

estimable wife, made many warmly attached friends, with several of whom, in after years, they maintained an intimate correspondence. Both Lord and Lady Elgin and their family circle, including His Lordship's daughter by his first marriage, the present Lady Thurlow, mingled freely in the Colonial society of the day, and one and all manifested the warmest interest in everything tending to the welfare and happiness of the Canadian people, the smallest duties being as sedulously looked after as the more important ones. The writer well remembers a visit paid to the school he attended by His Excellency. There was to be a distribution of prizes and the Governor General was asked to present them. To the writer's intense surprise his own name was called. Proceeding in some trepidation to the dais, where the great personage stood, he found himself before a handsome, middle-aged gentleman of benevolent aspect, whose first words removed every uneasiness. "You are an English boy," said His Lordship, with a kind smile, "your parents having both come from England; I am now about to give you the History of England," and, handing the book with a warm shake of the hand, "I want you always to stand up for England!" While in Quebec, Durham Terrace (so named after Lady Elgin's father, whose report on public affairs is now so frequently cited), was always a favourite resort with the Vice-regal party, and there, in the early morn, Lord Elgin, when he remained in town, and Colonel and Mrs. Bruce, always, rain or shine, could be found doing a vigorous "constitutional" before breakfast, their companions on these occasions not infrequently being the late Hon. Henry Black, the late Hon. F. W. Primrose (son of a former Earl of Rosebery), or the venerable and dignified *Seigneur* of Lotbiniere, the late Mr. Gaspard Joly, whose son, Edmond, an officer under Havelock, not long afterward bravely fell at the relief of Lucknow. At that time, during the sessions of Parliament, divine service was celebrated every Sunday morning in one of the Chambers of the Legislature (whose sittings were held in the old stone building, since destroyed by fire, at Prescott Gate), the late Dr. Adamson generally officiating. At these services, which were attended by almost all the members of the Legislature of the Anglican communion, Lord Elgin, with his family and suite, was oftentimes present. Alas! how few remain of the prominent figures of those times. As we look around us to-day, and mentally note the absent faces, we begin to realize the tremendous havoc wrought by death in the ranks of our public-men, but one form—that of the veteran Premier in his green and vigorous old age—remaining in active public life as a connecting link between the Present and the Past of which we are speaking. Lord Elgin's official relation with Canada termi-