Your Excellency in the City of Toronto. The excuse, if excuse be necessary, which we, only four lodges, have to offer for approaching Your Excellency is that we have the exclusive right to call you "fellow townsman." For some years we shall have in the ordinary course of events far more frequent opportunities of hearing and seeing Your Excellency than can be vouchsafed to our brethren in Toronto or elsewhere. In return for those favours on your part we shall make it our duty and pleasure to do fitting honour to our distinguished townsman on his taking part in any public ceremonial in our good City of Ottawa.

However pleasant it would be for us to expatiate upon the good work being done by the Sons of England order in Canada as a benefit and insurance society, and the loyal attachment to the throne of England which we its members possess, in common with the great majority of Englishmen, yet we feel that a repetition of what has been so fully and ably said by the lodges in Toronto would be superfluous in us and wearisome to Your Excellency.

We will therefore be content with endorsing their expressions of loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, and assure Her Majesty through you, her distinguished representative, of our unalterable devotion to the Empire and our ready and willing assistance towards the maintenance of its dignity and integrity.

These are more than meaningless words or valueless phrases. In all colonies, dependencies, nations and empires there are elements of discontent and discord present which only require an excitement to bring them into open and troublesome action. Such elements exist in Great Britain, India and Canada. It is for statesmen to keep the evil leaven from fermenting and working mischief in the masses. This must be done by a firm and wise repression of all acts and measures opposed to the laws which form the basis of British liberties. It will ever be the earnest and fearless endeavour of the Sons of England to thwart and counteract such elements of oppression and wrong, assist the arm of rightly constituted authority and maintain the Empire of Britain at peace with itself and the rest of the world.

We trust that Lady Stanley and your family will enjoy their sojourn in Ottawa. Bounteous nature has not dealt niggardly with our country, and we are satisfied that the new tenants of Government House will make light of slight discomforts and heartily appreciate so much that is bountiful and agreeable.

We are confident that Your Excellency will do your duty as an Englishman, a statesman and a ruler, and in the carrying out of your plans and decisions you may rely on the sympathy and unflinching support of those members of the Sons of England who are represented by us, who have the honour of subscribing ourselves,

Your Excellency's most obedient servants,

J. B. WRIGHT, District Deputy.
Rev. H. POLLARD, D. G. W. Chaplain.
W. STROUD, Pres. Clarendon Lodge.
E. ACKROYD, Pres. Derby Lodge.
R. J. WICKSTEED, Pres. Bowood Lodge.
W. G. TEAGUE, Pres. Stanley Lodge.
JAS. HOPE, Pres. Russell Lodge.

Bro. Pollard then asked the Governor-General to receive a separate address from Stanley Lodge, in view of the fact that the lodge had been specially named after His Excellency.

Bro. W. C. Teague, President of Stanley Lodge, then stepped forward and read the following address:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.—We, the representatives of Stanley Lodge of the order of the Sons of England, City of Ottawa, desire to approach Your Excellency on this the first opportunity offered us since Your Excellency's arrival among us with a hearty welcome to yourself, Lady Stanley and family.

As Englishmen and sons of Englishmen banded together for social and benevolent purposes we view with great satisfaction Your Excellency's appointment as Governor-General of Canada. We assure Your Excellency of our loyal and unwavering attachment to the person and government of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, and of our earnest desire to do all in our power to strengthen the ties that bind us to the dear old land from which we have come, that being one of the fundamental objects of the organization to which we belong.

We trust your stay in the Dominion may be in every way pleasant to yourselves, as we are sure, from Your Excellency's long experience in official life in the parent country, it will be promotive of the well being of all classes of the people of this land.

We are Your Excellency's devoted and loyal subjects and fellow countrymen.

Signed on behalf of Stanley Lodge S. O. E.

WM. C. TEAGUE, President.
R. J. DAWSON, Vice-President.
Rev. JOHN WOOD, Chaplain.
E. BULL, Past President.
A. S. MORRIS, Secretary.
R. J. M. CONSTANT, Treasurer.

THE GOVERNOR'S REPLY.

His Excellency, having expressed his thanks as Her Majesty's representative for the kind welcome that had been accorded him, proceeded:—"I earnestly reciprocate, both on my own behalf and on Lady Stanley's, the desire you are kind enough to express that we may meet on many occasions, and I accept with confidence the kind assurances you have given us that you will at all times and in all good and right works co-operate with us. I thank you also for the kind references you have made to my personal career before I came to this place. Suffice it to say I hope in that career I have at least acquired experience in certain branches of the public service, and last but not least in the general principles of toleration and of endeavouring to see both sides, which the world sometimes denies political parties, but which becomes those who have lived long in political life. I hail with pleasure a greeting from an association so powerful in its efforts for good as that to which you belong. It is a true source of pleasure to me. When at Toronto I had great satisfaction in receiving a considerable number of your lodges, also a kind and loyal and hearty welcome, and it is only, I am aware, owing to certain circumstances that the welcome you would otherwise have been good enough to give me was postponed, owing to my absence until the present date. I now come to another portion of your address which perhaps touches rather graver matters than we are aware of or are used to discuss or touch upon at these occasions. To pass them by would be a dereliction of duty, but to enter into any detailed discussion of the general principles upon which you have touched here would be alike out of place. You speak of your loyalty and of your ready and willing assistance towards the maintenance of the dignity of the Empire. 'These,' you say, 'are more than meaningless words or valueless phrases.' I assure you that I am fully prepared to take them at your own value. You say, 'In all colonies, dependencies, nations and empires there are elements of discontent and discord present which only require an excitement to bring them into open and troublesome action. Such elements exist in Great Britain, India and Canada. It is for statesmen to keep the evil leaven from fermenting and working mischief in the mass.' We must be content to take matters as we find them. We cannot expect that we can be fortunate enough to escape from them—from some of the elements of evil which, if we understand rightly, were present in the Garden of Eden, in the residence of our first parents. We must take things as we find them. I for one am quite prepared to deal with matters as they arise. But, gentlemen, let me point out that you have fallen into a unnatural error, if I may be allowed to say so, in throwing upon the shoulders of statesmen the whole burden of the difficulties with which we have to deal. In these days it is the people as much as ourselves who make the name of the Dominion a great one. It is not with the statesmen alone that the decision of these great questions rests. It is with the great majority whom it is our duty to constitutionally obey; and I do not doubt that your own society, acting through legitimate channels, will be a very potent element, as similar societies are, for the public good. You also say, 'It will ever be the earnest and fearless endeavour of the Sons of England to thwart and counteract such elements of oppression and wrong, assist the arms of rightfully constituted authority, and maintain the Empire of Britain at peace with itself and the rest of the world.' I hope that is the duty of every true citizen in the Empire. In the very vastness of this portion of the Empire with which we are called upon to deal there is a danger exactly the opposite to that which is the case in very many cities, too often that, owing to the concentration of authority