

double bass and harmonium and its members are all small boys of the Academy. They play not only accurately, but with a certain bold roundness and resonance.

Then followed the address of the Principal and Professors, read by Mr. Archambault, the Principal, from the engrossed sheet. This address was in French.

Lord Dufferin read the following reply in French. His accent is remarkably pure and his phrase that of a master of the language. We give a translation hurriedly made.

To the Principal and Professors of the Catholic Commercial Academy of Montreal :—

Gentlemen,—I thank you cordially on behalf of the Countess of Dufferin and of myself for the welcome which you have extended to us, and the kind words contained in the address which you have just presented to us. I feel, nevertheless, that the terms which you have used in relation to myself personally are more flattering than I deserve.

I rejoice, however, in my capacity of traveller, to have had occasion to visit this great continent of the new world. I had cherished for many years, a keen desire to cross the Atlantic and to admire with my own eyes that great and beautiful scenery, so widely known all over the world, and now that my wish is accomplished, I find that my anticipations have been more than realized.

I need not add it is for me as much a pleasure as a duty to study the institutions of the Canadian people, and I am happy to be able, at present, to visit and examine those schools which constitute so important a part of the Educational System of the Dominion.

I trust that the success which has hitherto crowned your efforts will still be maintained and ever go on increasing more and more, encouraging you to redouble your zeal in the well-being of that numerous class of the inhabitants of this city, whose education has been more particularly confided to you.

The Academy Glee Club then gave "*Le Jeune Concert*," by Kücken, with remarkable power and beauty, after which the address of the students was read in English by one of the senior boys.

ADDRESS.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable the Earl of Dufferin, Baron Clandeboy K.P., K.C.B., Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, &c., &c., &c.:—

May it please Your Excellency,—

We, the pupils of the Catholic Commercial Academy of Montreal, in union with our Professors, most cordially welcome your Excellency and the Countess of Dufferin to this establishment, which the wisdom of our Commissioners has provided for us. Without undervaluing, in the slightest degree, the classical and mathematical training given in the Colleges of our Province, they felt that those, who were intended not for professions but for commerce, needed a special training. Many were seeking this in private institutions which teach a few branches well, but make no provision for æsthetic and moral culture. Therefore, to meet an evident want, and to meet it effectually, the Catholic Commissioners have founded this institution, which is intended to give a thorough commercial education, so far as it can be given in any institution of the kind; and, at the same time to devote a fair share of attention to those subjects which will be useful in our relations to society and to God. Accordingly they have provided, that in addition to the more ordinary branches of instruction, we shall learn drawing and music; while, not to violate the good old maxim "a sound mind in a sound body," they have given us an instructor in calisthenics. Did their kindness end here,

we should have much to be thankful for; but, thank God! we live in a country which is decidedly Christian, and, as pupils under Commissioners who consider it of paramount importance to provide religious instruction for their schools. But, although we take pleasure in expressing to your Excellency and to the Countess of Dufferin our grateful sense of the privileges with which we are favoured, we do not forget that vast and important interests have been intrusted to your care, as the representative of her most gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria.

That amid the pressing duties of your exalted station you should honour us with a visit, gives us cause to thank you heartily, and to pray that your governorship may be advantageous to the Dominion and a source of lasting happiness to yourself and to the Countess of Dufferin.

The Governor delivered the following impromptu discourse :

My Young Friends,—I beg to thank you most cordially for the address which you have presented me, and for the kind welcome with which you have greeted my arrival amongst you. I can assure you it is a very great pleasure for me to find myself in an institution which seems to be established upon so firm and flourishing a basis and to be conducted upon such excellent and practical principles. I can well understand that in a city like Montreal—a city which, in all probability, is destined to become one of the largest and most influential of all the cities of this continent, that an establishment of this kind, where a purely commercial education is dispensed, should be one of the greatest utility; but at the same time I must express my gratification that while this is the main object which the patrons and founders of this institution have at heart, they have thought it wise not to neglect those more refined and less utilitarian arts and sciences which do so much to ennoble and idealize our earthly existence.

From the clever specimen of instrumentation we have had the pleasure of listening to, it seems well understood that few things give such solace to the mind in the intervals of severer occupations as the art of music. From the drawings I have inspected below, it is evident that due attention is paid to decoration and the fine arts, and I am perfectly satisfied that in after life, when you are called upon to encounter its serious labours, when you are required to spend the greater portion of each day in the routine of your business life, and in a close and frequently ungrateful application to commercial avocations, it will be a great source of enjoyment to you to be able to fall back upon the delights developed by the fine arts. I am also glad to think that in this establishment, as in all the establishments I have had the pleasure of visiting in Canada, all manly exercises are provided for. From the peculiarities of your climate, it is necessary that a proper amount of care should be bestowed upon these objects, because it is only by hardening the body that you will be able to overcome those disadvantages which accrue from the severity of your winter temperature.

In conclusion, I would remind you that if you duly appreciate, as I trust you do, the advantages which have been provided for you in this establishment, the best return you can make to those who are set in authority over you, to those who, with great labour, and at the expense of much self-sacrifice, devote themselves to your instruction, is to pay attention to your studies, to labour to make the best possible use of the opportunities placed within your reach, so that in after life the careers you are severally destined to pursue may reflect honour and lustre on the establishment in which you have received your education.

He concluded by asking a whole holiday for the Aca-