

the students entered the Hall singing one of their college songs. After the students had taken their places in the body of the Hall, the Hon. Chancellor stood in front of the Marquis and read the following address :—

*To His Excellency the Most Noble the Marquis of Lorne, Gov. Gen. of the Dominion of Canada.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.—The Governors, Principal and Fellows of McGill University desire to offer to Your Excellency a cordial welcome, and in doing so to express their gratification that in approaching Your Excellency as the Representative of our Gracious Queen, they have also the privilege of welcoming the official visitor of this University under its Royal Charter.

In this relation Your Excellency's predecessors have ever shown a lively interest in McGill University, and in the cause of higher education represented by it; and in now hoping for like sympathy and encouragement the University has the satisfaction of knowing that it appeals to one who has heretofore been a patron of learning, and who has himself taken an acknowledged place in literature.

The Governors, Principal and Fellows beg leave to tender to Your Excellency their cordial good wishes, that the highest prosperity and success may attend Your Excellency's administration of the affairs of this Dominion, and their prayer that, with God's blessings, you may be enabled to discharge the duties of your exalted office in such a manner as to secure the welfare of all classes of the people, and to afford a just source of satisfaction to yourself.

They also beg leave respectfully to offer their cordial good wishes to Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, in whom they are happy to recognize one who has been a patroness of education in the mother country, and who they hope may exert a similar beneficial influence here.

Signed, on behalf of the corporation,

CHARLES DEWEY DAY, D.C.L., LL.D.

Chancellor.

30th Nov., 1878.

His Excellency made reply as follows :

*To the Governors, Principal and Fellows of the McGill University.*

GENTLEMEN.—The Governors of the University, Mr. Principal and Fellows, I assure you that I feel proud, as the representative of the Queen, to be welcomed to your University by the governing body. I rejoice to know that I shall be allowed the happy privilege of showing my interest in your proceedings, and in some measure to be admitted to the society of the learned over whom you preside. To me personally your kindness is most welcome, for nothing is more interesting to a man coming to reside in a country new to him, than to watch how the community provides for the increasing demands of education. The proper framing of a system for the thorough teaching of youth is perhaps the most important of the many great duties which the citizens of a country must undertake, and it is your part in this common labor to crown the edifices. It is to you that many look for the stamp which tells that youth has not been spent in vain, and the man who wins the mark of your approbation goes forth to the life of the world with the consciousness that there is that in him which may make his career honorable and distinguished and of use to his fellowmen. The estimation in which the McGill University is held tells its own story. Believe me, that anything I may be permitted to do, to encourage you will not be wanting, and that it affords the Princess and myself much pleasure to learn that we may look forward to again visiting you, and of marking our esteem and respect for your University.

(Signed)

LORNE.

His Excellency said, in addition to his formal speech that he hoped to have an opportunity of addressing the students on a future occasion, which remark was received with loud cheering.

The Chancellor then begged of the Governor-General and the Princess permission for a delegation of students to present Her Royal Highness with a bouquet, which was granted, when the deputation—composed of a representation of the students in the faculties of arts, sciences, medicine and law—approached Their Excellencies. Mr. Henwood, in the name of the deputation, presented to Her Royal Highness an exquisite and very fragrant bouquet of flowers contained in a beautiful

silver holder, on which were engraved the College arms and the following inscriptions: "Presented to Her Royal Highness Princess Louise by the undergraduates of McGill University, November 30, 1878." The Princess graciously accepted the gift, after which the students broke out in another song entitled "Allouette." The viceregal party were then conducted through the library and museum of the University, the inspection of which evidently gave Their Excellencies much pleasure. The Marquis and Princess were also pleased to sign the College register for visitors, and after partaking of tea, which was served in the Faculty Room, the party again repaired to their carriages and drove away to the Windsor amid loud cheering and the singing of the National Anthem by the students.—*Witness.*

### At Villa-Maria.

The charm of convent life was seldom more beautifully illustrated than on Saturday, 30th November last, at the visit of His Excellency, the Marquis of Lorne, and Her Royal Highness, the Princess Louise, to this institution. In addition to the fame this Convent has acquired for the education and varied graces imparted to its pupils, the Sisters have added to its renown by the magnificent reception it has given to distinguished personages, the recollections of their visits there being among the many happy *souvenirs* which Lord and Lady Dufferin have carried away with them from Canada, and the efforts of the Sisters on Saturday eclipsed, if possible, their happiest ones on former occasions. The grand hall enclosed a galaxy of beauty in the rows of convent girls, with happy expectation beaming in their countenances, seated facing the entrance in the form of a semi-circle, and on a stage in an enclosure at the farther end were placed the little ones, forming a charming background to a charming picture. Festoons of flowers and evergreen adorned the walls; appropriate mottoes fantastically worked, among which were, "Our gratitude will endure for ever," "Fama semper vivat" were placed at conspicuous points, and prominent over the enclosure at the rear, facing the throne, was the greeting, "Welcome to our beloved Governor-General," worked in large letters on a broad silken band. The windows were closed, and the room was brilliantly lighted. At three o'clock the royal party entered, and were received at the entrance by Bishop Fabre and the Lady Superioress. An expression of pleasure literally beamed forth in the countenances of the Marquis and the Princess as they surveyed the fair scene. The rippling music of the many voices, in murmured comment, had now ceased, and in silence all arose and curtsied simultaneously, with a precision which did credit to the mistress of ceremonies, and then remained standing while His Excellency and his Royal Consort acknowledged the salute, and took their seats on the raised dais.

The programme was then commenced. A piece for forty hands, on organ, pianos, harps, guitars, etc., was the first performance, the effect of which was very fine. Then four little messengers of Flora advanced, the Misses E. Bissonnette, H. Mullarky, A. McCready, and B. Gelinas, who curtsying gracefully on bended knees laid at the feet of His Excellency and the Princess a graceful tribute from their sender, a large basket of exquisite workmanship, containing choice flowers. They formed a pretty picture. Hardly had they retired, when Miss Letellier and Miss McGirr came forward, and each read an address of welcome, the one in French and the other in English. The following is the latter :—

*To His Excellency the Marquis of Lorne, Knight of the Most Ancient and Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight of the Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, &c., &c.*

AND

*To Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, &c., &c., &c.*

The earth, the air, are fraught with music grand,  
A welcome blessed rings throughout the land,  
Along the Atlantic shores, both far and wide,  
We hear it soar above the singing tide,  
Columbia grand, takes up the thrilling strain,  
Its echoes ring along the western main,