

the hall, the students for once were quiet enough to merit the approval of Principal, Deans, and Professors. As the members of Convocation, headed by the venerable Chancellor, entered the hall, the customary greeting—"See the mighty host advancing," or "The animals came by two and two"—gave place to a more classical selection by the College Glee Club, the "Soldiers' March," from Faust. Occasionally one or two tin whistles painfully disturbed the routine of the proceedings. It was clearly evident to all, even to the once irrepressible medical student, that a new era had dawned upon McGill.

The announcement of the munificent benefactions of Messrs. Workman and McDonald was received with great applause. What have heretofore been the weaker Faculties of the University, should now be able to compete successfully with all other institutions of the kind on the continent. To a young country like Canada, with almost limitless resources awaiting development, a gift of nearly \$500,000 to a Faculty of Applied Science must prove of untold benefit.

Late Prof. E. Lareau, M.P.P., who died on April 21st, at the age of 42, was born at St. Gregoire, County of Iberville, March 12th, 1848. He received his early education at the College of Ste. Marie de Monnoire and at Victoria College, and in 1874 received the degree of B.C.L. at McGill, was called to the Bar in 1870, and has been a professor in the Faculty of Law since 1876. He had a decided taste for literature, and published several works on Law, Politics, and Literature, at one time Editor of *Le Pays*, and afterwards of *Le National*. He was a Liberal of the old School, and was elected to the Provincial Legislature for Rouville at the last general election, and was a supporter of the B.A. Bill.

We greatly regret that a correspondence should have been opened in the public press, in regard to the relative merits of candidates for honours, which has led to the impression, in the minds of many, that there is a feeling of animosity between candidates of different sexes. We are in a position to say that nothing could be farther from the truth.

We regret that after holding over this issue, so as to be able to give good illustrations and plans of the new McDonald and Workman buildings, that the architect finds he will not be in a position to furnish us with the drawings for a month or more.

Subscribers to THE GAZETTE for next session will receive these illustrations with the first issue.

McGill News.

THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION FOR CONFERRING DEGREES IN LAW, APPLIED SCIENCE, AND ARTS.

In view of the expected presence of His Excellency, the Visitor, it was decided, some time ago, by the Governors and Corporation to hold the Convocation for all of the above Faculties in a large public hall, and to condense the whole into one afternoon.

The Windsor Hall having been selected for the purpose, it was arranged that the Convocation should assemble in the ante-room of the hall, and proceed thence to the platform or dais extemporized for the occasion. Seats were reserved for the graduating classes and students in the immediate front of the dais, a portion of the hall in rear of these was set apart for guests having tickets, and the remainder was left open to the public.

Some difficulties necessarily occurred in marshaling the procession, owing to the new circumstances, and the arrangements in the hall were, to some extent, interfered with by the unexpected fact that this large room, capable of accommodating 1,500 persons, was actually crowded with about 2,000, many of whom arrived more than half an hour before the proceedings began.

The procession of Convocation was formed punctually at half-past two, and as it entered the hall the University Musical Association, under the guidance of Mr. Bohrer, sang with excellent effect the "Soldiers' Chorus," from Faust, while the audience rose as His Excellency the Governor-General, accompanied by the Chancellor, passed up the aisle which had been kept open for this purpose.

His Excellency, as Visitor, occupied the chair of State, having on his right the Chancellor, and on his left the Principal, the members of Convocation and distinguished guests occupying the space at either side. Among those present on the dais were:—

Mr. J. H. R. Molsan, Sir Joseph Hickson; Messrs. John Molsan, W. C. McDonald, Hugh McLennan, George Hague, E. B. Greenshields, and S. Finley—Governors; Prof. Alex. Johnson (Vice-Principal), Dr. Robert Craik, Dr. H. Aspinwall Howe, Rev. Dr. Cornish, Mr. J. R. Dougall, Rev. Prof. Murray, Prof. B. J. Harrington, Rev. Canon Henderson, Mr. J. S. Archibald, Q.C., Dr. George Ross, Mr. John S. Hall, Q.C., M.P.P., Dr. F. W. Kelley, Rev. Dr. Barbour, Mr. N. W. Trenholme, Q.C., Rev. James Barclay, Dr. T. A. Rodger, and Mr. J. H. Burland—Fellows; Dr. D. C. McCallum, and Mr. Justice Wurtels—Professors emeriti; Chief-Justice Johnson, Mr. Justice Davidson, Mr. Justice Cross, Mr. Justice Loranger, Mr. Justice Taschereau, Mr. Justice Jette, Mr. Justice Tait, His Lordship the Bishop of Algoma, Rev. Principal Adams (Lennoxville), Rev. J. A. Newnham, Prof. Darey, Prof. Penhallow, Dr. Wm. Gardner, Prof. C. E. Moyle, Prof. C. H. McLeod, Dr. L. H. Davidson, Dr. Jas. Stewart, Dr. George Wilkins, Prof. Chandler, Prof. T. Wesley Mills, Dr. J. C. Cameron, Rev. Prof. Cousirat, Dr. A. J. Eaton, Mr.