

a statesman who spent some of his years here, very much to his own honor, and very much as I earnestly believe to your advantage—namely, Lord Lansdowne—I, of course, have a somewhat difficult task to perform; but, at the same time, I throw myself on the kindness of those by whom I am met, and I am quite confident that the feelings which have been evinced towards me, not individually I can hardly hope, but rather in the position I occupy, are those of friendship, and that it is the intended that as far as possible we shall all continue to pull together in the Dominion as Sons of England have a right to expect they should. We must not forget, nor be so exclusive as to fail to remember, that the Dominion embraces many who are not qualified, and who could not be qualified in the same way that we can; but the nearest approach we can make in bringing them among your body, is to treat them as Sons of England as long as they are true to the Empire and the principles which we uphold. (Cheers.) Well, there is, of course, another side, namely, the advantage that a society like yours by helping, as it is said, "a lame dog over a stile." There is many a person who comes to this country puzzled as to what to do, but with a general idea of benefiting themselves, possibly not knowing the right persons to whom to apply, and in some cases by accident or otherwise, deprived of the means by which to make a start. If I understand rightly your society includes in its objects the granting of assistance to persons who are qualified to receive it, and in that sense it shows by example as well as by precept, that the Sons of England can hold together. (Hear, hear.) I have to thank you on Lady Stanley's behalf for your graceful references to herself. I can assure you that she will not follow the modern fashion and speak for herself; but I can also assure you on her behalf, that she very deeply feels the kindness of your welcome. In fact, ever since we landed in the Dominion we have been met by nothing but that hospitality throughout. I believe with you, that if the time ever were to come when the Dominion were to have to call upon her sons, English or other, she would be met by one universal and firm response. (Loud cheers.) But I equally hope that that time may be far distant and beyond the lives of all of us. If it were made, however, it would be in the spirit of the motto: "Defence but not Defiance;" and I feel certain, that by possessing a calm and national spirit, and going on the even tenor of our way, we are more likely to advance the Dominion than by any idle thread, which might under other circumstances be to the cause of discord. I feel that the dignity of such a course is justified by the result; and that it is perfectly consistent with a firm and unwavering attitude. It is not always the man who is most loud in his professions that is most earnest in the performance; and in that respect I am certain you will understand the meaning of what I am saying. You will, however, agree with me that although the Sons of England may be united together as you are, and the whole Dominion united together, still they are prepared to possess their souls in patience and not to subscribe to the doctrine that two wrongs make one right. I assure you again that I thank you for the cordiality of your welcome and I wish you every prosperity and success. (Applause.)

The members of the delegation were then introduced to his Excellency and after chatting with him for a few moments withdrew.

In the evening the presentation of the civic address took place at the pavilion. His Excellency was escorted to the pavilion by the members of the S. O. E. in Toronto, marching four deep and carrying torches, while in close proximity to the Vice-Regal carriage came the mounted escort. The proceedings passed off successfully, the procession through the streets being witnessed by forty thousand people.

LANCASHIRE LADS AND LASSES.

Next evening the Vice-Regal party visited Linden Villa, the residence of Aid. Hallam, to receive an address from the Lancashire lads and lasses. Here an agreeable surprise awaited the distinguished visitors. As Lord Stanley with his lady alighted from their carriage a splendid brass band, located on the lawn, struck up, "God Save the Queen," and the party passed through a regular avenue of people, every one of whom watched the procession with uncovered heads. His Lordship was led to a neat little dais, richly carpeted and decorated with exotics and green foliage. On this were three seats, provided for Lord and Lady Stanley and Miss Lister. As soon as they were seated two of the alderman's children presented the ladies with floral bouquets and were rewarded by a kiss. After three ringing cheers for the Governor-General, joined in by not less than half a thousand voices, Ald. Hallam read the following address, which was artistically illuminated and engrossed:

THE LANCASHIRE ADDRESS.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Frederick Arthur Stanley, G. C. B., Baron Stanley of Preston, Governor-General of Canada, etc., etc.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY: We the undersigned, on behalf of the Lancashire lads and lasses residing in Toronto and vicinity, have much pleasure in tendering to you and Lady Stanley a most hearty welcome to our midst.

We are delighted that her Majesty, our beloved Queen, has for the first time appointed as Governor-General of our Dominion of Canada a Lancashire nobleman, a scion of the ancient and distinguished house of Stanley.

