

contrast to that of which I have just spoken—for it is a pamphlet of some ninety-four pages, and shows the growth of this department of McGill, from its small beginning to its present magnificent status. The present dean and the staff of professors associated with him are the worthy successors of the founders and early professors of the Faculty, and we hope to recognize this fact at the April meeting of the convocation by conferring the degree of Doctor of Laws on Dr. Howard.”

SIR WILLIAM DAWSON then extended the congratulations of the other Faculties to the gentlemen on whom the degrees had just been conferred. Especially did he congratulate the men who had taken an arts course in addition to the medical. He trusted that the old students would always maintain feelings of love for their old University, and the professors in return would always be ready to do what they could for them. (Applause.)

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### Medical Items.

—Sir William Jenner has been re-elected President of the Royal College of Physicians.

—A proposition to establish a Post-Graduate School in London, Eng., is being agitated.

—Dr. E. G. Janeway has been appointed to succeed the late Dr. Flint in the chair of Medicine of Bellevue Medical College.

—The Contagious Diseases Acts of Great Britain, by which prostitution was regulated in a number of the garrison and sea-port towns, have been repealed by a vote of 245 to 131. The *Lancet* expresses regret at the repeal, and says that henceforth “disease and immorality in their most revolting forms are to riot in the midst of our garrison towns.”

—Dr. McWilliam, the Assistant Professor of Physiology in University College, London, has been appointed Professor of the Institutes of Medicine in the University of Aberdeen, *vice* Professor Stirling, who has accepted the chair of Physiology in the Victoria University. Dr. McWilliam has published numerous researches on the functions of the heart in various animals, which are of great importance.

—The Carlyle Memorial Tablet, recently set up in Cheyne Row, Chelsea, could not be placed on the house so long inhabited by the Scotch sage. It was found impossible to obtain the neces-