

AT the recent convocation of Glasgow University, the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on the Rev. Professor Mowat, M. A., Professor of Hebrew and Chaldee in this University. We congratulate Dr. Mowat. The honor and distinction attached to such a degree from such a noted University are such that he may well feel proud. We congratulate Queen's, the honor done to one of her graduates radiates upon us all. We congratulate Glasgow University upon her choice. In honoring Professor Mowat she has honored herself. No man in Canada deserves college honors more than Dr. Mowat, a man of profound scholarship and learning, and withal of such a genial disposition, that to know him is to love him. He with D. Bain, M.A., of this city, and the late John Bonner, M.A., publisher of New York, were the first graduates of Queen's, receiving their degrees in '45 when Professor Mowat went to Edinburgh to complete his theological studies. He was appointed to the chair which he still holds and fills so well, twenty-seven years ago, together with that of Biblical criticism and Church History. Of the latter of these he was relieved four years ago by the appointment of lecturers, and of Biblical criticism last year, when the Rev. Professor Ross, M.A., B.D., was added to the college staff. The doctor has spent the best of his years in the service of the college, has worked for it with untiring energy and stood by it, giving it no weak support, in its dark days; and now he has his reward in witnessing the position she holds to-day. Long may he be spared to add to the honor of his Alma Mater. Events of the past year indicate very clearly how strong are becoming the ties which bind the old Scottish Universities to the "daughter across the sea."

THE mode of admitting the public last Convocation Day to the Hall, must be pronounced a decided failure. Convocation Hall is not half large enough on such occasions and there has always been a difficulty about the disposing of the multitudes who throng to it, but we must say the means adopted this last time were the most unsatisfactory yet. The doors were advertised to be open at 2.30, P. M. They were opened then but only for a few minutes when they were closed again until 3.30, P. M., because it was feared the hall would become too full to admit of the senatorial procession, including the Trustees, University Council, etc. When therefore the doors or rather one of the doors was again opened the scene beggars description. People seemed to lose all sense of courtesy, to forget that they laid claim to being ladies and gentlemen. They all crowded forward like hogs to their feeding troughs, (if you will excuse the simile but it too truly represents the case), without any regard whatever to one another. We saw gentlemen of whom we would have expected far better things and among them clergymen, crowding and elbowing in a most disgraceful manner. Many women fainted, others became hysterical, while others getting forced behind the doors were nearly crushed to death.

The procession no doubt was imposing, as its members filed up the main aisle in full academic costume, but they would not have lost any of their dignity, they would all have been seen, and they would have had the hearty thanks of the students and citizens of Kingst^on, if they had, as heretofore, come up the stairway which leads on to the platform, and thus left the main door open to the general public. People then could have entered the Hall as they arrived, or if it was too full would then have left as hundreds had to do anyway, and thus saved