

he seeks, and has long sought, for the benefit of mankind, to spread it far and wide, he has justly earned for himself a world-wide fame; and his name will henceforth be honourably placed amongst those of the greatest benefactors of their species. To me, Mr. Stow is personally a stranger; I know him but by his honourable and well-earned fame. I feel, however, that, on this occasion, it is my duty to name him as one having a very high claim, not only to the respectful consideration of this meeting, on account of the services which he has rendered to the cause of education generally, but also to our grateful acknowledgments for the peculiar services which he has rendered to that cause in this Colony. Mr. Stow not only readily and obligingly corresponded with my predecessor concerning the establishment of a Normal School here, but he has also politely corresponded with me on the subject; and, besides, he is especially entitled to the gratitude of the people of this Colony for the discriminating care with which he selected, for recommendation to the Government here, the two gentlemen who are immediately connected with the institution, for the inauguration of which we are now met, and under whose skillful management it will, I hope, be productive of all the benefits to the Colony which it is intended to impart, or which can reasonably be expected to proceed from it.

[On the conclusion of his speech, His Excellency was greeted by the hearty plaudits of the meeting.]

The Honble. COLONEL SWABEY, on being called upon to propose the first resolution, rose and said—I am, indeed, proud of the station which I now occupy. I am, perhaps, selected for the distinction of opening this meeting, by proposing the first resolution, on account of my long connection with the Board of Education, of which I have been an active member for the last seventeen years; but, whatever the considerations may be which have led to my being so called upon, I certainly feel that an honourable distinction has thereby been conferred upon me.—To the Normal System, ever since I acquired some knowledge of its principles and working, I have always been favourable; but I must confess that, not until lately, when, by having an opportunity of judging of its merits, by seeing it in operation here, was I able to form any thing like a just conception of its worth. It is not, I have found, a system by which the memory alone is cultivated. It is not a system of mere question and answer, in which the answers are got by rote; but it is a system calculated to open and expand the mind—to exercise and cultivate all its faculties—to draw forth and give polish, beauty and utility to all its latent treasures—and to excite to a right