

call 110 per cent. will be about 100½ per cent. Our readers may like to know that by the new United States' coinage law the unit of value is the one-dollar gold-piece, whose lawful weight is twenty-five and eight-tenths grains. The other legal coins are the quarter-eagle, the three-dollar piece, the half-eagle, the eagle, and the double-eagle. The section of the law thus regulating the values contains a clause which is making a deal of trouble for the Custom-houses and Sub-Treasuries, but especially for those in this city, where the transactions are so large. The special circular interpreting the law directs assistant-treasurers and others to receive coin when tendered, and to give a conditional receipt therefor, at its nominal and estimated value. The coin must then be sent to a mint for examination, after which its exact value in coin of full weight will be returned, or credited to the officer from whom it was received. When it is considered that from all sources some \$300,000 in coin is daily received at the New York Sub-Treasury it will be readily understood that an enormous amount of labor is needed, for every piece must be actually tested, and the weighing of one in ten thousand dollars in quarter eagles is regarded as the most that one man can do. Last week the Treasurer had to refuse to receive gold from the banks, and these in turn are inconvenienced by the lack of certificates. The object of the law is to remove light coins from circulation, and it will doubtless effect this in the end, but large holders of coin, including the Government itself, must lose heavily in the process. It has heretofore been the practice for this, and, we believe, of other governments, to receive at its nominal value all coins which have apparently been worn out merely in circulation, and the detection of coin which had been tampered with fell to the lot of experts.

### Convocation of McGill University.

#### CONFERRING OF DEGREES IN LAW AND MEDICINE.

At the annual public meeting of Convocation for the conferring of Degrees in Law and Medicine, held in the William Molson Hall, at three o'clock in the afternoon of 28th ult., the Hon. C. D. Day, Chancellor of the University, presided. There were present:—

Governors—John H. R. Molson, the Hon. Justice Torrance.

Principal—J. W. Dawson, LL.D., F.R.S., F.G.S., Vice-Chancellor.

Fellows—George W. Campbell, M.A., M.D.; Alexander Johnson, LL.D.; Rev. George Cornish, LL.D.; Rev. Henry Wilkes, D.D., LL.D.; John Reddy, M.D.; Samuel B. Schmidt, M.D.; Rev. John Jenkins, D.D.; William Wright, M.D.; J. J. McLaren, B.C.L.

Secretary, Registrar and Bursar—W. C. Baynes, B.A.

Professors—William E. Scott, M.D.; Robt. P. Howard, M.D.; Charles F. A. Markgraf, M.A.; D. C. McCallum, M.D.; Robt. Craik, M.D.; G. E. Fenwick, M.D.; Joseph M. Drake, M.D.; J. S. C. Wurtele, B.C.L.; Wm. H. Kerr, Esq.; Gonzalve Doutre, B.C.L.; George F. Armstrong, M.A., C. E., F.G.S.; Gilbert P. Girdwood, M.D.; Rev. J. Clark Murray, George Ross, M.D.

Lecturer—Bernard L. Harrington, B.A., Ph. D.

Also the following members of Convocation:

The Most Reverend the Metropolitan and Bishop of Montreal, D.D.

Doctor of Laws and of Civil Law—Rev. Wm. Bond, M.A., Dean of Montreal.

Doctors of Medicine—John Bell, Wm. E. Bessey, George W. Major, B.A., William H. Mondelet, John S. Proudfoot, Thomas G. Roddick, Thomas A. Rodger, Linus O. Thayer.

Bachelor of Civil Law—Charles Cushing.

The proceedings having been opened by prayer by the Rev. Dr. Cornish, the minutes were read by the Registrar.

The award of prizes and honors to Students in Medicine followed. The following statement was read by Dr. Campbell:—

#### PAST SESSION.

The total number of Students in the past Session was 154, of whom there were from

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| Ontario.....              | 85 |
| Quebec .....              | 53 |
| United States.....        | 10 |
| Nova Scotia.....          | 3  |
| New Brunswick.....        | 2  |
| Prince Edward Island..... | 1  |

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The number of Students who passed their Primary Examination, which includes Anatomy, Chemistry, Materia Medica, Institutes of Medicine, and Botany or Zoology, was 35, alphabetically arranged as follows:

Bigelow, Horatio C., Boston, Mass, U. S.  
Cameron, James C., Montreal, Q.  
Chevalier, Nap. E., St. Gregoire le Grand, Q.  
Cline, John D., B. A., Cornwall, O.  
Cutter, F. A., Hopkinton, New York, U. S.  
Harvey, Wellman A., Newbridge, O.  
Henderson, Edward G., Belleville, O.  
Hickey, Samuel A., B. A., Aultsville, O.  
Hockridge, Thomas G., Bradford, O.  
Hume, William L., Leeds, Q.  
Jones, Charles R., Hastings, O.  
Jones, Geo. Nelson, St. Andrews, Q.  
MacDonald, Roderick A., Cornwall, O.  
McBain, John, Williamstown, O.  
McCormick, Andrew G., Durham, Q.  
McDonell, Alex. R., Loch Garry, O.  
McMillan, Aeneas J., Edwardsburgh, O.  
Mines, William M., Montreal, Q.  
Molson, William A. "  
Monk, George Henry. "  
Moore, Charles S., London, O.  
Moore, Jehiel T., Holbrook, O.  
Norton, Thomas, Montreal, Q.  
Pattee, Richard P., Hawkesbury, O.  
Phelan, James, Stratford, O.  
Prosser, William O., Lunenburg, O.  
Rattray, James C., Portage du Fort, Q.  
Reddick, Robert, Prescott, O.  
Ritchie, John L., Halifax, Nova Scotia.  
Rogers, Amos, Bradford, O.  
Sinclair, Coll, St. Thomas, O.  
Speer, Andrew M., Richmond, Q.  
Wales, Benjamin N., St. Andrews, Q.  
Wallace, Isaac W., Milton, Q.  
Woolway, Christopher J., St. Mary's, O.

The number of students who passed their Final Examination for the Degree of M.D., C.M., was 35, alphabetically arranged as follows:—

Alguire, Duncan O., Lunenburg, Ont.—Auscultation.  
Bell, Robert W., Carleton Place, Ont.—Postpartum Hemorrhage.

Brown, Harry, London, Ont.—Sleep and its Derangements.

Carmichael, Duncan A., Beechburg, Ont.—Chronic Bright's Disease.

Chevalier, Nap. E., St. Gregoire le Grand, Q.—Intermittent Fever.

Cutter, Fred. A., Hopkinton, N. Y., U. S.—Cerebro-Spinal Fever.