

the terrible crushing. By the arrangement of the day of which we are speaking, many of the mothers of those who were about to graduate, who of all others surely have a right to witness the laureation of their sons and who for no other reason could have been induced to come where there was any likelihood of a crowd, after heroically enduring all the crushing and ill-treatment described above, were unable to obtain a single glimpse of the proceedings.

Further the public were allowed to take possession of the gallery and the students accordingly were nearly all debarred from it. The use of the gallery the students claim as their right, it is small enough in all conscience, and it as small for them as the Hall is for the people.

We would advocate as a remedy, until the time when we shall have a larger hall, admission by ticket. Let each student be provided with a certain number of tickets, besides those given by the Senate, to be distributed among their friends. Let the doors be closed to all except these ticket holders up to a certain time and then thrown open to the rest of the public.

❖POETRY.❖

LURLINE.

I.

We know the thing you were, Lurline!
 As cold as care; but you were fair,
 And being worshipped as a Queen,
 Young Harold fell into your snare,
 Although we warned him to beware
 Your Arctic smile and marble mien!

II.

We know the river, too, Lurline!
 Its wave was cold, but he was bold,
 And little paused to think, I ween,
 How bitter, black and fierce it rolled—
 So he should never more behold
 Your Arctic smile and marble mien!

—GEO. F. CAMERON.

CLOSING CEREMONIES.

THE formal closing of the 43rd session of Queen's University was attended by peculiarly auspicious circumstances. The present graduating class was the first to take its full course in the new building which was opened with such imposing ceremonies four years ago. The class in Theology is the largest that ever left Divinity Hall, and further it surpasses in numbers those of any other College of the same persuasion in the Dominion. For the first time in the history of Canada, women were laureated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and though, perhaps, we cannot claim the same priority for the sex in Medicine, yet the great and grand distinction falls to Queen's of being the first University in Canada to confer the medical degree of Doctor upon the first graduates of a school specially founded and endowed for the instruction of women in that science. Still Toronto and McGill Universities will persist in calling us "denominational." We leave our readers to judge as to the applicableness of the term from the perusal of the following pages.

On Sunday afternoon, the 27th ult., the Baccalaureate sermon was preached to the Graduating Class in Convocation Hall, (or rather to those who hoped to graduate, for the results were not made known until the following day) by the Rev. James P. Sheraton, D.D., Principal of the Protestant Episcopal Divinity School, Toronto.

On Monday evening Prof. Fowler lectured in the Science Room on the "Resemblance between the Lower Animal and Vegetable Forms of Life."

WOMEN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE.

On Monday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, the closing exercises of the first Session of this College took place (with the exception of the granting of Degrees, which were of course reserved until the following Wednesday) in the Lecture Room, which was tastefully decorated with flags, banners and an abundance of beautiful flowers. Most of our readers are acquainted with all the circumstances which led to the founding of this College. The decision four years ago of the Faculty of the Royal College to start a summer school for the benefit of women, its abandonment at the close of the year, and the experiment of co-education in medicine attempted, its continuation with varying success for two sessions, when the rupture of last year took place, and co-education in this science had to be pronounced a failure. The result of this failure was anything but a failure, for the citizens of Kingston came to the rescue. As a consequence the present College was established last fall, has been affiliated to Queen's, and today is the proud Alma Mater of three graduates, of whom she will never be ashamed.

The chair was occupied by the President of the Board of Trustees, Sir Richard Cartwright, and around him on the platform were seated the members of the Faculty, the Trustees, Professors of Queen's, many other distinguished gentlemen, and a number of prominent ladies of the city, who have taken great interest in the new College, aiding it materially with their means.

The Rev. Prof. Mowat, M.A., D.D., opened the proceedings with prayer, after which the Chairman introduced Dr. Sullivan, President of the Dominion Medical Association, who had been appointed by the Faculty to deliver the closing address of the Session. The address was an exceedingly able one, characterized by the Doctor's well known wit and humor, and containing much wholesome and timely advice to the three young women about to enter upon their professional career.