

we mistake not in those of the Journal, whose previous decease paved the way for the commencement of that esteemed periodical. The name of Mr. W. Skakel in matters of Meteorological science is not to be lightly passed over; and although no legislative grant, no public recognition, would bear even a seeming of reward to his labours, his name must descend to posterity, as one of the earliest, if not the earliest cultivator of this science in this City, if not in the Province. We of course mean the observation of the phenomena at regular stated hours, over prolonged periods of time. We again repeat, that we feel extremely pleased that, with regard to Dr. Smallwood, the Government has seen fit thus to mark its appreciation of his merits.

## THE CONVOCATION AT MCGILL COLLEGE.

The annual convocation of this University was held, in the large hall of the McGill Normal School building on Friday, May 4th, when the degree of doctor in medicine and surgery was conferred on the following twenty-three gentlemen, whose names, residences and inaugural dissertations we subjoin. It is necessary for the purpose of economizing space to restrict ourselves to the proceedings which obtained in the Faculty of Medicine alone;

The Dean of Faculty, Prof. Holmes, having been called upon by the Principal to report the condition and progress in his own department, announced among other matters of interest the names of the following prize-men.

For the best final examination on the subjects of Medicine theoretical and practical, Surgery, Midwifery, and Medical Jurisprudence; Mr. Henry Warren of Whitby, C. W.

For the best primary examination on the subjects of Anatomy, Chemistry, Materia Medica, and Institutes of Medicine, Messrs. J. M. Drake, and T. Sutherland, both of Montreal.

For the best inaugural dissertation, Mr. J. A. Pickup of Montreal.

The Materia Medica prize. Mr. Mills Church. On Tobacco.

The Clinical Medicine prize. Best report of six cases. Mr. H. Warren.

For best reported single case. Mr. R. W. Burnham, of Port Hope, C. W.

For Clinical Surgery prize. Best report of six cases, Mr. R. W. Burnham.

For best written answers on cases treated in the Clinical wards, Mr. H. Warren.

The Dean then called upon Mr. Powell, who had been deputed by the graduating class to deliver their valedictory address, to fulfill his duty in this respect which was accomplished in an exceedingly eloquent manner.

The Registrar of the Faculty of Medicine was then requested to administer to the gentlemen about to graduate in Medicine, the official oath, or the *Spon Academica*, which having been performed, and the Registry having been signed, the following gentlemen were presented by the Dean to the Principal who conferred upon them the degree. Their names are as follows:—

Henry Warren, Whitby, C. W., on Pulmonary Emphysema.

Alexander Ault, Aultsville, C. W., on Tetanus.

Adolphe Robillard, Ottawa, C. W., on Puerperal fever.

David Woods, L.R.C.S.I., Staff Surgeon, Montreal, on Sanitary science.