

confined himself to his own observations, but has added those of local botanists, principally from Upper Canada, namely Messrs. Macann, Saunders, and Drummond. The MS. journal of Michaud, of 1792, has also been made available.

4. Trees of superior growth: The principal qualities of their wood; the uses to which they are put in this country; their diameter and height; also whether found in groups or isolated.

The prices of the different kinds of wood in the Quebec market are also given, as furnished by Mr. Quinn, Superintendent of Cullers.

PARKMAN.—France and England in North America. A series of Historical narratives.—Part second. The Jesuits in North America in the Seventeenth Century. By Francis Parkman. Boston: Little, Brown & Co., Publishers. 1 vol., 8vo; 463 pp.

We have here the second part of a work whose publication was commenced in 1865 and of which a notice appeared in this journal at the time. The narratives in the present volume will be found to contain highly interesting particulars as regards the Indians who inhabited French and British North America at the time to which these particulars refer.

LE COLLÈGE DE NICOLET.—From the Printing Establishment of the *Minerve*, Montreal.—12 mo, 215 p.

In this publication we have a series of memoirs of the men who have contributed to the establishment and support of the College of Nicolet (founded in 1804), with full particulars of the fête given in honor of the directors by the former pupils during the last vacation, and of which we gave an account at the time. The work is from the *Minerve's* printing presses and is very neatly got up.

HACKETT & TYLER.—Plutarch on the Delay of the Deity in Punishing the Wicked. Revised Edition, with Notes. By Professors H. B. Hackett and W. S. Tyler. New York, Appleton & Co., 1867. 1 vol., 12mo, pp. 171.

A treatise which combines many advantages for facilitating the study of the Greek language.

STEVENS.—*Contes populaires*. By Paul Stevens. 1 vol., 8vo. Desbarats, Publisher. 252 pp. Price \$1.

This is a collection of popular tales, forming an interesting volume. It is written partly in prose and partly in verse, and reflects much credit on its talented author.

LA REVUE CANADIENNE.—Montreal.

The May number of this review contains the following: *Charles et Eva* (concluded), by Mr. Marmette; *De Québec à Mexico* (continued), by Mr. Faucher de St. Maurice; *Bluette, allons sur l'onde*, (poetry), by Mr. Alfred Garneau; *Le R. P. Felix Bercy* (a biographical sketch), by Mr. de Bellefeuille, *La Mesange à Tete noire*, by Mr. J. M. Lemoine; *Nélida, ou les Guerres canadiennes de 1812*, (continued), by T. L.; *Notice bibliographique*, by J. R.

L'ECHO DE LA FRANCE, *Revue étrangère de Science et de Littérature*. Louis Ricard, Esq., Editor; Montreal.

This magazine, now deservedly classed among the foremost French Canadian periodicals of the day, continues to give selections from some of the leading journals, reviews, &c. published in France. Its literary merits are fully recognized, and we are sure that so long as it remains under the able management of its present Editor, it will always be taken up with pleasure by all who can command a sufficient knowledge of French to appreciate them.

KNEELAND.—*Annual of Scientific Discovery: or the Year-Book of Facts in Science and Art for 1866 and 1867*. Edited by Samuel Kneeland, A. M., M. D. Boston, Gould & Lincoln, 1867. 1 vol., 12mo, pp. 370.

The most important discoveries and improvements in the useful and mechanical arts and natural sciences are here given, together with notes on the progress of scientific investigations, a list of recent publications, obituaries of scientific men, &c.

RELATION DU VOYAGE DES RELIGIEUSES URSLINES, de Rouen à la Nouvelle Orléans, en 1727. 1 vol. 8vo. Rouen, 1865.

As the title indicates, this volume gives an account of the mission of the Ursulines of Rouen to New Orleans in the year 1727, and contains many important facts, some of which have never before been published.

### Convocation of McGill University.

The annual convocation of this University was held on Thursday afternoon, 9th May, in the Wm. Molson Hall.

The Hon. Jas. Ferrier, senior Governor, in the absence of the

Chancellor, Judge Day, presided, and on the dais were Governor, Follows, and Graduates, also Hon. A. T. Galt, likewise the Rev. Dr. Jenkins.

The Hon. Jas. Ferrier, after expressing his regret at the absence of the Chancellor, called on the Rev. Archdeacon Leach to open the proceedings with prayer.

The Registrar, W. C. Baynes, B. A., read the minutes of the last convocation.

Follows were then elected in the different Faculties as follows:—

Faculty of Law: C. P. Davidson, B. C. L.; Professor Torrance, B. C. L.

Faculty of Medicine. Dr. Godfrey and Dr. Trenholme.

Faculty of Arts: Brown Chamberlin, M. A.; R. Leach, M. A.

The Venerable Archdeacon Leach, Dean of the Faculty of Arts in McGill College, then read the Honors and Class List.

Mr. Colin Campbell Stewart, of Musquodoboit, N. S., read a brief valedictory on behalf of himself and fellow-graduates.

The following gentlemen then received the degree of M. A.:—Lemuel Cushing, B. A., B. C. L.; R. A. Ramsay, B. A., B. C. L.; D. R. McCord, B. A.; J. R. Dougall, B. A.; C. P. Davidson, B. A., B. C. L.; W. Hall, B. A.; N. W. Trenholme, B. A., B. C. L.; D. Baynes, B. A.; A. Duff, B. A.; L. H. Davidson, B. A., B. C. L.

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts, in presenting them, observed that they well deserved the degree which they were about to receive; and the officers of the Faculty of Arts saw with satisfaction the increasing number who came up for this degree; their doing so showing an augmenting interest in the College and appreciation of the honor.

The degrees both of M. A. and of B. A. were duly conferred by the Principal.

The Rev. Prof. Cornish delivered an address to the graduates, and in so doing alluded to the high value of intellectual culture, and gave words of counsel. It was of importance, he said, that they should form a correct estimate of their powers, and this was one of the acquisitions of a student life. The formation of proper habits of work and correct methods of study were essential, and the University professed to give a wise selection of subjects, tested by the experience of centuries, and calculated to develop and strengthen the powers of the mind. Yet they must ever remain students, the more so as this was an age of progress. This would involve continued labor, but it would have its reward. High moral principle was even more important than wide and deep intellectual culture. Self-reliance commanded respect, and a well regulated ambition was a legitimate and useful incentive. But a University education brought, along with its privileges, duties and responsibilities. It behooved the graduates of this University to strive to extend the benefits of sound learning. Under our new constitution it would be the more necessary to extend enlightenment to the masses, and the prosperity and permanence of the new Dominion would largely depend on the diffusion of a sound and liberal education amongst us. In conclusion, he wished all prosperity, happiness, and success might be vouchsafed to those whom he addressed.

Principal Dawson stated that the only degree, other than ordinary, granted in the past session, was the *ad eundem* degree of B. A. to Rev. O. Fortin, B. A. of Bishop's College, Lennoxville. He then proceeded to say:—

Mr. Chancellor and Gentlemen of the Convocation.—The past session has been one singularly uneventful. We have no great gains to record and no great losses to deplore. Our number of students has maintained itself at its former standard, but, except in the Faculty of Medicine has not increased. Our number of graduates will be somewhat larger than on any previous occasion, though in Arts, owing to special causes, it is this year exceptionally small. In these circumstances I think it my duty to direct your attention, not to the past, but to the future, more especially in connection with the great political change on which this country is about to enter. That change appears to be in its