

His EXCELLENCY the Governor-General, on rising said, he was not prepared to make any address on the subject of education, though had he had longer notice he might have done so; the facts which had just been given by the Vice-Chancellor, indeed, scarcely needed a reply. He felt the deepest interest in the progress of education, both as regarded this country and at home. Education had now become not a luxury, but a necessity, for where the franchise was widely diffused, education was absolutely necessary. There was nothing so noxious to freedom as ignorance, and every one that wished well to the country must strive to foster education. The interest of the citizens of Montreal in the University had been shown by the liberal donations frequently repeated, and he trusted that the University would continue to flourish in the future as it had done in the past.

The proceedings were now brought to a close, and the Governor-General and his suite were conducted through the museum, and shown other points of interest in the college, after which they took their departure for the Natural History Society.

*Museum of the Natural History Society.*—A little after four o'clock, His Excellency paid a visit to the museum of the Natural History Society. At the Society's Rooms, His Excellency was received by the President, Principal Dawson, Rev. Dr. DeSola, Hon. Jas. Ferrier, Jas. Ferrier, jr, Dr. J. B. Edwards, Dr. Smallwood, Prof. Darey, D. R. McCord and others. His Excellency examined, with great care, the collection of Canadian Birds and Mammalia, the more interesting features of which were explained by Principal Dawson and Mr. J. F. Whiteaves. The visit lasted nearly an hour, during which the Governor-General expressed his gratification at the interest taken in the study of Natural History, and the pleasure which the visit had given him.—*Montreal Gazette.*

*Monklands.*—His Excellency also visited the educational establishment for young ladies conducted by the Sisters of the Congregation, and formerly the residence of Lord Elgin. The morning was somewhat stormy, but thanks to covered sleighs, His Excellency and party reached Monklands very comfortably about noon. His Excellency was accompanied by His Worship the Mayor, the Hon. J. Rose, Hon. Mr. Campbell, Hon. J. Young, Colonel McNeil, A. D. C., Colonel Duchesnay, P. A. D. C. and Mr. Turville, Secretary.

The Governor General on his arrival, was received by Messrs. Leblanc, Pominville, Beaudry, and others. The party were immediately conducted to the large hall, by the Superioress, Sister Nativité. Here they were received by the young ladies standing, while a piece of music was performed by the Misses Tremblay, Leprohon, Pouliot and Vanner on the harp, Miss Chaput on the organ and Miss Coyle at the piano. At the head of the room chairs were provided for the distinguished visitors. Among those present were Mr. Victor Hudon, Dr. Trudelle, Messrs. F. P. Pomminville, Louis Betournay, Chas. A. Leblanc, Louis Beaudry, J. C. Baker, A. M. DeLisle, Mrs. and Miss DeLisle, Mesdames Young, Pominville, Moat, Leblanc, Miss Symes and Miss Des Rivières.

Miss DOYLE now advanced and read (in English) in clear and distinct tones the following address to His Excellency.

YOUR EXCELLENCY: Ere your arrival in our western clime, fame had made you known to us, even on this our mountain solitude, and anxiously did we anticipate, the advent of the illustrious representative of Her Most Gracious Majesty, he who has done so much not only at home, but in distant lands for the honor and glory of the Empire whose sun never sets. Warm and sincere was the welcome which greeted Your Excellency in this noble city of Mount Royal, yet no less warm, no less sincere, is that which we proffer you, when we hasten to inscribe with pride your name amongst those of the illustrious visitors who have honored with their presence this Villa, once the residence of the Governors of Canada. Eloquence has done its best to felicitate Your Excellency on your arrival in this city, and every feeling of loyalty, devotedness and regard, finds a faithful echo in our young hearts.

Fain would we strew the way with flowers, as when your noble Predecessor and his gracious lady came in the lovely summer time to crown our efforts at the termination of the scholastic year, but though stern winter has blighted the fair scenes, we can proffer Your Excellency flowers which shall never fade,—fervent wishes for your happiness—a future no less brilliant than the past. May your name, Excellency, be enshrined in Canadian hearts, associated with all that is most prosperous, great and glorious in the history of this new nation over whose destiny you come to preside.

