

LORD AND LADY ABERDEEN

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA.

An Account of the Brilliant Reception, the Addresses and Replies—A Most Successful Event.

Crowded to its utmost was the condition of the College hall last night. The large academic hall was packed with an immense audience assembled to greet their Excellencies the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen. Although the opening was announced for 8.15, as early as 7 o'clock people were rapping at the door and begging admission. The ground floor was filled fifteen minutes after the doors opened with an audience eager to demonstrate by their presence and enthusiasm its intense love for the British crown. In looking over the sea of eager and smiling faces, one could not help but wonder why any organization could doubt the true, sincere, devoted loyalty of the Catholic population to the British throne, and desire to deprive them of political privileges. Their Excellencies arrived about 8.45 accompanied by Miss Sullivan, Lord Ava, General Herbert and Captain Kimerley, A.D.C. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and on the back of the stage was stretched a streamer of red and blue satin as a back ground for the word "welcome" formed by incandescent lights. The vice-regal party were accompanied to the hall by a brilliantly robed procession of priests and professors composing the faculty of the university. Among those present, were His Grace Archbishop Duhamel, Hon. R. W. Scott, Sir James Grant, M.P., Vicar-General Routhier, Justice Taschereau, Justice Fournier, Police Magistrate O'Gara, the U.S. Consul General Mr. Rilly, Hon. J. J. Curran, Q.C., Solicitor-General, and others. The proceedings were opened by an overture of Scotch melodies by the City band orchestra, which was highly appreciated, their Excellencies joining rapturously in the applause. Then came a song of welcome, sang by a chorus of thirty voices accompanied by the orchestra. The song composed for the occasion was sung with a rollicking lively air and pleased the honored guests so much that the Earl remarked when speaking later on that he felt like giving it a vociferous encore. The addresses were read in English and French; Mr. James Murphy, a student from British Columbia, read the English address, Mr. Joseph Vincent, of Ottawa, reading the one in French.

THE ADDRESS.

To the Right Honorable John Campbell Hamilton Gordon, Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada—May it please your Excellency. The students of the University of Ottawa heartily rejoice at the privilege which is theirs in having the representative of our sovereign lady the Queen, and the noble Countess of Aberdeen as hospitable guests this evening. Any representative of Her Majesty would receive a loyal welcome in these halls, but we feel that our welcome should be more than usually warm and hearty when it is extended to one who, whilst he was its lord lieutenant, won the broad title of friend and benefactor of a country, once the home of the fathers of many here; a land dear to us all. The interest which your Excellency took in the development of the Dominion and your residence in our midst before being called to the high office of Governor-General gave you a claim to the gratitude and confidence of our people. For these reasons, also, we are happy indeed to have this occasion of joining in the assurance of the high personal regard which you have already so often received from Canadians. The scholarly attainments, to which your Excellency brings to the first station in the land lead us to the hope that higher education possesses much interest for you, and will be encouraged by you. Our Alma Mater was granted university privileges a little more than a quarter of a century ago, but already her sons occupy many elevated positions in the church and in the liberal professions. They are now to be found in parliament and even among your Excellency's responsible advisers. Every province in the Dominion is well represented in the University of Ottawa to-day and among those who welcome you are many students from the neighboring great republic and a few from the old world. One and all we are proud

of our Alma Mater, past and present, and we feel that your Excellency's visit and wise counsels will cheer us on to manly efforts in the acquirement of learning and the discharge of duty. We thank your Excellency for the honor of your presence and assure you that our best wishes will accompany you in all your future undertakings and especially in the administration of this vast and important portion of the empire. May the great and good God grant you happy days and the fullest measure of success, to quote your own noble motto, "Fortuna Sequatur."

THE COUNTESS REMEMBERED.

To the noble Countess of Aberdeen we also extend a cordial welcome. No Ottawa student; wherever his home, has failed to hear before coming to this institution and since, the highest praise of the Countess of Aberdeen's earnest efforts in behalf of the least fortunate of her Majesty's subjects in the British Isles. We appreciate her generous acts and trust they will be rewarded here as well as in a better world. Her Excellency's booklet, "Through Canada with a Kodak" and other pages from her gifted pen, have afforded many of us much pleasant and profitable reading. What she has written of Ottawa has especially interested us; most particularly do we recall her charming description of the two little stuffed owls which she procured in the Capital of the Dominion, and to which she gave a place of honor upon her book shelf. We are bold enough to tell the noble lady that her book shelves will contain the wisest and most intelligent of Canadian owls, after she allows us to send to her the University Owl, our College magazine. We hope her Excellency's stay in Canada will be a pleasant one and that when she has left us she will have none but kindly reminiscences of our land. We assure the noble Earl and Countess of Aberdeen, that as students of the University of Ottawa we shall never forget the auspicious occasion on which they first graced with their presence our College home.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

