

of your administration, and to this institution. We feel the most sincere satisfaction that the work of education which is to be carried on in this building should be commenced with the high sanction of your Excellency's presence; and that this newly completed College should be inaugurated by yourself, the representative of our most gracious Sovereign, and in the august presence of His Royal Highness Prince Arthur. Your Excellency will be sensible of the high ends which this institution is designed to serve, in moulding the character and influencing the mind and habits of future generations in this important Dominion. We shall endeavour to carry out our work under a deep sense of the responsibility which these holy objects imply, and we fervently pray that the undertaking thus auspiciously inaugurated this day by your Excellency and His Royal Highness, may exert a wide and lasting influence upon the country which you administrate. It can hardly fail to be a cause of satisfaction to your Excellency and to His Royal Highness, as it is of congratulation to ourselves, to know that the advantages of a higher education are here offered, and that every opportunity for training up the future mothers of Canada in those polite accomplishments, those exalted domestic virtues, and those high principles of a pure and undeformed religion which have distinguished the ladies of England in the eyes of the world, and have been so illustriously exemplified in the character of our revered and most beloved Queen. That your Excellency may long continue to exercise the power committed to you for the advancement, wealth and happiness of the people of this vast Dominion, and to your own honour and reward, is the prayer of your loyal and devoted servants." Sir John Young replied as follows:—"I beg you to accept my sincere thanks for your congratulations on my visit to your interesting district, for your expressions of loyalty and dutiful attachment to the institutions of the Dominion, and for the prayers which you offer so earnestly for the success of my administration. All honour is due to those who toil in the good cause of imparting knowledge; and especially within these walls on this occasion may we pay a merited tribute of thanks and admiration to the public spirit and the munificence of those who have reared this noble College, destined, I trust, to be at once the enduring monument of their own accomplished wishes, and the centre from which improvement and virtues akin to their own may radiate for generations to come. I trust that those whose tender years are being passed in tutelage here will realize the advantages within their reach and recognize the truths that now is the golden time for availing themselves of the instructions which may colour all their after lives and fit them for the performance of duties second to none in importance. Many a man has been indebted for all his happiness and all his success in life, as well as for the services he has been enabled to render to his country, to the early and tender admonitions of a virtuous mother. Many, also, have been weaned from frivolous pursuits and habits of unworthy procrastination by the influence and example of an intelligent and high principled wife. How vast, when viewed on the mass and on all its bearings, is the sphere of woman's influence, how dignified its mission, how all-important in its relations to the happiness and stability of the State. I trust, therefore, that in addition to those higher accomplishments, which are so attractive in society, and so charming in the privacy of domestic life, the necessity will be admitted of engaging in studies of more solid importance, the culture of the reasoning powers, the enquiry into the principles and the process of accurately comparing facts. Without these last accomplishments, though brilliant in appearance, they can claim no more than a rank amongst the amusement and ornaments of life; combined with them they assume a new dignity as part of that instruction, and of those civilizing influences under which the race of man is destined to proceed to the highest degree of virtue, and the happiness of which our nature is capable." Sir John Young stated that he now left the formal opening of the institution to His Royal Highness, whose visit to this Province had given the intensest gratification to all classes. As he had kindly consented formally to inaugurate the College, he was sure they would prefer to hear from himself an expression of the good wishes he entertained for the institution. The Prince then advanced to the front of the platform and said:—"Ladies and Gentlemen—It gives me sincere pleasure to be present at the formal opening of this admirable College, the fame of which has already spread beyond the length of the British territory on this continent. I understand that several of the young ladies have travelled many hundred miles to partake of the benefits of the instruction given here—(cheers)—and I have no doubt that this is mainly due to the high character of my friend, the Dean (cheers), to whose munificent liberality this institution owes its origin. Most earnestly do I hope that under Divine Providence it may have every possible success. I will now ask Dean Hellmuth to formally open the College." The Dean—"I am requested to declare that this College is now open, and I open it in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen." The Prince's speech was received

