

## PRESIDENT OF THE SUPERIOR COUNCIL, QUEBEC.

We have to announce that, owing to the infirmities consequent upon advanced age, Mr. G. M. Muir, for many years President of the Superior Council, has been obliged to tender his resignation. Mr. Muir has been connected with the Society from the year of its introduction into Canada. In 1850, he founded the first Conference in this city, and, since his return to Quebec, has laboured diligently, by word and work, for the welfare of the Society in every part of the Dominion. Let us hope and pray that Providence will raise up a worthy successor, one who will maintain intact the traditions of our Society ; under whose wise guidance " it may be strengthened, increased and perpetuated with its primitive spirit of piety, simplicity and fraternal union so that, its labours continuing free from all worldly interest, it may become still more productive of heavenly fruit."

## PATRONAGE.

Visitors should be particularly careful that the children of the families they relieve, attend school, and, if of proper age, comply with their religious duties. These objects are the especial end of the " Patronage," as exercised with regard to children. " Poverty and misfortune," says a well known English writer, giving the result of his own observation, are " apt to make advances of worldly knowledge to the young, at a most ruinous discount, a painful sacrifice of the very capital of childhood. Like some of the patent sharpeners that give a hasty edge to the knife, at the expense of a rapid waste of metal, so does care act on the juvenile