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EXAMINATIONS are over, results have been announced, Convocation is a memory, everybody has gone home, and nothing remains but for the JOURNAL staff to make its bow and step down and out. Before vacating, however, we would like to express a few thanks. First, our thanks are due to the Principal, to Dr. Bell and to the Professors for occasional articles so kindly contributed. Secondly, our thanks are due to *The British Whig* for much forbearance, for many suggestions and for many kindnesses in the matter of printing. The workmanship on the JOURNAL, as several of our exchanges mentioned, has been of the best. Thirdly, from among about forty graduates written to, from many of whom we received promises of articles, our thanks are due Rev. John Sharp, M.A., and Rev. John Sinclair, M.A., for articles received. Fourthly, our thanks are due to all the exchanges and subscribers, who, by speaking well of the JOURNAL, thereby made life a little more pleasant. Fifthly, our thanks are due to all reporters, to Hezekiah Hayseed, to "Freethought," and to others, for many peculiar and humorous criticisms. Sixthly—but we must stop. To the above, and to all and sundry, who in any way lightened the burden of the JOURNAL so that on an average not more than two hours a day were required from the editors, we hereby express our heartfelt thanks.

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Convocation proceedings this year will long be remembered. Though the graduating classes in Law,

Divinity and Medicine were not larger than in other years, yet the graduating class in Arts is undoubtedly the best class that ever left our Alma Mater. The proceedings were characterized by the attendance of many friends and relatives of students, but above all by the attendance of their Excellencies, Lord and Lady Aberdeen, ex-Premier Joly, President Loudon, Father Dawson and many other distinguished visitors. Lord and Lady Aberdeen, by their acquaintance with and keen interest in all that makes towards building up a strong moral and patriotic spirit, as well as by their kindly manner, endeared themselves to every heart that came in the least degree under their influence. We shall never forget the influence of those who by their presence lent so much honour and dignity to the best Convocation Queen's has ever had.

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One thing that has surprised us is that no steps have ever been taken to secure cheap railway rates for friends attending Convocation. Why could not Convocation be treated in the same manner as a convention and return fares where there are over fifty passengers be issued at one-third of ordinary fare, *i.e.*, for fare and third for round trip? Convocations are yearly increasing in importance, the trial of such a scheme costs nothing, and we feel sure that it would save a few dollars to the friends of Queen's.

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One item in the report of the Trustees will be gladly received by friends and supporters of our Alma Mater. The Trustees have appointed Prof. N. F. Dupuis, Dean of the new Faculty of Practical Science, and empowered him to make the necessary arrangements to bring the new faculty up to the standard of efficiency shown in its sister faculties.

Prof. Dupuis in the outside world has a reputation as a man who is among the foremost educators of this continent, while those of us in the University who have in any way come under his influence feel assured that no better choice of a Dean could possibly have been made. We feel confident that under Prof. Dupuis' care and management the new faculty will become an assured success. Queen's has made rapid advances of late years, but this last is among the most important, and will be gladly welcomed by every loyal friend, student and graduate.