

## BISHOP'S COLLEGE.

## CONVOCAATION FOR CONFERRING DEGREES IN MEDICINE.

The Annual Convocation of the University of Bishop's College for conferring degrees in connection with the work of its Medical Faculty located in Montreal, was held in the Synod Hall, Montreal, on the afternoon of the 28th March. The large numbers of ladies and gentlemen in attendance evidenced the increased interest which is being taken in the See City in the work of this the Church University for the Dioceses of Quebec and Montreal. The absence of the Lord Bishop of the latter Diocese—doubtless through the many pressing duties and engagements of his office—was remarked by some, as it seems to rob the diocese of its due influence in the University in which it has an equal interest and equal rights with that of Quebec. Indeed it would seem to be desirable that, if possible on such occasions, Convocation should be favoured by the presence of the prelates of both dioceses to which the University belongs, as well as by as many as possible of the minor clergy. The Chancellor of the University, R. W. Heneker, Esq., D.C.L., presided, and with him on the platform were the Rev. Principal Adams, D.C.L., F. W. Campbell, M.D., Dean of the Faculty Medicine; R. Kennedy, M.D., Registrar; L. H. Davidson, Q.C., D.C.L., and the Hon. W. W. Lynch, Q.C., D.C.L., and there were also present of the Professional Staff; Drs. Laphorn Smith, McConnell, Proudfoot, J. Baker Edwards and Reddy.

Amongst others present in the hall were noticed, the Rev. R. Lindsay, M.A., Rural Dean of Hochelaga; Rev. Canon Mills, B.D., Rector of Trinity Church, Montreal, Examining Chaplain; Rev. E. A. W. King, M.A., of the Cathedral; Rev. T. Everett, M.A.; Rev. Mr. Patterson, City Missionary in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada; Ald. Richard White and other prominent citizens. The Rev. Dr. Noiman, Vice-Chancellor, was missed from his accustomed place with regret, but he had written to the Chancellor explaining his absence owing to his late removal to Quebec, and the many and urgent calls upon him in taking up his new work.

The Chancellor having declared Convocation open, read his Annual Address, in which he briefly referred to the work being done by the several Faculties of Divinity, Arts, Law and Medicine, and to the satisfactory condition and progress of these and also of the College School.

In the course of a practical and able address Dr. Heneker reminded those present that Bishop's College was founded by spiritually minded men on a religious basis. Their primary object was to educate men born and bred in Canada for the service of the Canadian Church. It is not, therefore, a mere secular institution, although in its various faculties of arts, science, law and medicine it teaches secular subjects. In its inception it was purely a Church of England institution, indeed *The Church of England University of this Province*, yet it receives all classes of students without test and has educated Roman Catholics, Presbyterians and Methodists as well as Church of England students. He expressed confidence that all who are now present would agree that in these days of agnosticism, of materialism and of unbelief in revealed religion, institutions of a definitely religious character, such as Bishop's College, wherein sound knowledge, on a religious basis, is taught by men chosen especially for the purpose, men of culture, irreproachable in character and of spiritual mind, are worthy of public support. Even the Arts course of Bishop's College embraces Divinity as a part of the regular work of each student. At the end of the first year the student in Arts is examined in Scripture history and the New Testament in Greek. The same occurs at the

end of the second and third years with the addition of Paley's Evidences and the *Horæ Paulinæ*. These subjects important as they are to all Christians can be taught without proselytism to a student of any denomination, and yet they are essentials of Christian knowledge.

After referring to the Medical School in Montreal, the Chancellor said:—I hope with all my heart that our Medical Faculty of this city may prosper. Much is due to the self-sacrificing labors of its professors, and although in point of numbers it may fall short of its great rival McGill, yet it is in numbers only, for I believe that in the work done, in the labors and in the skill of its professors, in its appliances, and in opportunities for practice, it is not one whit behind the older school. I believe that Bishop's College acted rightly in throwing over this school its shield, and in enabling its students to carry away the stamp of the University degree. For who can truly estimate the full value to a community of a sound medical education?

