

feature of the institution. I consider that department, drawing, as it does, boys from all parts of the country, as a most important one, and it is of the greatest importance that he who has the charge of them, should have the confidence not only of us, who are at the head of this institution, but of the parents of the children, and the country at large. His Lordship now related the steps he took in England to secure the services of the Rev. Mr. Walker, the successor of the late lamented Rector. Out of the 30 or 40 applications, he had selected the present Rector, unhesitatingly, as one who presented the greatest prospect of supplying such a Rector as was desired for this institution. (Loud applause.) He is the son of an eminent Professor of the University of Oxford, and was born and trained up there under one of many of those now occupying first-places in that University. He attained the highest honour in his own University and a high place in his own college also, and had for eight years been occupying the important place of Professor of Mathematics in the Royal Military College at Sandhurst. Now, I consider an individual who passed through collegiate life with such high honour, and with the exemplary character he has always borne, who had the great experience he must have had in the disciplining and training of pupils during the time he was at such an institution as Sandhurst, comes to us with no small advantages, and no mean qualifications to occupy his present position. (Applause.) I am quite aware of the jealousy that often exists at the introduction of new men from the mother country but I believe it to be perfectly unjustifiable that we are not, for the best positions among us, to look out for the best qualified men, come from where they may. Mr. Walker being a man of good, practical common sense, would soon adapt himself to our habits and modes of thinking, and gain the confidence of those over whom he is placed by showing he has thrown himself boldly and honestly into his work, and that he will, before we meet again, another year, have proved by his work among us that the confidence we have placed in him has not been undeserved. His Lordship pointed out the importance of treating one in Mr. Walker's position with fairness, and even consideration, and testing his merits by his work, without any prejudging of the case. He continued—I thought it right to make those observations at present, because we are now in a great crisis of our institution, beginning again, after an interregnum of the last twelve months, to go out to the country to solicit their approval and support, without which the institution cannot be carried on to any effect. I fully appreciate the importance of the present moment in the history of this Province; that we are passing into a new condition—from, as it were, the leading strings of childhood to the full manhood of national character; and therefore it is we do require a very large infusion among our public men, of men of knowledge, of men who shall not be merely carrying on the work of the day for personal or unworthy objects, but who shall, acquainted with the political histories of other nations and with the great duties of international life, be able to place the dominion of Canada in its proper position in the scale of nations. More than that, we are passing into a new condition ecclesiastically as well as politically. The church in Canada occupies an important and prominent position, being the only colonial church having a substantive, self-governing position; and very much will depend, as to the future of the church at large, upon the manner in which we conduct ourselves in our present responsible position; and, therefore, the young men who go forth from this institution to take their places as ministers and pastors among our people, and who will afterwards come up to take part in our synods, will have a very serious responsibility upon them as to the future of the church in Canada, and as reacting upon the church throughout the world. And though we be here as but a little one among the thousands of Israel, we are a great seminal principle in this place. Therefore it is I rejoice in the success which has attended this institution, and I look forward to it to develop itself more and more year by year as a great church institution, as a great seminary of general learning, balanced by those religious principles which we endeavour to infuse into our young people, to be a great element in the future of Canada in connection with that portion of the population with whom we have to do. Our excellent friend who last addressed you (the Hon. Mr. Galt) spoke of his interest in this institution as an educational one, and I do feel that to Mr. Galt we are deeply indebted for the care and attention which he has given to that particular department in the arrangements for the constitution of the new Dominion of Canada. (Loud applause.) But it will be idle and vain for statesmen to lay down their rules on paper, or to advocate, in the legislature, anything for the advancement of education, unless we can give them the instruments properly trained up to give effect to the legislation they may there enact. Therefore it is in connection with the future of Canada that I look on this institution as one of the greatest importance in this part of the province; and seeing so many here this day, coming as many of them do from various parts of it, I hope they will carry

back from here a good report of the present position of the institution and endeavour to do justice to it, among their several neighbours, so that it may expand and increase in its influence till it shall reach that eminence which it so richly deserves, and which I have the faith to believe it will hereafter attain. (Loud applause.)

The METROPOLITAN now distributed the prizes to the pupils, who, as usual on such joyful occasions, received rounds of applause from their admiring, but less successful school-mates in the remote seats:

List of gentlemen who received degrees:

*Honoris Causa*.—Hon. Mr. Galt and Archdeacon Leach, each D. C. L.; Rev. Canon Street, Chaplain to the Bishop of Illinois, M. A.

