

BELLEVEILLE.—Lightning, thunder and rain, 5th, 6th. Hail, 25th. Rain, 1st, 5th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 17th, 18th. A few flakes of snow, 25th.

GODERICH.—Lightning, thunder and rain, 5th. Wind storms, 1st, 4th. Fogs, 6th, 7th, 12th. Snow, 2nd, 17th, 18th, 21st, 24th, 25th. Rain, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th—9th, 11th, 16th—18th.

STRATFORD.—Fogs, 6th, 7th, 17th, 30th. Snow, 2nd, 19th, 21st, 24th, 25th. Rain, 1st, 2nd, 5th—9th, 16th—19th. Thunder, lightning and rain, 5th, 6th. During the storm of the 5th hail fell twice; first, from 12.20 to 12.30 p.m., hailstones composed of snow, hardened apparently by compression, and from half to three-quarters of an inch diameter; second, 1.15 to 1.20 p.m., hailstones of ice, from 1.5 to 2 inches diameter, over 6 inches in circumference. These were generally spherical, and were formed by the agglomeration of smaller spheres. Difference of mean monthly temperature from average of 12 years—3°62. Wild pigeons were seen on the 5th. Mill pond free from ice on the 14th. Frogs heard on the 20th.

HAMILTON.—Lightning, thunder and rain, 5th, 7th. Fogs, 7th, 8th, 9th, 17th. Snow, 21st, 25th. Rain, 4th, 5th, 7th—9th, 11th, 16th—19th, 25th. Navigation open, 14th.

SIMCOE.—Lightning, thunder and rain, 5th. Wind storms, 2nd, 14th. Snow, 24th. Rain, 1st, 6th—10th, 12th, 15th, 16th, 17th. Very moist month. Much fever and ague.

WINDSOR.—Lightning, thunder and rain, 1st, 5th. Hail, 21st. Wind storms, 10th, 16th, 21st, 22nd. Fog, 7th. Snow, 3rd, 20th—26th. Rain, 1st, 2nd, 5th—9th, 11th, 15th, 16th, 18th, 20th, 26th. Lunar halo, 5th, 10th, 14th. Detroit River open to navigation from 10th March, Lake Erie ports from 7th April, and Upper Lakes from 2nd May.

VIII. Educational Intelligence.

—VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.—The exercises of Victoria University came to a conclusion on 27th ultimo, at the Victoria Alumni Hall here. They commenced on Sunday evening, 24th, with the baccalaureate discourse by Rev. S. S. Nelles, D.D., President of the College, from the text, "Let me give thee counsel." On Tuesday afternoon the annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held in the Hall in the College building. The usual address, very carefully prepared, and to the point, was delivered by Mr. John J. McLaren, M.A., D.C.L. At its conclusion the business meeting of the Association was held, at which John H. Dumble, LL.B., the retiring President, occupied the chair, and officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows:—Rev. Professor Burwash, professor of natural sciences, Victoria College, Cobourg, President; Vice-Presidents, N. Gordon Bigelow, LL.B., Toronto; Rev. George Washington, M.A., Danville; Secretary, H. Hough, M.A., editor and proprietor of the *Cobourg World*; Treasurer, John H. Kerr, M.A., Cobourg. Mr. Hough was appointed to deliver an annual address next year. The remaining business of the meeting consisted of a discussion of various questions relating to the interests of the university, such as the establishment of new scholarships, prizes, etc. In the evening, the Managing Committee, which consists of graduates resident in Cobourg, entertained the other members of the Alumni Association and a large number of their visitors at dinner in the Alumni Hall. On Wednesday afternoon, 27th, the Convocation was held in the Victoria Hall, in presence of a very large assemblage of ladies and gentlemen. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Dr. Nelles, President of the College. The proceedings commenced with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Jones, after which the valedictory oration was delivered by Mr. J. S. Nugent, on the Colonial Question. *Degrees.*—The following degrees were then conferred:—B.A., John S. Whiting, gold medallist; D. C. McHenry, silver medallist; F. S. Nugent, valedictorian; C. J. Brown, W. H. Culver, W. A. Douglas, J. J. Hare, J. P. Harnden, A. G. Knight, Wm. Pollard, R. E. Wood, M.A.; J. B. Clarkson, B.A.; J. A. Clark, B.A.; J. R. Ross, B.A.; J. B. Wass, B.A.; M. D. Alphonse D. Aubrey, Gaspard Archambault, Geo. Beaudry, Raphael Brodeur, Joseph Conneau, Octave Contu, Alfred Desantele, L. E. DesJardins, M.D.; George Jacques, Duhaunt, Norbert Fafard, William Philp, W. H. Johnson, Tancrede Gabourg, Joseph R. Gabourg, Anit Germain, Gideon D. Lafreniere, Emery Jalonde, Edouard Lesage, Louis J. Martel, Napoleon Papin, Louis Verner, Nath Brewster, *ad eundem*; Rev. D. McDonald, LL.B., D.M.; P. Mills, *ad eundem*; S. S. Wallbridge, G. H. Watson, B.A.; M. H. Brethour, B.A.; W. McFadden, B.A.; J. A. Wright, B.A., D.D.; Rev. Luke H. Wiseman, President of the British Conference. *Medals and Prizes.*—Faculty of Arts. Prince of Wales' gold medal, John L. Whiting; Prince of Wales' silver medal, D. C. McHenry. Scholarship of 1871, first in general proficiency at matriculation, T. H. Hooper. Dr. Marks' Bursary, second in general proficiency at matriculation, A. Coleman. Scholarship of the class of '72, first in modern languages, D. C. McHenry. Biggar Scholarship, first in general proficiency in junior class, H. F. Marceau. Ryerson prize, first in Scripture history, W. E. Ellis. Webster prize, first English essay, A. G. Knight. Hodgins prize, second English essay, B. Longley; Wallbridge

