

festation, partly for the sake of our guests, not so much, perhaps, by way of apologising to them for what they may hear, but in order to avoid hurting their feelings more than necessary. We don't want to rub in unduly the fact that they are not Scottish. It is not their fault. (Laughter and applause). They really couldn't help it. It is one of those regrettable incidents which, after they have occurred, should not be vainly lamented over. At any rate, we are delighted to see them here, and we hope that in return, when they have a national festival, whether of St. George or of St. Patrick, they won't forget to send us an invitation."

Proceeding, Lord Aberdeen referred to the maintenance of a patriotic sentiment involved in an organization of such a society as that of St. Andrew's, quoting the words of Mr. Edward Blake at Strathroy with reference to the influence and importance of a feeling of patriotism in the life of any community; and in this connection he referred feelingly and eloquently to the bravery displayed by the Gordon Highlanders recently on the Dargai heights. (Loud applause.) In conclusion he said :—

In travelling throughout the length and breadth of this Dominion, I have, of course, not been slow to take note of the presence of my fellow-countrymen, and to observe what they are doing. There is one feature of what may in a sense be regarded as connected with Scottish influence to which I venture to allude. It might have been suggested by the visit which I had the great pleasure of making to Knox College a few days ago. There are, of course, in Canada, a great many staunch Presbyterians who are not Scottish; but at the same time I think we may safely assume that the great majority of Scottish-Canadians are connected with the Presbyterian Church; and the feature to which I wish to allude is this: the manner