

QUEBEC, 17th June, 1823.

Sir,—I have the pleasure to acknowledge your letter and parcel from the British and Foreign School Society. The report which your letter contains affords a most gratifying evidence of the success which has attended your best labours for this institution, and must prove the best incitement to all its well-wishers to continue their aid and support in their stations. Be assured I shall not be backward in mine. I consider it an honour to be named the patron of such works, and can only renew my request that I may be informed when and in what manner I can be useful to this institution.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

MR. WM. LUNN.

DALHOUSIE.

This letter of his Lordship was read at the first annual meeting of the Society, held in the schoolroom, on Thursday, the 25th September, 1823. It was referred to in the following terms in the report read on that occasion:—

“In answer to a letter containing an account of the state and progress of the schools, your Committee have been honoured with a communication from His Excellency the Earl of Dalhousie, which contains sentiments as honourable to the humane and generous heart of the noble writer, as they are flattering and encouraging to the Society. Your Committee cannot persuade themselves to withhold from the Society the pleasure which they are fully aware that you will experience in hearing this proof, additional to the many with which you are already acquainted, of the liberality and magnanimity of the exalted individual in whom it is our happiness to recognize the representative of our beloved Sovereign, whose annual support of the British system but evinces his ardent desire to promote universal education, and to follow the beneficent example of his illustrious father, whose earnest wish* in behalf of the children of his people is thus gradually accomplishing. Your Committee are persuaded that there will be but one feeling in the Society, and that an intense feeling of satisfaction and gratitude for His Excellency's great kindness in thus condescending to become the patron of this institution.

“Accordingly on motion of M. Scott, seconded by Wm. Lunn, it was resolved unanimously, that this meeting entertains the most grateful sense of the patronage and support afforded to this

*The reference here is probably to the wish expressed by George III., when in 1805 he accorded an interview to Joseph Lancaster, “that every poor child in my dominions may be able to read his Bible.”