

Faculty of Law 22, Faculty of Medicine 24, Faculty of Arts 5. The following are the names of the gentlemen who took the degree of M. D. : Messrs L. Conrad Gill, David L. Larose and L. F. Eugene Rousseau.

The distribution of prizes at the Quebec Seminary took place after the usual examination on the 8th July, and was very well attended, as were also the examinations held on the following day at the college of Ste. Anne Lapocatière.

At the College of Montreal, a numerous assembly gathered from all parts of the country to witness the examination held on the 2nd July, and all present appear to have been very favourably impressed with the high standard of education imparted in this old institution of learning. The examinations held at St. Mary's College, Montreal, were also very successful. The colleges of St. Thérèse and St. Hyacinthe, in the vicinity of Montreal, also distributed prizes before numerous public assemblies.

Hon. Mr. Chauveau, Premier and Minister of Public Instruction, attended the distribution of prizes at the convent school of *Jesus-Marie*, Quebec, and congratulated the pupils on the proficiency they had attained. At the Ursulines convent, Lady Monck and the Misses Monck witnessed the examinations and assisted in the award of honours. Among the many distinguished persons who were also present on the occasion we notice the names of the Consul General for France and the Vice-Consul for Spain, who appear to have taken a deep interest in the proceedings. At the *Congrégation de Notre-Dame*, Quebec, and at the Ladies of the *Congregation*, Villa-Maria, as well as at the convents of *Jesus et Marie* and Mont Ste. Marie, and St. Anne, Lachine, brilliant examinations were held.

The St. Denis Ladies' Academy, Montreal, the Commercial Academies at Montreal and Quebec, and the Brothers' schools throughout the country also held annual examinations with very satisfactory results.

Presentation of Diplomas.

A full report of the presentation of diplomas at McGill Normal School having appeared in our last, it now only remains to notice the proceedings which took place at the two other provincial training schools.

In both departments of the Laval Normal School, diplomas were presented to very large graduating classes, and the usual prizes conferred on the more deserving among the younger pupil-teachers. The annexed model schools also held the customary examinations and they exhibit long lists of successful competitors who struggled for honours in the French and English classes.

At the Jacques-Cartier Normal School, the death of Mr. Dos-taler, Professor of Chemistry, which had taken place quite recently, invested the proceedings with a mournful interest that called forth a display of touching eloquence from the learned Principal. Addresses were also delivered by Mr. Regnaud, Associate Professor, and by C. S. Cherrier, Esq. Q. C., which were listened to with marked approbation; after which the prizes were awarded and the teachers-in-training dismissed to their homes.

Monument to an Historian of Canada.

HON. MR. CHAUVEAU'S ORATION.

The monument recently erected by public subscription to the late Mr. Garneau, the well-known historian of Canada, was

inaugurated on the 15th September, under the auspices of the Lieut-Governor, and in the presence of a large and brilliant assembly. As the occasion had been eagerly anticipated, an announcement by Mr. Lemoine, acting president of the committee, drew together fully three thousand persons, among whom, besides His Excellency's staff, were the Premier of the Province, members of the cabinet, judges, barristers, and many leading citizens of the old capital.

The ceremony was opened with a burial service, conducted by Rev. Mr. Auclair, curé of Quebec; after which a funeral oration was pronounced by Hon. Mr. Chauveau.

Deep and unusual were the emotions called forth when in the tranquil sunshine of a Sunday afternoon, surrounded by a thousand historic associations, the Premier, who had snatched a moment from the cares and turmoil of political life, stood uncovered in the presence of a vast and attentive multitude, about to review the touching incidents of a past friendship, on the tomb of his old friend. Hon. Mr. Chauveau spoke in French, and we translate as follows :

Your Excellency and Gentlemen,

We are assembled at the grave of a friend, a fellow-citizen, a writer of whom any country might well have been proud — of a man who was devoted heart and soul to his country. In bidding a last farewell to these mortal remains, it seems as if we were discharging a sacred duty, not for ourselves only, but for the whole community.

To honour the name of one who had wrought for the glory of our hearths was a noble and patriotic thought, at whose execution you, sir, had presided even before you were called to the highest civil dignity in this new province. François-Xavier Garneau is a name as widely known as that of Canada itself; it is bound up indissolubly with the fame of this country. How, painful, then, would have been the reflexion, if he that had raised the noblest of monuments to his native land had now slept without a gravestone on its soil — a soil whose beauties he had sung as a bard, whose heroes he had rendered famous as a chronicler!

A poet, a traveller and an historian, François-Xavier Garneau, ever disinterested and self-sacrificing, was also a man of action, endowed with courage, heroic perseverance and indomitable will. A fixed idea, or rather the consciousness of a noble mission, had taken possession of his whole being; and to its fulfilment he devoted all—heart, mind, repose, fortune, health. A chief task, a life-long work, a nation's monument to erect, to perfect, to re-touch, to grace with ornaments — such was his life as he himself contemplated it.

And all this, gentlemen, was accomplished at the cost of the 'midnight oil,' and in the midst of humbler occupations. There were in him, in fact, two distinct natures: one entirely absorbed in the modest though earnest and difficult duties necessary to the maintenance of his family; the other, a patriotic votary of the Muses, devoted to letters, history, and song; and strange as it may appear, these two distinct beings had been moulded to perfection one from the other, without extraneous assistance. Armed with the simplest rudiments of primary instruction, he had found means to acquire, perfect and retain both the practical education indispensable to the bank clerk, the notary, and the municipal functionary, and that higher literary and philosophical training which belongs to the thinker and the writer. What loftier example have we of the power of human will! what lesson more elevating! what teaching more impressive for the youth of Canada! Mr Garneau had ardently desired to follow a collegiate course, but his wishes were not to be gratified in this respect; and yet, how many that have enjoyed this vast advantage over him have undertaken and brought to a successful issue a task of equal magnitude? He was, undoubtedly, gifted with rare