

uncertainty of receiving remuneration, be generous to the poor, remember the words of our beloved Saviour, "Forasmuch as ye did it unto the least of one of these my brethren, ye did it unto me," and your reward will be sure. The physician is the custodian of many family secrets. He is the friend in adversity, the counsellor in time of need. If mishap or disgrace invade the family circle the trusted physician is the first to be consulted. How necessary then for the full exercise of discretion and reticence. How dangerous is the babler. Remember then the oath you have this day taken; cautiously, with prudence and charity, pursue your honorable calling. I may here remark that a proposal has come semi-officially to the profession of this Dominion to join the ranks of the British Medical Association by becoming members of that Society. The objects of that Society are in every way beneficial to the best interests of the profession, the advancement of scientific knowledge and the elevation of the standard of medical education. I have no doubt that the proposal will be seriously entertained by the profession of the Dominion at the next annual meeting of the Canada Medical Association, to be held in the city of London, Ontario, in September next. It is very desirable that the profession in this country should receive that recognition from the institutions of the Mother country which is its due. It would appear as though the dawn were breaking in our clouded horizon, and although we may not expect to be placed on the same footing as the older institutions of Great Britain, we may hope that we will not continue to occupy the anomalous position which we do at present. My chief object in referring to this matter is to call your attention more especially to the existence of this our national association, to which all members of the profession ought to belong. But more than this, it is much to be desired that branch societies should be established in all the sections of this country. We must be up and doing; medicine is a progressive science; there is a large field open to each one of you for observation, and, in observing remember that you must not hide your light under a bushel, but seek to emulate the work of those who have enlarged the boundaries of medicine by reclaiming an unexplored wilderness, and laying bare truths which have long been hid. It requires but a beginning, for you will find that the work will become so engrossing and satisfactory that you will be forced, from the very love of well-doing, to persevere with all your energy to the end. For what does not the science of medicine in some way or other bear upon? It analyzes the wonderful processes observed in all organized beings—generation, development, growth, nutrition, decay, disease and death. It solves two important questions for the legislator, and lays bare mysteries to the jurist. To ourselves, it elevates and brings forth the better feelings of our nature, enlarges our sympathy, strengthens our hopes, induces self denial, and leads on to the practice of the greatest of Christian virtues—true charity. Follow on, then, gentlemen, in the honourable career opening before you; may you be worthy sons of this University, full of usefulness and proficiency. You all have the path open to you of sheding lustre on Alma Mater, and in your career may you be full of joy and peace and happiness. Gentlemen, farewell!

FACULTY OF LAW.

Mr. W. H. Kerr, Q. C., D. C. L., reads the list of Prizes and Honours awarded to Students in Law, and with his assistance the Vice-Chancellor confers the decrees.

Report of the examinations in the Faculty of Law, for the session of 1878-9:—

By a regulation passed in 1873, candidates for the degree of D. C. L. in course, are obliged, in addition to the formalities previously prescribed, to pass, within four years from their graduation as B. C. L., such examination as shall be determined by the Faculty of Law. During the present session the only candidate who has presented himself is Thomas Nichol, M. D., B. C. L., who has satisfactorily passed the required examination.

GRADUATING CLASS.

The following students' names, arranged in order of merit, have successfully passed the examinations required for the degree of B. C. L.:—

Armene D. Nicolle, B. A.
Robert D. McGibbon, B. A.
George E. Bampton.
William F. Ritchie, B. A.
E. B. Busted.
George F. Carter.
Charles J. Fleet, B. A.
Paul G. Martineau.
B. C. McLean.
Albert Leblanc.
Z. E. Cornell.
Boutillier J. Trudel.
Walter Lord Ross.
Leandre Ethier.
Alexander E. Duncan.
Peter J. McNaughton.
Edmond R. St. Jean.
J. Henri Pillet.
Leon Ledieu.
Alderic Decary.

Besides these, Seth P. Leet has also passed examinations satisfactory to the Faculty, but is not ranked, in consequence of his being prevented from attending two of the examinations through severe sickness in his family, and of his having obtained private examinations in these classes.

The Elizabeth Torrance Gold Medal, in the Faculty of Law, is awarded to the student who, being of the Graduating Class, having passed the Final Examination, and having prepared a Thesis of sufficient merit in the estimation of the Faculty to entitle him to compete, shall take the highest marks in a special examination for the medal, which Examination shall include the subject of Roman Law.

During the present session the student who has fulfilled these conditions is Armene D. Nicolls, who is therefore entitled to this prize.

In the special examination for this prize, Mr. Nicolls was however closely pressed by Mr. R. D. McGibbon, B. A., the former having attained 663 and the latter 659 marks, out of a possible 700. The faculty therefore resolved to recommend Mr. McGibbon to the Governors of the University for a duplicate medal. It was, however, considered by the corporation that the better course under such circumstances would be to give a special prize instead of a duplicate medal. A prize to the value of \$25.00 in books, to be called the Elizabeth Torrance prize, will accordingly for the present session be given to Mr. McGibbon.

The prize for the best thesis was awarded to L. J. Ethier, of Montreal.

Passed with 1st Class honours in this year:—

Armene D. Nicolls B. A.
Robert D. McGibbon, B. A.
George E. Bampton.
W. F. Ritchie.
E. B. Busted.