

ROYAL COLLEGE.

TWO weeks ago last Wednesday (19th March) the lectures at the Royal College were closed by a Valedictory from Prof. Lavell. A short season of quiet followed, of quiet that was hardly rest for primary and final students who were preparing for the last tug of the season—the closing examinations. A week ago to-day, however, these closed with the following result:

Final—in order of merit.

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| W. H. Henderson, | |
| J. C. C. Cleaver, | |
| G. C. T. Ward, | |
| P. C. Donovan, | } Even. |
| W. A. Lafferty, | |
| R. A. Leonard, | |
| R. N. Horton, | |
| G. W. Judson, | |
| W. F. Cleaver, | |
| Geo. Newlands, | |
| T. R. Hossie, | |
| R. K. Kilborn, | |
| R. H. Abbott, | |

All these gentlemen passed without an oral, and fully deserve all the congratulations, which we do not doubt they have already received from fellow-students and others, on the successful passing of this their final examination for the degree of M.D.

The primary examination resulted as follows:

Without an oral—order of merit.

J. E. Galbraith,
H. H. Chown, B.A.,
John Odum,
Chas. T. Empey,
W. A. Lavell.

The following were submitted to an oral:

Thos. Wilson, B.A.,
H. H. Reeve,
W. H. Waddell,
L. E. Day,
J. H. Knight,
J. G. Clark,
W. D. Reid,
C. R. Dickson,
M. McPhaden.

Besides the gentlemen above named W. Clark, M.D., a graduate from one of the American colleges, who has been attending classes at the Royal College in order to obtain a Canadian degree in medicine, was submitted to a searching, written and oral examination in both primary and final subjects, in which he acquitted himself to the satisfaction of the examiners, and therefore his name must be added to the list of graduates in medicine for '79.

The primary examination was also a competitive one, but the results in this respect have not yet been announced by the College Faculty, the honors being the gift, not of the University, but of the Medical College as a separate body.

Although the University examinations have closed, the meds. are not yet free. Under our law the degree alone from any University is not sufficient. Those desiring to practice in Ontario have yet to pass the examination of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. These examinations are annual, and therefore all the students are immediately interested in them. They are held simultaneously at Toronto and Kingston, beginning on Tuesday, 8th April, at 8:30 o'clock a.m. The examinations here will be held in the City Hall on the 8th, 9th, 10th and 12th days of April. The first year students have only an oral examination, which will be held on Thursday morning, the 24th April. The orals on the written examination will be held here on Friday, 25th April, at 4 p.m. In our next issue we hope to be able to announce the success of all the candidates from the Royal.

What I Know About the Ottawa River.

ITS RAPIDS, RAFTS AND SLIDES.

READER, if you imagine that this is to be a statistical essay, stop. If you think that in it you will find an estimate of the number of rapids and falls in the Ottawa, and the amount of fall in each, be persuaded that if you read on, you will only be disappointed. Nor does the writer of this even know how much timber goes down the river every year, nor can he describe the exact construction of either rafts or slides. To find out these important items, you are referred to works specially bearing on the subject, of which I doubt not there are many. No, reader, I am only one of those four travellers mentioned in former numbers of this JOURNAL, and whose course was partially described under the head of "Summer Reminiscences." We bade good bye to you on the shores of Lake Nipissing; since then we have travelled many miles, through river, creek and swamp, through huge pine woods, over rocky portages, across beautiful island-dotted lakes, and last have rushed down the rapids of the Matawin, out upon the bosom of the swift flowing Ottawa. And aptly does this term describe it to one who is first introduced to it at the village of Mattawa. A powerful rapid, situated at the junction of the two rivers, has to be run before one is able to land in the quiet cove. Then a stretch of twenty-two miles, which the current, aided slightly by the wind, carried us over in about four hours. Then three large rapids, known as the Deux Rivieres (which name rightly belongs but to the lower one), which rapids cause a portage of about four miles. Then after another clear stretch of ten miles, still another large rapid, the Rocher Capitaine, with two miles of a portage. Then eighteen miles of a strong current brought us to the Des Joachims Rapid, also unrunnable by our canoes, causing another portage of two miles. Here we came to Deep River, and then and then only were we no longer reminded of the fact that the Ottawa is a swift-flowing river. Deep River is a stretch of the Ottawa, about twenty-five miles long, in which there is not a bend. It obtains its name from the fact of its great depth, which is such that though comparatively narrow, there is not in it a trace of a current. The northern shore consists of hills, which rise to an average height of eight hundred feet above the surface of the river. The southern shore is hilly, but not comparable to the northern. Toward the lower end of Deep River rises the Oiseaux Rock, which rises so perpendicularly from the river, that a stone let drop by one standing on the edge of its summit would, after a sheer fall of seven hundred and fifty feet, strike the water near the foot of the rock. This spot is quite famed throughout the surrounding district and the legend-loving treasure a sorrowful tale of an Indian maiden who—but surely everybody knows the rest.

Though every incident connected with our run along this piece of water is firmly fixed in my memory, I have not space to dilate on it. I cannot describe either that delightful paddle in the calm of the evening, the gorgeous sunset, a picture having for its frame work the ranges of hills between which we were travelling, the still clear night, the gusty morning, and many other items which would always be much dearer to our memory than interesting to any reader. Nor can Allumette Lake, into which the Ottawa widens after leaving Deep River, delay us. This lake is about twenty miles long and three or four wide. It has in it many beautiful islands, and we have heard it stated before now, that it is more beautiful than the Lake of the Thousand Isles. Individually the islands as to their foliage are undoubtedly picturesque, but they are low, and are neither so numerous nor so romantically situated as that far-famed stretch of the St. Lawrence.