

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION,

JUNE 30TH, 1884.

[During the proceedings of the first day of the Toronto Semi-Centennial Celebration, June 30th, 1884, the following Address and Presentation took place in the open-air amphitheatre of the Exhibition Park. After the arrival of the long procession, which with great "pomp and circumstance" of bands, banners and elaborate allegorical and historical tableaux composed of living figures, had just perambulated the chief thoroughfares of the city, a meeting was organized in the amphitheatre under the presidency of the Mayor. The proceedings were opened by an appropriate address from His Worship. A speech followed from Mr. McMurrich, Chairman of the Semi-Centennial Committee of the citizens and chief original promoter of the Semi-Centennial Celebration. Dr. Daniel Wilson, President of the University of Toronto, then delivered the oration of the day. The Mayor of Philadelphia being present offered his congratulations to the people of Toronto on the prosperity of their city. At the close of these proceedings Mr. Rennie, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society of Pioneers, came forward on the stand in front of the amphitheatre, at the request of the Mayor and the Chairman of the Semi-Centennial Committee, and read the following address to the President of that Society, in the course of which the medal referred to in the address was handed to the President by Mr. Lea, Chairman of the Standing Committee, and Mr. Doel, Treasurer of the Society. The reply given below was then made by the President. It should be added that the object for which the Society of Pioneers exists is the conservation of the early Local History of Toronto and the surrounding County of York as originally defined, and that a conspicuous place had been assigned to this Society in the great commemorative procession which had been so happily conceived and so successfully carried into effect, and brought to such an appropriate close by the gathering in the amphitheatre.]

ADDRESS

TO THE REV. HENRY SCADDING, D.D.

President of the York Pioneer Society:

We, the members of the York Pioneers' Society, desire to express to you our hearty appreciation of your literary services in preserving the memories and acts of the early settlers of York in the volume entitled "TORONTO OF OLD," and also for the interest you have taken in our Society. The valuable work you have so ably edited, describing minutely the characteristics of the locality and inhabitants of York from its first settlement, is deserving of the high position to