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Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen has graciously given her patronage as Hon. President, but unfortunately will not return in time to be present.

The Fair will be officially opened by his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor Chapleau, who will make a short address in French, after which the official party will visit the Fine Arts Gallery, where his Honor will say a few words in English, to which a reply will be made by Mr. Kleckowski, French Consul-General. An adjournment will then be made to Lady Lacoste's five o'clock tea. During the afternoon a concert will be held under the direction of madame L. O. David, who has secured the best talent in the city; Miss Cissie Russell, Gold medalist of London College of Music will give piano selections. Miss Alice Ducharme will play the violin, and songs will be rendered by Miss Young and Miss Blanche Ducharme.

The official dinner at which his Honor will be present will take place at seven o'clock, after which a delightful series of tableaux and national dances will be given by young people of our most prominent families, under the direction of Mrs. McShane.

The grand procession of nations will resemble that given in the play of "America" during the World's Fair.

Britannia will be represented by Miss Knight, America Mrs. Burgett, France Miss Whiteway, daughter of sir W. Whiteway, Canada by Madame Maze.

Ladies of Honor: Miss Elsie Campbell, the Misses Mabel and Maude Montgomery, Miss Beaubien, Miss Boulter and Miss Martin.

The minuet will be danced by the Misses Dansereau (2), Sicotte, McShane, Roy (2), Brice, Hubert, Duhamel, Hart and Hubert, and the Messrs. Wotherspoon, Desbarats, Hamel, Amos, Gaugat, Edgar Armstrong, C. Armstrong, Kennedy, Devlin and Captain W. Bond.

The names of those taking part in the other dances and tableaux will be given in our next issue.

POESIE

HANTISE

[ÉCRIT SPÉCIALEMENT POUR LA "KERMESSE"]

Je rêve les rythmes, les phrases
Qui montent dans un vol de feu,
A travers le ciel des extases,
Vers le beau, vers le vrai, vers Dieu.

Mon oreille éperdue essaie
De saisir l'infini concert:
Le son précis, la note vraie,
Fuit, revient, et fuit, et se perd.

J'aspire au lyrisme extatique.
Et sur les lyres aux sept clés
Je cherche à rendre le cantique
Des psaltérions étoilés.

O désespérante hantise!
O charme du rythme obsesseur!
Quelle est la voix qui s'harmonise
Avec ta céleste douceur?

Clavier aux multiples octaves,
Où donc les aurai-je entendus
Les trilles clairs et les sons graves
De vos lointains accords perdus?

Hélas! j'ai beau scander mes mètres
Sur le grand mode ionien:
J'ai beau prier les dieux, les maîtres
De l'art nouveau, de l'art ancien:

J'ai beau pleurer, j'ai beau me plaindre,
Oh! non, jamais je ne pourrai,
Je ne pourrai jamais atteindre
Aux divines splendeurs du vrai.

NÉRÉE BEAUCHEMIN.

[Note de la Red.—C'est bien à regret que nous avons dû retrancher quelques strophes de cette magnifique poésie, le format restreint de notre journal ne nous permettant pas de la publier en entier.]

POETRY

THE FIRST TEAR

Doomed by the bitter fruit, they went their way
And left the Garden of supreme delight:
But Eve, with passionate desire to stay,
Turned back, and gazed on Eden's glorious site.

An Angel stood, a sentry of the gate,
With flaming sword, resplendent from afar,
While in his eye, mild and compassionate,
A trembling teardrop glistened like a star.

"Poor children!" to the banished pair he cried,
"Farewell for ever!" In the coming years
God grant you both, whatever may betide,
The blissful anodyne of balmy tears.

"And oft, in memory of thy fall from grace,
Eve! thou shalt weep, life's sorrow to dispel."
Then Eve, subdued by Adam's suffering face,
Dropped the first human tear that ever fell!

(Montréal) GEO. MURRAY.

CHARITY

The Kermesse resembles the Tower of Babel in one thing:—a crowd with confusion of tongues. But in the one the reigning spirit was Pride, and the peoples were driven asunder; in the other, it is charity, whose services bring back the primeval union.

W. D. LIGHTHALL.

Mr. Hall Caine the great novelist is in the city with his wife and son, and it is hoped that he will attend the official dinner this evening. Lieutenant-governor Kirkpatrick, of Ontario, has also been invited to the official dinner.

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