His Excellency, who was received with vociferous cheers from the students, said:—Your Grace, Rev. Rector, ladies and gentlemen. I need scarcely say that I most heartily appreciate this welcome, this loyal utterance, and this cordial greeting. It is no surprise to me, nor will it be to any of this large and distinguished audience to find that the University of Ottawa will not be behind any public body in Canada in loyalty and in public spirit (loud cheers.) You will easily understand that if my appreciation of this manifestation is, as I have said, cordial and sincere, I wish to respond to these addresses in adequate terms, and that reminds me of a very sympathetic remark that I saw in one of those sources of information from which we learn so much, that on such occasions as the present, the person who has to take a leading part in the speech-making is much to be consoled with, because of the difficulty of committing to memory an impromptu speech. (Laughter.) I do not know how it is with my young friends in the gallery, but I confess that when I was at college I found the utmost difficulty in learning by heart and reciting passages from the classics (laughter) and as time has passed on I have not improved in that respect. But indeed, on this occasion, moved by a desire to express myself at least in some degree in adequate terms, if I had endeavored to prepare a speech I am afraid my efforts would have been futile, because I was so charmed, and I may almost say so excited, by the delightful piece of music that we listened to a few minutes ago that my preparation would have been of no avail. (Cheers and laughter.) I was sorely tempted to surreptitiously suggest an encore, but I was a little afraid lest some of my young friends have been watching me. (Laughter.) As there were in the song some kindly references to Lady Aberdeen and myself, it might have been supposed that I was thinking more of the sentiments of the song than of the manner in which it was rendered; but I am sure the audience must have been delighted with the admirable and spirited manner in which both the vocal and the instrumental parts were performed, and I trust its not the last time that we may hear such excellent music in connection with this institution. (Cheers.) While I deeply appreciate the kind references in these addresses,

they contain some expressions, which, if it were not impolite, I should be tempted to disclaim. I refer of course to the kind and indulgent allusions to myself personally, even apart from the official position which I have the honor to occupy. But there is one part of the two addresses to which I certainly feel no inclination to offer any disclaimer; I refer to those passages in which more particular reference was made to Lady Aberdeen. (Loud cheers.) I am quite sure that she values very heartily those kind and genial utterances; and as to the allusion to her Excellency's little book upon Canada, and more particularly to the owls which were procured in Ottawa, I should like to remark that the primary reason why Lady Aberdeen gave those owls a place of honor was no doubt because they came from Ottawa; but there was another consideration which may have influenced her to some extent, and that was that they were my gift to her Excellency. (Cheers and laughter.) I was delighted to hear that the name of your University magazine is "The Owl." The title is an auspicious one, indicating sagacity and acumen and many other excellent qualities. I wish the magazine all success, and I shall look forward to pursuing its pages, if I am fortunate enough to obtain copies. (Cheers and laughter.) One very interesting feature of this great seat of learning is the fact that among the students there are many not only from all parts of Canada, but also from the United States. I look upon that as a very auspicious and interesting circumstance. It is not only a tribute to the excellence of the equipment and organization of this university, but the effect of this interchange of acquaintance and sympathy and good will between citizens of our own country and those of that great federation must certainly be productive of happy results. (Cheers.) I cannot but believe that these young men from the United States, who have come in contact with the genial disposition of the Canadians, and who have learned to understand the meaning of our patriotism and our loyalty, will in the future cherish kindly feelings with reference to our national characteristics of our national attitude. (Cheers.) Besides that and apart from their educational advantage of their stay in this university, there is an indirect advantage of another sort in an enlightenment which they will be able to spread among their friends in the more southern part of the continent as to, for instance, the Canadian climate. (Laughter and cheers.) No longer will they be under the impression, as some of our friends seem to be now, that we are within the Arctic circle and that Canada is to be classed with Lapland or the country of the Esquimaux. (Laughter.) After drawing a comparison between the climate of Canada and that of India and Australia he was very much in favor of the former.

Before closing his Excellency spoke at length in French in response to the address in that language.

THE PROGRAMME.

A programme of a literary and musical character was rendered in fine style. In the elocutionary parts, Messrs. J. A. McDougal, M. J. McKenna, W. Walsh, J. Holland and Leo Garneau, acquitted themselves admirably. Mr. J. Clarke, recited the Dream of Clarence from Shakespeare, displaying considerable histrionic talent. A violin solo, "Sweet Spirit Hear my Prayer," was rendered by little Miss Camille, Hone, in a way that would do credit to some of the professionals. Before the closing song, his Excellency made a few remarks in reference to the noble work on behalf of the Irish, and won for himself the undying esteem of the students by proposing a holiday for Wednesday. The faculty of the university are to be congratulated on the success of their arrangements. Everything went off without a flaw.

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BREVITIES.

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The Queen of Roumania is again developing symptoms of paralysis, and the symptoms are more severe than they were in the previous attack.

It is believed that an Anglo-French commission will be nominated to proceed to Siam for the purpose of deciding upon a neutral zone between the French and British possessions.

It is expected that the betrothal of Crown Prince of Denmark, and Princess Marguerite, youngest daughter of the Duc de Chartres, will soon be announced.

It is stated in London that Professor Tyndall's death was caused by an overdose of chloral, which he had been accustomed to taking to alleviate his sufferings from indigestion, rheumatism and insomnia.

Mr. J. J. Van Alen, of Newport, R. I., has declined the office of United States ambassador to Italy, to which he was appointed by President Cleveland. Mr. Cleveland in a personal letter urged Mr. Van Alen to accept the office, but Mr. Van Alen was firm in his refusal.

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