

## VI. Educational Intelligence.

### CANADA.

#### UNIVERSITY OF MCGILL COLLEGE CONVOCATION.

(From the Montreal Gazette.)

The Annual Convocation of this University was held yesterday, P. M. A large audience assembled to witness the proceedings. The President of the Board of Governors, the Hon. C. D. Day, LL.D., presided. The proceedings were opened with prayer by the Rev. Vice-President Leach. The Convocation then proceeded to ballot for convocation fellows for the coming year, when W. B. Lamb, Esq., B.C.L., was unanimously re-elected to represent the graduates in Law, W. Jones, Esq., M. D., those in the faculty of Medicine, and B. Chamberlain, Esq., M.A., those in the faculty of Arts.

The Vice-Principal, as Dean of the faculty of Arts, next announced the list of graduates, the prize men, and those taking honors among the students of that faculty as follows ;

The certificates of Honor and Medal were distributed—Messrs. Henry McLaren, Reginald J. Plimsoil, and John H. Perkins, were announced as having passed their examination and become entitled to the degree of B.A. by the Dean of Faculty, and Mr. Oliver Gooding to receive the diploma, as Graduate in the Class of Civil Engineering and Land Surveying. The Vice-Principal said that the conferring of this Diploma formed an era in the history of public education in Montreal, and he believed in the Province.—They would recognize a peculiar fitness in this first honor falling to the person who had received it. Mr. Perkins then delivered his valedictory address ; Mr. Jenkins read his prize essay ; Mr. Dougall his prize poem. After which the graduates were presented to the Dean of Faculty, and received their degree. Professor Cornish addressed the Students and Graduates in the Faculty of Arts.

The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Professor Holmes, next announced the names of the Graduates in Medicine. The Prizes for Essays in this Faculty were awarded to W. H. Taylor and T. F. English.

The Dean of the Faculty of Law announced the prizes awarded and honors conferred on the Students in that Faculty. Mr. Daly delivered the valedictory on behalf of the Students in this Faculty, after which the Dean of Faculty presented the following gentlemen, who received the degree of B. C. L. ;—Messrs. D. Browne, B. A., Daly, Doure and Jodoin.

Professor Torrance addressed the Graduates, on behalf of the Faculty.

The Principal then announced that the Corporation had, during the past year, conferred the degree of LL.D. on Professor DeSola, who had been long connected with the University as its Hebrew Professor, and had this year collected a class pursuing the study of that language. They had the more pleasure in conferring the degree upon him that his name was not unknown among the literature of his own people. Also, the same upon W. S. Smith, Esq., Rector of the High School of Quebec, a worthy competitor of our own High School, in the diffusion of a sound education. Also the same degree upon Professor Holmes. The Principal was sure the announcement of this degree would be received with great satisfaction. The Professor had been connected with the Medical Faculty of the University since its first establishment in 1828, and had been Dean of that Faculty through many years, when it alone gave evidence that the university possessed any vitality. He was now the Senior Professor of the University. He had, too, when few men gave attention to these subjects, been most influential in founding the Natural History Society, and promoting the study of that science. The Principal concluded with a few parting words to graduates and students.

The President made a statement at considerable length of the educational progress and capabilities, and pecuniary position of the University. Hon. P. J. O. Chauveau, LL.D., addressed the audience in a very happy French speech ; and Professor Cornish closed the proceedings with the benediction.

— ANNUAL EXAMINATION OF THE MODEL SCHOOL.—On Friday last the annual examination of the Provincial Model School took place, when the pupils acquitted themselves very creditably, and apparently to the high satisfaction of the spectators. Though no publicity was given to the examination, a respectable number of friends and parents turned out, especially in the afternoon, when there must have been several hundred present among whom was noted Lady Head and attendants. It is to be regretted, that owing to illness, the mistress of the girl's department was not present

with her assistants, who, however, must have given full satisfaction to every reasonable expectation.

