

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.—*Alma Mater Society*.—The Annual Conversation of this Society was held on the evening of the 25th April, in Convocation Hall, which was tastefully decorated, and crowded with the elite of the city, to its utmost capacity. The Alma Mater Glee Club sang several songs and glees very creditably. Judge Draper favoured the guests with the famous song "Good Rhenish Wine." Mr. James Gildersleeve sang "In Days of Old," and Mr. Gray "The Old Piney Woods." In addition to these were a piano duett by Mrs. Murray and Miss Dupuy, a piano solo by Miss Legassic, and a recitation of Edgar Poe's "Raven" by Mr. Nicholson, prefaced by a few remarks on Poe, by the Rev. Professor Murray. The President's address was delivered by Mr. Machar immediately after the opening song, "Gaudemus." The tableaux and experiments went off very well. During the evening a gentleman from Toronto played certain variations on the piano forte. The refreshment table was laid out in a room on the first floor, and its varied and liberal contents were done full justice to by one detachment after another of the great crowd that thronged the rooms. These annual gatherings have been popular affairs since their commencement, but the attendance on this occasion was said to be much larger than that at any previous conversazione of the Society. The entertainment was closed with the National Anthem.—*Abridged from Daily News.*

Convocation.—This Court met in the Convocation Hall on the last day of the Session, when there was a very large attendance to witness the conferring of degrees and the distribution of prizes, &c. After prayer by the Principal, and the reading of minutes by the Registrar, the Professors in the various departments of Arts and Theology called up their most distinguished students to receive the honours they had won. The Principal then proceeded to bestow the University prizes, announced at the close of last Session, for the best Essays on certain prescribed subjects. The best Essays had been selected, but the names of the authors could not be intimated until the sealed envelopes containing them were opened. Having opened the envelopes and read their contents, the Principal announced that the Ottawa Prize of \$40, for the best Essay, on "The Advantages and Responsibilities of our Connection with the Parent Country," had been gained by Mr. Nathan F. Dupuis, Kingston, and the Montreal Prize of \$40, for the best Essay on "The Didactic in relation to the Devotional Element in the Lord's Prayer," by Mr. Robert Jardine, Brockville. The prizes have been awarded by gentlemen, not connected with the College, acting as judges; but the Principal said he had read all the Essays given in, had found them very creditable productions, and entirely concurred in the decision of the judges. This new feature in the proceedings of the Convocation excited a great deal of interest. For a few moments, at the opening of the envelopes, there was perfect stillness in the hall, and this suspense was followed by hearty and repeated rounds of applause, as the names of the successful competitors were announced. The results were considered sufficiently encouraging to induce an effort for the continu-

ation of the arrangement, and at an advanced stage of the meeting the Principal intimated that certain gentlemen had authorized him to announce several valuable prizes for competition during the ensuing summer. The Senate had resolved upon the following list: 1. The Kingston prize of \$50, for the best Essay on "Confederation in its bearings upon the Commercial Prosperity of the British North American Colonies." 2. The Toronto prize of \$40, for the best Essay on "The Oratory of the Ancient Greeks and Romans." 3. The Montreal prize of \$40, for the best Essay on "The Sabbath in its Mosaic and Christian Aspects." 4. Church Agent's prize of \$25, for the best Essay on "The Scriptural Argument for Presbyterianism."—The first open to all registered students of next session; the second to all students in Arts and the others to all students in Divinity.

The next part of the programme was the laureation of graduates. The Registrar, Professor Murray, having administered the *Sponsio Academica*, the graduates were presented by Professor Williamson, and capped by the Principal in the following order—For the degree of *Bachelor of Arts*.—1. Nathan F. Dupuis, Kingston, with first class honours in Mathematics, Natural Philosophy, Logic, and Natural Sciences; 2. Peter C. Macgregor, Lanark; 3. Evan C. W. McColl, Kingston, with first class honours in Moral Philosophy and second class honours in Classics and Logic; 4. Robert Chambers, Norwich, with second class honours in Classics; 5. Francis H. Crysler, Bath, with first class honours in Logic and Natural Sciences, and second class honours in Moral Philosophy; 6. William Caldwell, Lanark, with second class honours in Natural Sciences; 7. Peter McLaren, Lanark; 8. Joseph S. Eakin, Markham; 9. Charles F. Ireland, Kingston.

It was also announced that the Senate had resolved to confer this degree on the Rev. Duncan Morrison, Brockville.

Master of Arts.—(Alphabetical list)—Edmison, Henry, B.A., Peterboro; Fraser, Donald, B.A., Glengary; Jardine, Robert, B.A., Brockville; McLennan, William, B.A., Williamstown.

Bachelor of Divinity.—Robert Jardine, M.A., Brockville.

The Principal having addressed the graduates on the various classes of obligations arising out of the privileges and honour of their position, they had an opportunity, for a few minutes, of receiving the congratulations of their Professors. The Principal then rose and announced the resolution of the Senate to confer two honorary degrees—the first that of Doctor of Divinity upon the Rev. John Geddie, the illustrious Missionary from the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia to the inhabitants of Aneiteum, one of the New Hebrides group of Islands. In announcing this degree the Principal spoke of the devoted and judicious labours of Mr. Geddie among the Aneiteumese for a period of nineteen years; of the success with which he had reduced their language to a written form, and translated the Scriptures into it, and of the grand result—the adoption of Christianity by the entire population, which, on Mr. Geddie's arrival, was