Miss Leblanc, and Miss Newcombe then advanced towards His Excellency when the former delivered a short extempore address in French congratulating His Excellency on his arrival amongst them, and referring to Lady Young in flattering terms.

Miss Newcombe now approached Sir John Young, and presented him with a bouquet of flowers for Lady Young.

His Excellency then made the following reply:

MESDAMES AND MESDEMOISELLES:

I thank you very cordially for the words of welcome that you have addressed to me by the mouth of that charming young lady, and also for the magnificent bouquet that you have presented me with.

I am happy to have had the opportunity, as representing Her Majesty, of visiting this institution for the education of youth, this sweet and pleasant retreat, consecrated to study and direction, and the practise of those amiable and solid qualities which constitute the angelic domestic woman. Here, ladies, you may learn to imitate in a more modest sphere the domestic virtues of our Gracious Sovereign on the throne, so beautiful an example to the Christian world. I will keep in agreeable remembrance the moments I have enjoyed amongst you. I thank you for the good wishes you have expressed for the happiness of Lady Young, and I will not forget to communicate them to her in remitting to her your handsome bouquet. I do not know any more gracious or more accurate interpretation of your sentiments than that conveyed by the beautiful flowers which compose it.

JOHN YOUNG.

The ceremony, though brief, was a very pretty one. The national anthem now sounded from harp and organ as His Excellency and suite passed down the broad avenue lined by the bright young faces, which it is needless to say were not the least attraction of the scene.

The Governor-General and guests were now conducted to the drawing-room where wine and cake were provided.

The Superioress then conducted the Governor-General and visitors through the dormitories, fairy regions of neatness and order, the beds being arranged end to end down two long well-ventilated corridors. The visit having come to a conclusion His Excellency and suite left in their sleighs.

In point of situation, salubrity and picturesque scenery, this Institution seems unrivalled; the grounds are extensive, and comprise a delightful grove and lovely little lake. The house for the pupils, being the former residence of Lord Elgin, is large and commodious, and is fitted up in a style of comfort, and in some degree of elegance, not surpassed by any educational establishment of the kind.

One of the best features in the educational course is that in addition to all the branches of a liberal education, the advanced young ladies are instructed in that most neglected of female accomplishments, the culinary art.—*Ib.*

*The Christian Brothers.*—On Friday, 5th Feb., His Excellency visited the Schools of the Christian Brothers, Coté Street. The Governor was accompanied by His Worship the Mayor, the Hon. J. Rose, the Hon. J. Young, the Hon. M. Campbell, Colonel McNeil, A.D.C., Col. Duchesnay, P.A.D.C., A. M. Delisle, Esq., and Mr. Turville, Private Secretary.

The Governor and his cortege were received at the door by the Rev. Brother Anthony, Director and Dr. DeBonald, one of the physicians to the Institution.

His entrance into the hall, which was crowded with pupils, a number of gentlemen, professors and teachers, was heralded by the juveniles' brass band playing "St. Patrick's Day," and "God Save the Queen."

After His Excellency and suite had taken their seats on the raised dais, the singing class under Brother Flamin, Professor of music, sang a couple of national airs with great effect.

Two addresses were then presented to the Governor, one in English and the other in French. James Wilson read the following:—

To His Excellency, the Right Honorable Sir John Young, Bart., G. C. B., &c. &c., Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, &c. &c., &c.

May it Please Your Excellency:—

We the pupils of the Christian Brothers' Schools of Montreal, request Your Excellency to accept the unfeigned sentiments of gratitude that cause our youthful hearts to palpitate with jubilation at the sight of your flattering presence within our Institution.

Long before your foot pressed the soil of our New Dominion, we had been made acquainted with the sterling qualities that distinguish Your Excellency.—qualities which will be, no doubt, one of the main-springs of the prosperity and happiness of the country which has been placed beneath the ægis of your able administration.

We beg to assure Your Excellency that we shall ever consider it an incumbent, but most agreeable, duty to offer up our prayers to the Throne of the Most High, that He may favor Your Excellency with the wisdom and fortitude requisite for those in whose hands the reins