

SEPTEMBER, 1878.

The Governor General.

THEIR Excellencies, the Earl and Countess of Dufferin, after a sojourn of six years in Canada, are on the eve of returning to their "ain countrie;" where we may be sure a hearty welcome awaits them.

Lord Dufferin began his vice-regal career under favourable auspices. His fame had preceded him, and his arrival among us was hailed with universal satisfaction. Expectation ran so high, indeed, that it seemed scarcely possible it would be realized. But now, looking back on his administration, we are at a loss for adequate words to express the public sentiment respecting him without exposing ourselves to the charge of flattery. In his hands the Governor Generalship has been no sinecure. In the execution of his high commission Lord Dufferin has been most laborious and indefatigable. He has left nothing undone to make himself thoroughly acquainted with the resources and the requirements of the country. He has traversed the Dominion in person throughout its vast length and breadth, and the knowledge thus acquired he has turned to good account. It is largely due to his habit of observation, to his discernment, and his peculiarly happy method of expressing the results of his investigations that we owe the position which Canada has attained among the nations of the world. Aside from his statesmanship, which will not be called in question, his public appearances have shewn him to be a man of no ordinary ability. His speeches—often impromptu—and his felicitous replies to innumerable addresses presented to him, afford evidence of talents of the highest order, while his intimate acquaintance with the great Social, Educational and Religious questions of the day attest his Excellency's ripe scholarship. But his popularity has not sprung solely from his acknowledged abilities. Kind-heartedness, open-handed generosity, uniform courtesy,

overflowing hospitality, genuine sympathy with all classes and conditions of the people, expressed so often, these qualities have made the name of LORD and LADY DUFFERIN to be, henceforth, household words in Canada. When their Excellencies shall leave our shores they may rest assured that the prayers of the people of Canada will be that every blessing and happiness may attend them.

The following is the text of the address to his Excellency adopted by the General Assembly of our Church at its recent meeting in Hamilton and which, having been beautifully engrossed and illuminated, has since been forwarded to his Excellency.

To His Excellency the Governor-General:

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, met in General Assembly, desire to express to your Excellency our sentiments of devoted loyalty to the Throne, and to the Institutions of the country, the high respect which we entertain for yourself and your official position as Governor-General of this Dominion, and our admiration of the impartial and dignified manner in which you have administered the important trust committed to your hands.

In thus addressing your Excellency, towards the close of your government of this Dominion, we rejoice in acknowledging the beneficial results which have flowed from your Administration, the great influence which your character and courteous bearing towards all classes, and the extensive acquaintance with all parts of the Dominion which you have personally acquired, have had in promoting the various interests of the country over which you have presided with such distinguished ability; and our conviction that, when the period of your administration comes to an end, your Excellency will carry with you the highest esteem of the people of this Dominion. Our earnest prayer is that when you return to take your place in the councils of the nation, and whatever position of honour you may be called to occupy, your Excellency and family may be ever compassed about with the Divine favour, and blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

In name and by appointment of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

JOHN JENKINS, D. D.

Moderator.

HAMILTON, Ont., 21st June, 1878.

THE MARQUESS OF LORNE.

We do but echo the sentiments of the press and people of Canada in expressing a sense of the honour done to the Dominion by the ap-