prize, Greek Testament, Freshman class, A. Coleman, senior; Greek Testament prize, J. L. Whiting. Mills prize, first in Frenchman classic, A. Coleman. Punshon prize, first in composition and elocution, T. S. Nugent. Nelles prize, Essay on Harmony of Science and Religion, J. B. Clarkson, M.A. Faculty of Medicine. Gold medal, W. H. Johnson; silver medal, N. Brewster. Scholarships, P. McLean and John Kirkpatrick. Honourable mention, Rev. D. McDonald. Theological department. Cooley prize, first in ethics and evidences, R. B. Hare; McDonald prize, first in elocution, J. Tovell. Literary Association. Prizes, first in elocution, D. C. McHenry; second in elocution, J. Tovell; third in elocution, J. J. Hare. After presentation of prizes, the Chancellor said he wished to call attention to several benefactions in addition to those already referred to. He had great pleasure in announcing to the friends of the University, and to the public generally, that Mr. H. W. Brethour, of Brantford, had within the last few days established a scholarship of \$100 a-year. Mr. Brethour seemed to have been immediately prompted to this benefaction, in addition to former kindnesses, by his acquaintance with Mr. Mills, now head master of Brantford High School, and who was formerly a master in connection with this University. Mr. Mills had been authorized to write him (the Chairman) to say that the gentleman referred to would give the sum of \$100 yearly to be given to the best of the Matriculants in addition to those of Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Biggar. Another had been established by Rev. Ed. Wilson, Wesleyan minister, of New Jersey, out of appreciation for the kindness received by his deceased son, who was a student at the College, at the hands of his friends and companions there. It amounted to \$30 annually, to be given to the highest student of the graduate class in the department of mathematics, that being the department in which his son had studied with the greatest fondness and success. He was certain they all appreciated very much this mark of generosity and high regard on the part of a gentleman almost an entire stranger to them, and only connected to them by the link to which he had already alluded. Mr. T. McNaughton, of Cobourg, had also founded for a period of five years an annual prize of \$20, for proficiency in elocution. These donations suggested many thoughts and observations to which he might give expression under other circumstances, and there were other matters in connection with the University upon which he might probably dilate but for the presence of gentlemen who would address them on this occasion. Besides those gentlemen who were present to-day, he had had additional promises from Hon. Mr. Mowat, Hon. Mr. Cockburn, and Sir John Macdonald, all of whom had signified their desire and their intention of being present if their other engagements would permit. Telegrams had been received from them all, however, announcing the impossibility of their being present. They, however, had the honour and satisfaction of having present a very distinguished gentleman, a former professor of Oxford, and also of a university in the neighbouring Republic. (Cheers.) He was no doubt a stranger to most of them, personally, but there were also a great many who knew him by his writings—writings as remarkable for the purity of their style as for their vigour and manly independence of thought. (Cheers.) The effect of some of them some of us Canadians were wont a few years ago to fear a little, but we now feared them no longer, the talented author having become a resident of the Dominion, and editor of the *Canadian Monthly and National Review*. He thought he was warranted in presenting him to this audience, not only as a true Briton, but as what he regarded as precisely the same thing, a true Canadian. (Loud cheers.) It gave him very great satisfaction to introduce to them Professor Goldwin Smith.—Mr. Goldwin Smith, who was received with loud applause, said he was sure they must feel disappointed at the absence of those leading statesmen of the Dominion and Province of Ontario, whose eloquence they all expected to have heard to-day, and he felt himself quite inadequate to take their places. He presumed this honour was cast upon him by those present, amongst whom were many who were more worthy of it, because he was a stranger visiting Cobourg for the first time, and witnessing the good order of its ours and prizes of a University, his mind travelled back to that old romantic city by the side of the Thames, full of ancient buildings and ancient memorials; and although we could not bring that city here, nor those academical institutions, we must provide such institutions as were suitable to the needs of the country, such institutions as he felt had been provided here. It was not easy to select a theme for an occasion like the present. It was idle to occupy their time with commonplace praise of education in general, and