

— THE LATE MR. THOMAS I. CHURCHILL OF THE EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.—We have to record with sincere regret the death, on the 16th ult., of Mr. Thomas I. Churchill, Assistant Clerk of Statistics in the Educational Department for Upper Canada, aged 22 years. Mr. Churchill had for the last three years been in failing health, but such was his devotion to the duties assigned him in the Department, that he could not be prevailed upon to relinquish them until he had become so enfeebled as to be entirely confined to his bed. When a lad, young Churchill became a pupil in the Model School. While there, his diligence and success were so gratifying that Mr. McCallum, then in charge of the school, warmly recommended him to fill the vacancy in the Education Office, caused by the lamented death of Robert Lester, who had also been a pupil of the Model School. During the seven years which Mr. Churchill remained in the Department, he exhibited the most fidelity and conscientiousness in the discharge of his duties. He was very accurate and methodical; and had his life been spared he would no doubt by his excellent character, assiduity and talents have ranked high as a departmental officer. His amiability and obliging disposition so endeared him to every one in the Educational Department that they all took the warmest personal interest in lightening his labours and promoting his advancement in the office. When at length he was compelled to desist from active service, he experienced the deep sympathy of his former associates, who on his departure from among them feel that they have lost a younger brother. During his fatal illness, Mr. Churchill was regularly visited by his pastor, the Rev. Dr. Caldicott, Baptist clergyman of this city. Dr. Caldicott has kindly furnished the writer with the following record of his religious character and experience:—"Thomas Churchill was a docile enquirer; and as soon as truth was plainly stated to him he received it with all his heart. His hope of glory rested alone on the finished work of Christ. His faith was simple, childlike, constant, unswerving to the end,—a faith that worked by love, leading him to desire the glory of the Saviour. He was very anxious to make a public profession of his faith; but this his health would not permit. He was uniformly cheerful. Death had no terror to him. Some weeks before his decease, he sent for a physician to tell him his true state, so that he might have the certainty of his death continually before him. Three days before that event, he asked his pastor if he thought his end was near; and on being told that he would probably not live a week longer, he expressed great satisfaction to think that he should so soon see his Saviour, and be permitted to adore him for his grace in saving him. A few minutes before his death, his mother remarked, "You will soon be in heaven," "Yes," said he, "to be with Jesus," raising his hand and pointing with his finger to the skies. Thus he passed away.

"Blessed in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints."

— UPPER CANADA COLLEGE.—At the annual convocation of the University on Friday last, no less than thirteen scholarships, including four double scholarships, were carried off by Upper Canada College boys. They also gained three medals and ten of the twelve scholarships allotted by statute for matriculants and first year's students.—*Leader*.

— YORK TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS.—COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION OF PUPILS.—The first combined examination of pupils selected from every school in the township of York took place in the Davisville schoolhouse No. 1, on Friday last. Great praise is due to Mr. Watson, the Local Superintendent, for the energy he displayed in bringing about so desirable a competitive examination. The Township Council have granted a sum for the purchase of prizes, and the Educational Department having added 100 per cent. to the amount, a large number of books and philosophical instruments were obtained, amounting in value to \$70. The examiners were the Rev. C. Cooper, M.A., W. Tyrell, Esq., the Reeve of the township of York, H. F. Tuck, Esq., M.D., F. J. Leslie, Esq., assisted by W. Lee and W. Mitchell, Esqs.—*Ibid*.

— BRITISH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.—On Tuesday evening the students attending this flourishing institution, together with a number of ladies and gentlemen, assembled in the college room for the purpose of commemorating the termination of the first college year, by making a presentation to each of the teachers. Mr. T. D. Harris occupied the chair, and opened the proceedings with a brief address on the great value of such a college, and by presenting to Hugh F. McDonald and F. W. May, who had creditably passed a rigid examination by the Board of Examiners, the diplomas of the institution. The students then proceeded to present each

of the teachers with a beautiful rosewood writing desk, and complimentary address.—*Ibid*.

— MCGILL UNIVERSITY.—The notice of the convocation of this University in our last referred only to the *first* day, devoted to the Faculty of Arts. On the second day the Faculties of Law and Medicine presented their candidates for graduation. Andrew Robertson, Esq., M.A., one of the governors, presiding. The degree of B.C.L. was conferred on the following gentlemen: Isidore G. Ascher, John G. K. Houghton, Lewis N. Benjamin, Edmund T. Day, George O. Doak, Charles P. Davidson, Amedée L. W. Grenier, William A. Hall, George W. Stephens, Ernest Sabourin, Charles A. Vilbon, Charles J. C. Wurtele, William F. Bullock, Alfred Charland, Frederick Lefebvre, Louis George Scragger, William Mackay Wright. Prof. Eviter addressed the graduates on behalf of the Faculty of Law. The degree of M.D. and C.M. was then conferred on the following gentlemen, Prof. Craik addressing them in behalf of the Faculty of Medicine: Horatio C. Burrett, William Wallace Gordon, James Lindsay Mason, J. B. Blanchet, Francis H. Braithwaite, Angus MacDonald, John H. Burland, Alphonse Brodeur, William W. Dickson, James E. Sawyer, Eli Ives, Robert MacIntosh, John J. Marston, Peter E. Brown, A. E. Senkler, Antoine A. Desaulniers, Pierre Rainville, Honore Therien, George Wood, Donald S. Grant, Henry Graham, William E. Bessey, L. P. A. Grenier, Edward C. Malloch, William Claude Gustin, Thomas Ross, James Aylen, James H. Fulton, F. D. Theriault, Franklin Goforth, Francis William Digby. The Principal closed the proceedings with a short address, in which he referred to the statistics of the past year, stating that the number of graduates in course on the present occasion was sixty-four; the number of students in the past session was in arts, 72; in medicine, 175; and in law, 55; making a total, after deducting six students entered in more than one faculty, of 296. This number did not include any matriculants or others not actually students, and there were in addition about 250 boys in the preparatory school, and 79 teachers-in-training on the roll of the Normal School.

— TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The first annual meeting of the Teachers' Association in connection with the McGill Normal School was held in the Examination Hall of this School, Bonaventure Street, May 29th. Principal Dawson presided, the Hon. Superintendent of Education, several Professors of McGill College and other friends of education being present, as also a large and respectable audience. The proceedings were of an interesting and intellectual character, the audience in addition to able and entertaining addresses from Prof. Dawson, Hon. Mr. Chauveau and other gentlemen, being treated to most excellent music on the part of the Oratorio Society, under the direction of Mr. Fowler. After the display of several chemical experiments by Prof. Robins, the proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem by the Oratorio Society and the audience.

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Matriculation may be at the Pupils' option in the London Pharmacopoeia, or Gregory's Conspicua, or Cæsar's Commentaria, or Sallust's Catalina, or any other Latin author.

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