

the horticultural gardens surrounding the Pavilion, in which the assemblage gathered, were exquisitely beautiful with the profusion of flower beds in the perfection of the zenith of summer bloom. The martial strains of the military band in the gardens added to the inspiration of the event, while in the Pavilion handsome decorations and music from the orchestra bespoke the heartiest greetings. Over the platform was the motto in gold letters "Welcome."

The building soon became thronged. The platform was crowded with distinguished statesmen and scientists. The front row included Lord Aberdeen, Lord Lister, Lord Kelvin, Sir John Evans, Sir Sanford Fleming, Sir W. Turner, Sir James Grant, the chairman, Mayor Shaw, Mr. L. F. Vernon Harcourt, and other officers of the association. Near them were the Hon. A. S. Hardy, premier; the Hon. G. W. Ross, minister of education; and the members of the city council. In front of the platform, in handsome easy chairs sat Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen, Lady Kirkpatrick, Lady Kelvin, Lady Evans and a number of other ladies accompanying them. In specially reserved chairs several hundred members of the association sat at the front as near as could be arranged to the platform, while the remainder of the Pavilion was crowded by ladies and gentlemen, whose interest and enthusiasm was manifested by repeated outbursts of cheering.

LORD ABERDEEN'S WELCOME.

The Mayor stated that the first speaker would be His Excellency the Governor-General, who would extend a welcome on behalf of the Dominion. Lord Aberdeen said that it was at first with a feeling of alacrity that he arose at the invitation of the worthy mayor, but that alacrity was changed to anxiety and almost alarm, when a moment's reflection presented the vastness of the duty. To represent the Dominion

of Canada would demonstrate the inadequacy of any speaker, but fortunately the people of Canada have in the past won a reputation for hospitality which had ceased to be of local extent, and on such an occasion as this the heartiness of the welcome felt by the people of the Dominion could not be fully expressed. He could in a sense claim to be in a sort of qualified manner a member of the British Association, as he was a member of another community, the far-away city of Aberdeen (laughter and applause), which had once been honored by a visit from the association. That meeting was remembered by him with pleasure, and he could almost say with affection. The British Association was deserving of a welcome anywhere and everywhere because its leaders had won world-wide fame by their achievements in the realm of science. He felt it to be a double honor to represent the Dominion in tendering a welcome to so distinguished an association.

THE CIVIC GREETING.

Mayor Shaw extended the civic greeting. After speaking for the citizens of Toronto words of warm welcome, he said:—

"In the list of the members of the British Association are the names of many of the most distinguished men of science of this century, and to them is due, in large part, the progress that science has made in the past fifty years. Humanity owes them a debt of gratitude. The world recognizes Lord Lister's discoveries in medical science, which are destined to make his name remembered for ages yet to come. We are familiar with Lord Kelvin's discoveries in electrical science and we remember especially that it was under his auspices that the hearts of the Old World and the New began to beat as one. To these and the other members of the British Association, whether they are veterans in science or recruits in the army of investigation, we extend a most hearty welcome.