with enthusiasm. He spoke loudly, and without embarrassment. The Prince afterwards retired to the dining-room, where luncheon was served, and the health of the Queen drank with honours. Subsequently Miss Clinton, music mistress of the Institute, played a selection from Mendelssohn before the party, and was introduced to the Prince, who thanked the young lady kindly. The party then visited the building, and spent some time in chatting pleasantly, after which the majority of visitors left amid loud cheering, which was kept up all along the route to the city. The young ladies of the school sang the concluding verses of the National Anthem as the carriages drove off. The Prince has expressed himself highly pleased with the reception.

THE PRINCE AT HAMILTON:

At Hamilton the Prince paid a visit to the Wesleyan Female College where, on entering the building they were received by Mr. Edward Jackson, President of the College Board, and conducted to the large reception Hall of the Institute, where about one hundred young ladies dressed in most attractive holiday costumes, sang "God Save the Queen," as he entered. The Prince and the remainder of the party were conducted to a dais at the extreme end of the Hall where the Rev. Dr. Rice, Principal of the College, read the following address:—"We, the Principal and Board of Directors of the Wesleyan Female College, with the officers and students, beg to present to Your Excellency our most sincere respects. Your Excellency's administration in other colonies, and the interest you have taken in all those institutions which were designed to promote the well being of society, make your visit to this College one of profound gratification. The institution and government of our country claim our obedience and command our highest admiration. While we earnestly cherish and inculcate loyalty to our most gracious Sovereign the Queen, to us it is cause of the deepest gratefulness to be able to place before the young ladies taught here a Sovereign, who, though unequalled in queenly greatness, claims and possess the affection of a nation through those womanly virtues which shine forth in all the relations of her life, presenting an example of excellence, inspiring and true. The presence to-day of His Royal Highness Prince Arthur, a son of our beloved Queen, will ever be gratefully remembered. And we trust you will allow us to say how much we appreciate the presence of Lady Young. This institution was opened in 1861, and since that time, has furnished education for a longer or shorter period to over a thousand young ladies. From the slope of the Rocky Mountains, from all parts of the Dominion, from a large number of the American States, from the various Christian denominations, we have students in residence here. It is gratifying to state that we have over one hundred and sixty students in attendance at the present time—a much larger number than ever before at the same period of the year. It is the object of the College to impart a thorough education in all the departments of useful knowledge, and to add to that those polite accomplishments which grace society and elevate and refine the homes of the land; and to teach directly and earnestly the principles of religion as personally and practically valuable above all other knowledge, that thus, in the formation of character, the ladies educated here may be worthy subjects of our noble Christian Queen. That your Excellency's official residence in the Dominion may be productive of the highest advantage in this the early period of its existence, and that your administration may rank among the prominent aid, associated with laying firmly the foundations of future prosperous development, is the prayer of your dutiful servants." His Excellency was unable, owing to the other duties on hand, to present a written reply, but expressed himself highly pleased with the scene presented. At the request of Dr. Rice, the Prince also made a few remarks, thanking them in the most hearty manner for their kindness and the reception accorded to the Governor-General and himself. In token of his appreciation of this, he asked Dr. Rice to proclaim Monday next as a holiday in memory of his visit. The Directors of the College, with Rev. Dr. Evans and other gentlemen, were then introduced, after which the class rooms were visited and the names of the party registered in the visitor's book. As the party retired the young ladies again sang the National Anthem. The next stopping place was at the Central School. Here the decorations were in unison with the occasion. On the rising knoll fronting the school, the children from the Ward schools congregated, while inside were others in their class rooms busy at their lessons. All appeared in holiday attire, and showed the evident good management of the institution in their orderly deportment. Rev. Dr. Ormiston, Superintendent, and Mr. McCallum, Principal, conducted the party through the different class rooms, and the Governor-General showed a special interest in the progress of the Common Schools of the city by making minute inquiries as to their attendance and management. The Trustees,