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On Wednesday morning His Excellency and Her Royal Highness came to the Railway Depot and found it surrounded by thousands wishing to get the last look at them before leaving.

Affectionate farewells were exchanged between H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh and his sister the Marchioness as also the Marquis and other friends. The train then moved on slowly at first. Whilst this was being done, the Marquis and his royal wife came out on the platform bowing to the cheers of thousands present and shewed a genuine touch of nature by bursting into tears, which was reciprocated by large numbers of the spectators.

Just before leaving the following letter was handed to His Worship the Mayor:

ADMIRALTY HOUSE, HALIFAX,  
27th November, 1878.

SIR,—I am desired by His Excellency the Governor General to convey to you, on the occasion of his departure from the City of Halifax, the Princess's and his own deep gratitude for the reception they have been accorded here.

The welcome given has appeared to them as a general and spontaneous demonstration of the sense entertained by the whole people of the affection shewn towards them by Her Majesty the Queen, and a proof of the devoted loyalty with which that affection is returned.

It has been pleasant indeed for them to receive such a welcome on first landing in the Dominion.

His Excellency and Her Royal Highness were also much touched by the thought, care and kindness shown by all the inhabitants of the city, in the beautiful decorations and illuminations with which the streets have been so gay during the visit of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh and themselves at Halifax.

His Excellency requests that you will be good enough to make known this expression of the gratitude with which he and the Princess have regarded the magnificent and loyal reception awarded to them.

In conclusion, I am further to beg you to convey to the Firemen his admiration of the display made by them, and to thank the Divisions on His Excellency's behalf for the procession which was so successfully organized, and so ably conducted last evening.

I have the honor to be,

Worshipful Sir,  
(Sgd.) F. DEWINTON,  
Major, R. A.,

Secretary to Governor General.  
His Worship, Stephen Tobin, Esq., the Mayor of Halifax.

THEIR PROGRESS TO MONTREAL.

On arriving at Truro an address of welcome, handsomely engrossed, was read by Mayor Longworth, and a handsome bouquet of flowers presented to the Princess Louise by Mrs. Longworth.

On arriving at Amherst an appropriate address was read by Rev. Canon Townsend. Here several gentlemen were introduced to the Marquis by the Hon. Dr. Tupper.

At Moncton the Depot and buildings in the vicinity were illuminated and a large number of children were gathered who joined in singing the National Anthem.

Telegrams have come since telling of their safe arrival at Montreal on Friday about 12 o'clock, amidst great rejoicings and demonstrations of loyalty from three or four thousand people at the Depot.

The French people along the line were greatly pleased to have their address replied to in their own language. His Excellency and Her Royal Highness converse fluently in French.

The weather at Montreal was not so favorable as in Halifax, and it is said the reception was comparatively not equal to that of our more English city. The press representatives speak in the highest praise of Halifax and all its appointments in this matter.

There seems some probability of the Marquis and Princess coming to Halifax next summer to stay for some months. It is also said to be not an improbable arrangement that H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh will be promoted to the rank of Rear-Admiral and be placed on this station.

This being the case we shall have a considerable influx of visitors and probably of inhabitants to our city.

Many pleasing incidents are told of the voyage and voyagers, but our space will not now allow us to give them to our readers.

The Princess had an opportunity at Montreal of giving some expression of her own views on educational matters. To an address presented by the Ladies Educational Association Her Royal Highness replied, in the following very pleasing and sensible terms :

*The Ladies' Educational Association of Montreal.*

I am much flattered by your kind expressions, and also by your wish to number me among your patronesses. I have read your last report with much interest and satisfaction. Education is one of the greatest objects of the age, and the most important; not only because it is the noblest in itself, but because it is the means of complete development of our common nature, and a due discharge of the duties of life, in their bearing on the future destiny of the race. The fruits of education are so attractive that we are often tempted to force them prematurely, without sufficient tutelage, and thus lose sight of the true objects of education, which consist much more in the development of the intellect than in the mere getting of superficial knowledge and of cramming. Hence the necessity of grounding in the rudiments of knowledge and thoroughness in all that is done. Knowledge thus got lives; knowledge got otherwise never lives.