We beg to assure your Excellency that we have found a good home in Canada, that we are happy and contented, proud of our adopted country, and though far away from dear old England, that we have not lost any of our love or veneration for our native land and her time-honored institutions.

We desire through you to express to her Majesty our devoted loyalty to her crown and person, and our earnest prayer that she may long continue, in harmony and peace with all nations, to reign over that vast Empire on which the sun never sets.

Again extending to your Excellency a cordial Lancashire welcome on the occasion of your first visit to the Queen city of the West, we bespeak for you a prosperous and successful term of office during your administration as her Majesty's representative over the Dominion of Canada.

THE REPLY.

Lord Stanley in reply, said:

MR. HALLAM, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I am extremely indebted to you for the kindness of your address. I cannot find words to express my feelings of ingratitude. The Governor-General of this Dominion is supposed to be an absolutely impartial being, one who knows neither class, nor nationality, nor politics.

A Lancashire Lad—You are a good old Tory. (Laughter and applause.)

Lord Stanley—But notwithstanding all this there are times one cannot disassociate himself from early recollections, and when not even the most rigid constitutionalist can say that he is in error. On this occasion there is in my heart a warm response to the kindly greetings from my Lancashire friends. (Applause.) A great many people seem to form their ideas of Lancashire by a drive from Warrington to Wigan on a wet day. (Laughter.) Now it does seem a difficult problem to solve why it is that every Lancashire man has such a strong devotion for his country. I have often tried to solve it but failed; and I find that it is just as strong here as it is in Lancashire. Distance is disappearing more and more every day by means of the steamboat and railroad, and we may be said to be very much nearer our old homes now than we would be years ago. I am prompted to say that Lancashire men have the genius of coming to the front and holding their own no matter where they are to be found. With all the diffidence to the mayor and the other gentlemen who are not as favored in this respect as we are—(laughter)—I say that these two qualifications have done much for the prosperity of this Dominion. Whatever work comes in the way of the Lancashire man he throws his whole heart into it. There is an earnestness about the men from our country no matter what they take in hand. I don't know whether these qualities will stand me for the five years I hope to be among you, but so far I have been met more than half way by the kindness shown me wherever I have been in your Dominion, and in no place more than in this fair city of yours. (Applause.) Lady Stanley is not a Lancashire lady by birth, but she is one by adoption and grace. (Laughter.) I find the gentlemen of the press busy here as everywhere else, to find out how many times it is possible for a man to convey a like sentiment in different sentences. (Laughter.) I have been presented with about a dozen addresses within the past 48 hours, and if I have repeated myself you must excuse me. I am glad to see so many Lancashire lads and lasses here, but I find that Mr. Hallam has abandoned the term as it used to be. We did not call them Lancashire lasses but Lancashire witches. (Laughter.) Well, Lancashire lads and lasses, or witches, I thank you every one for the kindness of the reception you have accorded to me this evening.

His Excellency and party viewed with delight the exquisite decorations of the grounds. Some hundreds of Chinese lanterns of varied hues, worked into novel and artistic devices, were suspended from the branches of the trees or hung from wire-work in all directions. These were all lighted up at night and gave a quite fairy-like appearance to the place. There was also a great display of fireworks from the grounds. Ald. Hallam introduced all the Lancashire lads and lasses, as well as a number of prominent citizens, to their Excellencies.

GOSSIP ABOUT HOME.

(From our English Correspondent.)

LONDON, September 16th.

The Prince of Wales is said to have offended the Court of Vienne because in his recent visit to Austria he was not accompanied by Prince Albert Victor, as etiquette required that the young Prince should be presented to the Emperor Feranz Joseph, and the opportunity afforded by the visit of H.R.H. was an excellent one.

A good many people here are astonished to learn that the personality of Sir John Rose, formerly Finance Minister in Canada, amounts to nearly \$2,000,000. Sir John always believed in keeping quiet about his own affairs, and perhaps he was right.

The largest church income in Great Britain is that of \$50,000, raised by Dr. Whyte's congregation at Free St. George's, Edinburgh.

The Bill for the amendment of the law relating to cruelty to children proposes to render punishable the ill-treatment and neglect of children, the sending out of young children to beg, either openly or under the colourable pretext of selling something, and the giving or supplying of spirituous liquor to children. It is certainly time this subject should be taken up. Punishment is accorded for cruelty to animals, but in general very light punishments are meted out to those who ill-treat children. It is to be hoped the bill will pass.

The members of the International Geological Congress, which is to sit in London from the 17th to the 23rd inst.,