At the close of the examination the schools adjourned to the spacious theatre of the Normal School, the pupils occupying the body, and the spectators densely crowding all other available space. After singing, and one or two excellent recitations by lads of the boys' department, a committee of the young ladies read a short address sympathising with Mr. Goodwin, teacher of calisthenics and gymnastics, in his losses and injuries at a late fire, and then handed him a purse containing a considerable sum raised by themselves. Mr. Hickok, their late music master, also received presents of books from both boys and girls, as a proof of the approbation he has secured during the past session.

It will be remembered that Mr. Macallum, master of the school, is leaving to take charge of the Hamilton public schools. The boys, as a tribute of affection, presented him with a handsome watch chain, valuable from its intrinsic worth, as well as from the circumstances and feelings which prompted it. The present was accompanied by an address, to which Mr. Macallum made a suitable reply. We are sorry that space will not permit its insertion, and give merely the closing sentence, as showing the feelings with which that gentleman leaves Toronto. "To this institution in all its branches, and to all therewith connected, I desire all success. Let us hope and labour for it, that the past may only be the auspicious beginning of a future far more auspicious than our most sanguine expectations." The Chief Superintendent of Education, Dr. Ryerson, then made some remarks complimentary in the highest degree to Mr. Macallum, who had served so materially the educational interests of our country in this institution for ten or eleven years. After singing and the benediction, the boys performed some gymnastics in their play-ground, to the great amusement and satisfaction of the numerous spectators. Dr. Ryerson dismissed the school till the third of May, and the anniversary closed amid good feeling.—*Globe*.

—BUSTS OF PUBLIC MEN.—We have seen a bust of the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, at the School of Design, 36 Queen Street, which is a capital likeness. It is in plaster of Paris, and has been executed by Mr. Rosen. We notice this the rather, because it is the first of a series of busts of public men which Mr. Rosen purposes to prepare, should sufficient encouragement be extended to the enterprise. It is a laudable undertaking, and we trust that its success will not be endangered by the indifference of the citizens of Toronto to a new and very interesting branch of the Fine Arts in this city.—*Ibid*.

— THE REV. JAMES PORTER, late Superintendent of Education in New Brunswick, has been appointed Superintendent of Schools in Toronto, in the place of Mr. G. A. Barber, resigned. There were twenty-one candidates for the appointment.

— VICTORIA COLLEGE, COBOURG.—The annual examination of the students of this institution commenced on Thursday, May 20. The degree of B.A. was conferred on the following gentlemen :—Smith George Ward, Cobourg ; Wm. Robert Parker, Bradford ; Abraham R. Bain, Cobourg and James C. Hamilton, B.A. of Rutgers' College, United States, *ad eundem*, Toronto. The degree of A.M. was conferred on the following gentlemen :—William Wagner Nelles, M.A., *ad eundem*, Port Dover ; Rev. A.D. Wilbor, Batavia, New York ; Rev. Samuel Glynn McCaughery, Pickering ; Rev. John B. Logan, Weston ; John Campbell, Cobourg ; Wm. Kerr, B.A., Cobourg. The degree of M.D. was conferred on the following gentlemen :—William Anderson, Daniel Clark, John R. Flock, Peregrine McMann, Lewis Langstaff, Arthur Paget, John H. Wilson, Francis E. Roy, Charles A. Bowen, John De Evelyin, James McKay, William J. Mason, Wm. Pipe, William Scholfield, James B. Rounds, and Henry C. Fleak.

— SCHOOL CELEBRATION IN WESTMINSTER.—A school anniversary and dinner was held at the school-house, in section No. 16, Westminster, on Wednesday, May 5. The union-jack was hoisted at 8 a.m., showing that Her Majesty had loyal subjects in that section. A green booth was erected, nearly 100 feet long by 20 wide. Two tables, loaded with delicacies, reached the whole length of the tent. The dinner, of which 412 partook, was free for all. An arch of green cedar was erected over the gate, and the motto placed over the school-house door,—"Education the Glory of Canada!" A band of music occupied the platform, and added greatly to the enjoyment of those present. The Rev. T. Crews took the chair, and having made some very appropriate remarks by way of opening, called the following speakers upon the platform : Rev. D. Fraser, Mr. Nash, S. Morrill, Esq., T. Ellwood, Esq., Dr. Wilson, J. Park, Esq., and the Rev.