Again, it has struck me whether there is not a fear of our making so thorough

family, we remember that four of the sons are deacons of Baptist Churches, two are Church Clerks, four are superintendents of Sabbath Schools, and twelve of the sons and daughters, and their husbands and wives are actively engaged in Sabbath School work. Another remarkable circumstance is that no death has occurred among the sons or daughters for the last 25 years, when on June 7th, 1852, Wm. Henry with three other students and Professor Chipman and two others, was accidentally drowned in the Basin of Minas.

We may now mention that before eight days had passed Death came to this house, and has taken off the second son of the elder of the brothers. He had lived some time at his grandfather's and was a promising young man of 18 years. In this event we too would offer our respectful sympathy to the bereaved family.

The editor of the *Wesleyan* says he is "between two fires," with respect to Mr. Currie's letters. Some of his readers threaten him if he continues their publication, and others with severe displeasure if he does not. Now that

is a pretty hard place for our brother to be in, almost as bad as Mr. Currie represented himself to be in a week or two since. After reading Mr. C.'s letters we are really not greatly surprised at our contemporary's readers getting exasperated at such a wearisome repetition of matters that bear but very distantly on the question under consideration.

Some of our readers think the discussion on that was much needed, after the vaunting style in which an ordinance of Christ has been treated by Mr. C. Others regard the correspondence as not likely to change the opinions of parties on either side. One writes that it requires more of the essential element in controversy—love—to

make it take root and do good. We have known as prominent champions as Mr. Currie to become convinced of error, and to renounce it publicly, and, we may hope that what he has learned from his own researches, and that of his fellow disputant that light has been shed on the subject which may soon bear good fruit. We trust it may.

A fair comparison of our condition with many other countries will lead us to see that "the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places," and that our sorrows are in striking contrast by their absence as compared with many other countries and people. Although the times are hard, and poverty stares many in the face, yet the absence of any general sickness and devastation calls for devout gratitude and thankful recognition.

As a denomination, too, have we not loud calls for Thanksgiving? Although we have had no remarkable manifestation of blessing on the preaching of the gospel, yet there has been some reaping of ripe fruit as well as sowing the seed of truth. Never were our great cardinal truths more fully recognized as what the world needs, for men becoming truly the followers of Jesus. Never had we more encouragement to labor for the salvation of men at home and abroad than now; with the assurance that all we need is the Divine blessing. And as gratitude is the forerunner of greater good let us thank God and take courage.

The interesting communication on another page from Rev. J. E. Goucher, came to hand last week, and we were greatly disappointed that, being in the midst of Reception matters—we were unable to let it appear in our last issue.

We may add to our brother's account of the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of John King, Esq., that the sons and daughters are all readers of the *Christian Messenger*, and have been ever since they began to read at all. We may therefore be permitted to add our congratulations to the venerable parents and the family generally.

Mr. Goucher will pardon us too for adding a remark or two. One of the sons in his speech said he wished to honor his father as a farmer, as he felt that it was from the farm all had received the lessons of industry and economy which had thus far given them a comfortable living. Another son congratulated his father on having been a justice of the peace and stipendiary magistrate he had administered the law for a number of years and so acted in the capacity of judge amongst the people that he had probably given judgement in more cases than any judge in the land.

North River, P. E. I., Nov. 25th, 1878.

The Ministerial Conference of Colchester and Cumberland will meet (D. V.) with the Baptist Church at Wentworth on the 9th December. Preaching at 7 p.m., by Bro. Martell. The ministering brethren in the two Counties are hereby notified to attend.

J. E. GOUCHER,  
Sec. of Com.

Letters Received.

E. Shaw, \$2. John Bew, Esq., \$2, and \$6 for For. Missions. Cyrus Eaton, \$4. J. W. Campbell, \$2. D. McPhee, \$4. D. Archibald, \$2, 1 sub. J. Dukeshire, \$2. Rev. I. J. Skinner, \$2, 1 sub. J. Dodge, \$2. C. J. Margeson, Esq., M.D., 1 sub.

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