*Graduates*.—Henry L. Slack, M. A., and James Hepburn, B. A., John F. Carr, B. A., James King, B. A., George W. G. R. Zulcke, B. A., and Henry Burges, B. A.

The S. P. G. Jubilee scholarship was assigned to J. F. Carr, B. A.

The CHANCELLOR, having thanked the ladies, and gentlemen present for their encouraging attendance, declared the meeting adjourned.—*Montreal Gazette*.

### St. Francis College and Grammar School, Richmond, Province of Quebec,

Another prosperous year of this Institution was closed by public exercises in the College Lecture Rooms, on the 3rd. inst.

On the Dais were the Rt Hon Lord Aylmer, Pres. of the Corporation; John Hethrington, Esq. Vice Pres.; W. H. Webb, Esq. Q. C., M. P. P.; Messrs Ex-Mayor Cleveland; Mayor Mackie; Rev. J. McCaul; Principal Graham; Professors Hubbard, Duff, Hamilton and others. Apologies were received from Rev. J. S. Gay, Ch. of England, and others expressing regret at their unavoidable absence. The Hall which was testefully decorated with flags and evergreens, was, as usual, crowded with the students and their friends.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by the Rev. Jno. Mackay, Can. Presbyterian Church. Then followed exercises in elocution in English and French, these were received by the auditors with even more than the usual manifestations of approval.

From the reports of the Principal and the several Professors, the following synopsis is taken:—There have been one hundred and twelve students and pupils in the College and Grammar School during the past year, thirty two of these have boarded with the Principal who resides in the College building. The average age of the students in the College has been twenty-three years,—that of the pupils in the Grammar School, sixteen years.

Forty-five students have matriculated in this College during the past six years, nearly one half of whom, have entered the Professional Faculties of Law and Medicine in the University of McGill College, of which the St. Francis is an affiliated College. These Professional students have usually attended lectures but one or two years in the Faculty of arts in this College.

It is to be regretted that a greater number of students do not complete their course in arts before commencing their lectures in Law, Medicine, and Theology, and it is to be hoped that the time is not far distant, when students will not be admitted to the University lectures in Law and Medicine, who have not attained at least, two years standing in arts.

The whole number of pupils in this Institution during the past seven years has been nearly five hundred, the aggregate for the same time, has been seven hundred and seventy.

The classification according to "religion" has been nearly as follows:—Ch. of Eng. one fourth; Ch. of Scot. about one fifth; Cong. one seventh; Can. Presby. one eighth; R. Cath, one ninth, and the remainder from several other denominations.

The students at present in arts, are Morrison, Campbell, Hethrington, Wellwood, McLeod, Robinson, Hutchison, Wadleigh, Abbott, Watters, Miller, Cruikshank, Watters and Abbott.

In the classical senior class of the Grammar School, were King, Sanborn, Duff, Jenks, Cameron, McIntyre, Brodie and Cochrane.

The students in surveying, were Cleveland, third year; Lawrence and Greene, first year.

Of the June examinations of Grammar Schools pupils, the following are some of the results, the order of the names indicating the standing of each:—Euclid. Sanborn, Duff, Cameron, and McIntyre; Arith, 1st Div. Duff, (Prize.) Ross, Cleveland; 2nd Div. Blair (Prize.) Phillips, Morrill, Hamel, Heubach, Cassidy, McPherson; 3rd Div. Gay, Campbell, Davis, Main, Desaulniers, McGie; 4th Div. Gorrie, Stewart, Glenney, McKenzie, Rhoades, Coburn. Eng. Gram. 1st Div.; Blair, Ross, Phillips, Stewart, Morrill, Heubach, Hamel, Nixon, Cassidy, McPherson; 2nd Div. Gay, Desaulniers, Campbell, Gouin, Davis; 3rd Div. Main, Fowler, McKenzie, Brymuer, McGie; Reading and Spelling. 1st Div.; Blair, Cassidy, Stewart, Ross, Phillips; 2nd Div. Fowler, McKenzie, Main, McGie, Brymuer.—Hist. of Eng.; Cassidy, Gay, Stewart. Hist. of Can.; Fowler, McGie, Gorrie. Geog. 1st Div.; Blair, Cassidy, Heubach,