

THE VICEROY'S TOUR. •

The Viceroy's tour in Assam practically concluded on Tuesday by an address at Gauhati. A brilliant function was organised by the people of Assam. The Hall in which the address was presented was decorated in excellent taste. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Viceregal party drove back to the riverside, where they embarked on the Buzzard. The tour has been a great success. Much has been seen in a very short time. Nothing could have exceeded the enthusiastic warmth of the reception given to the Viceroy by the Planters and the Railway Companies, the natives vying with one another in their hearty and graceful welcome. Returning on Monday evening from the tiring journey to the railhead of the Assam-Bengal Railway, the Viceroy and party were entertained on his yacht by the Chief Commissioner. The river banks were brilliantly illuminated. There was a fine display of fireworks, which was much appreciated by a huge throng of natives. No hitch of any kind has occurred on the tour. This is due to the splendid steamers of the India General Steam Navigation Company, the punctual running of the various trains, and, above all, the fair weather, which have enabled the Viceroy to get through the programme, which the old inhabitants of Assam declared impossible.