With regard to the other Faculties of the College, Dr. Heneker spoke as follows:—I am happy to be able to report that as regards our Schools of Arts and Divinity they are both of them in a satisfactory state. Our Divinity school has been made more efficient of late by the creation of a class of pastoral theology in addition to the other work of the school. And by the selection of the Rev. Dr. Allnatt as its professor, the students have secured a man of first-class character and learning—a man whose life and example sheds a lustre on the chair. Dr. Allnatt receives into his house a selected number of men who live with him, and who have the special benefit of daily intercourse with him. Our regular Divinity chair is endowed and steps are now being taken to endow also this chair of pastoral theology, and the sum of \$10,000 towards this endowment has already been secured. Then we have commenced a long talked of class of Practical Chemistry under a teacher, who is examiner in chemistry in Trinity College, Toronto. And we hope to extend the benefits of this teaching to the neighboring city of Sherbrooke, where a considerable body of men engaged in the mechanical trades are, as we understand, ready to take advantage of the opportunity that will be thus afforded them. Our regular Arts classes are well maintained in number and the entries of students of this academic year and the preceding year have been larger than for some years past. Our Bishop's College school, a boarding school be it remembered, now numbers over seventy boys. The tone and bearing of the boys continues, I am happy to say, to be as good as ever, and that famous spirit of "manliness," answering to the Latin "virtus," which has for so long been an attribute of Lennoxville boys, is well maintained. Reports show that old school boys are distinguishing themselves, as may be learnt from the records of the Royal Military College at Kingston, where, of the graduating class, three out of the first four will, it is believed, be Lennoxville boys. A similar high standard has been achieved in the other classes of the Military College. From our Law school, small as it is in numbers as compared with the large class supplied by this city and neighboring country, we also have excellent results. So that in all respects, and from all sides, our work is prospering and the name of Bishop's College is well maintained. During the last year we added a distinguished name to the roll of our graduates, the name of His Excellency Lord Lansdowne, the Governor General of this Dominion, and we have reason to believe that His Excellency was well satisfied with his visit, and that he gives us due credit for the work we are doing.

In concluding his address the Chancellor referred to the harmony existing between Bishop's and the sister University of McGill, and also with the Council of Public Instruction; adding, we are engaged in a great and important contest in our endeavor to main-

tain intact the system of education which we as Protestants believe to be the best and surest preparation for the varied walks of life, and especially as a preparation for professional life in this province. I would remind you, gentlemen of the medical faculty, that we count on your co-operation in this respect. We trust that no professional jealousy, mere *esprit du corps*, will stand in the way of your hearty endorsement of all that we have done and are now doing to maintain the compact entered into at Confederation, that in matters of education the conscience shall be allowed to have due weight; that the rights and privileges guaranteed to minorities, whether Protestants or Roman Catholics, shall be respected, and that the scheme of education adopted by the Protestant committee for our high schools and academies shall form the basis on which Protestant candidates for the study of the professions shall be examined, leaving to Roman Catholics the privilege of being examined according to their own curriculum of study. We maintain also that as the best and truest test of what is called a "liberal education," the degree in arts of a University of repute, privileged to grant degrees by Royal charter, should be allowed.

The Chancellor then called upon the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine (Dr. F. W. Campbell), who stated that during the year there had been thirty students in attendance, three of whom came from the United States, four from the West Indies, five from Ontario and the balance from this province. He then read the list of graduates and prize winners; after which he presented for the *ad eundem* degrees of C. M. M.D. Dr. H. A. Migneault and Dr. T. A. Rodger (two members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada, and who were also the examiners of all applicants for practice). Dr. Kennedy, the Registrar, then administered the oath to the graduating class, and presented for the degree of C. M. M.D., the following: V. Groulx, of St. Scholastique; L. M. Clark, of Kingston, Jamaica; F. H. Pickel, of Sweetsburg, Que; F. Taylor, of Belleville, Ont.; and S. A. Thomas, of San Bernardino, who were received with applause.

Dr. Proudfoot then delivered the valedictory on the part of the Faculty, and Dr. S. A. Thomas that on the part of the graduates; after which the chairman called upon the Hon. W. W. Lynch, who spoke in high terms of the work being done by Bishop's, and of the pleasure it afforded him to be present and bear testimony in her favour. He spoke of the importance to all in whatever occupation or class of a good sound liberal education, and in this connection acknowledged how deeply all Lower Canadians were indebted to Sir Wm. Dawson and Chancellor Heneker for their successful and painstaking work in the cause of education; and concluded by urging the graduates of McGill and Lennoxville to join hands to see that the educational rights of the Protestants of this Province, as guaranteed by law, especially by the Confederation Act, should be fully protected.

The Chancellor next called upon Dr. Davidson as one who had always taken a deep interest in the welfare not alone of the Medical School here but in the University and School, and as a leading member of the Synod and Diocese of Montreal, for an address.

[This, together with the admirable address to the graduating class of the Rev. Principal Adams we are obliged to hold over till next number.]

## DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

CARDINAL.—*St. Paul's Church*.—SIR: I sent to you a few days ago a report of improvements made in St. James Church. I now forward to you a short account of the hearty service in St. Paul's Church, Cardinal, (the principal one in this Mission of Edwardsburg), on last Wednesday, March 21st. The Lord Bishop was pres-