

or America. In every German University the aim is to set as many students as possible at such work, whether it be to collate a root not yet illustrated, or to experiment in the laboratory on subjects hitherto considered elementary, or to count shells never before counted, or to trace a doctrine not yet historically described. As a friend of mine studying in Germany puts it, "we are told to find some bit of ground undug, and to go at it with our might and tell the world what our spade has brought to the surface." It is this independent study that constitutes the superiority of German scholarship and nothing contributes so much to it as the thoroughness of the intermediate education. Our Canadian High Schools and Collegiate Institutes are improving so rapidly that we are warranted in hoping that before long much of the work may be done in them that is now done in our Universities, and the Universities be free to advance beyond the mark where a halt is now called. In the meantime perfect your knowledge as far as you possibly can in some department, instead of fancying that your education is finished. Again, be not too eager to attract the world's attention. Every true man is modest. He shrinks from talking. I do not wonder that Bismarck groans over "the eternal talking and begging" he has had to do. It may seem inconsistent that one whose profession is to teach and preach, and who has had to press upon others with the cry of "give! give!" as often as the horse-leech, should sing the praises of silence and recommend it to others. It is like Carlyle extolling the excellence of silence in volume after volume, or in an eloquent address one hour and three-quarters long to the students of Edinburgh. Nevertheless, Carlyle is right. If you would not deceive yourselves, and that is the most deadly form of deceit, let brave deeds always follow brave words. If you cannot do the deed keep silent. Mere talk will make you spiritually bankrupt. You may mistake flabbiness for strength. Others will not. Doubtless a word spoken in season is good. A word is not the empty phrases and torrents of small verbosity with which the present generation is so sadly afflicted. Cultivate then your gift of silence if you have it; and if you have it not, seek for it earnestly.

One word more with regard to your relation to Queen's University, a word that to judge from the character and conduct of the older members of the Convocation, I need hardly speak. Wherever a Queen's graduate is found there beats a heart loyal to dear old *Alma Mater*. Men connected with other institutions have often asked me for an explanation of the wonderful *esprit de corps* that binds the sons of Queen's together. I do not now look for an explanation. I am well content to accept and to rest in the fact. The sincerity of the feeling was proven last summer. A stranger in the western part of the Dominion, I went from place to place with the confidence that wherever a graduate of Queen's College lived there lived a friend of the Principal. My errand was sufficient to test friendship. It would not have been wonderful had many pleaded the commercial depression as sufficient excuse for doing nothing, and had some found absence from home convenient just about the time of my anticipated visit. The success of the effort inaugurated at last Convocation shows how different was the reception given to the agent of the University. That success was due almost entirely to the zeal, energy, and liberality of the graduates. I rejoice to be able to acknowledge this publicly, and I cannot set before you a worthier example. Here it is fitting that we should pay a tribute to the memory of one of our number, who, from his deathbed, gave almost the first impulse to the great movement to which I have been referring. No other benefactor of Queen's has as yet given so large an amount to it as the sum left by the late Robert Sutherland, B.A., of Walkerton. Long years had passed since he attended classes here. He said little

about what Queen's had done for him, but he thought deeply; and when the time came when life is seen in its truest meaning, nothing would induce him to withhold anything he could call his own from his true mother. His valuable library will, I trust, prove a nucleus for the formation of a Faculty of Law in connection with Queen's; and the name of "The Robert Sutherland Library" will help to perpetuate his memory to future generations of students. Gentlemen, I feel assured that you will bring no discredit on Queen's College. Some of you I hope to see again next year as students in my own special department of Theology. All carry away the best wishes of the Senate. Every Professor testifies to your industry and good conduct. Of course on an occasion like this any laches are forgotten. But at the same time it is only fair to you, and to the students, to state that there has never been a session in the history of Queen's characterised by more of a mind to work among the students than this last one has been. Continue as you have begun, and you will attain to greater things. Gentlemen, farewell.

University Prizemen.

THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Lewis Prize, \$25, for the best lecture on II. Peter i., 5-7 inclusive—A. A. Mackenzie.
The Almonte Church Prize, \$25, for best model of prayer for forenoon service—John Ferguson.

ARTS DEPARTMENT.

The McBean Prize, \$25, for the best essay on "The Commercial Products of Coal Tar"—John E. Galbraith.
The Carmichael Prize, \$25, for the best essay on the methods of determining the distance of the earth from the sun—Finlay M. McLennan.
The Kirkpatrick Prize, \$25, for the best essay on "Hilanderbrand"—A. B. McCallum.

Gold Medallists.

Adam R. Linton, Orono, Greek (Carruthers' medal.)
William Stewart, Lancaster, Mathematics (Carruthers' medal.)
James M. Dupuis, Chemistry (Senate medal.)
Matthew McKay, History (Senate medal.)
Archibald B. McCallum, Paisley, Political Economy (Fuller medal.)

Scholarships.

ARTS.

Church—(1)—\$70—Junior Classics—J. Hay (with honor of church (2) and Glass memorial scholarships.)
Church (2)—\$70—Rhetoric and English Literature—J. Brown.
Church (3)—\$70—Logic and Metaphysics—Wm. Meikle (with honor of St. Andrew's, Toronto.)
Glass Memorial—\$35—Junior Mathematics—J. Young.
St. Andrew's, Toronto—\$50—Chemistry—J. Murray.
St. Andrew's University—\$50—Ethics—A. B. McCallum (with honor of the Cataragui Scholarship.)
Toronto—\$60—Natural Philosophy—H. H. McMillan.
Kingston—\$35—French—H. M. Froiland.
McGillivray—\$50—Senior Mathematics—J. P. Hume.
Reekie—\$50—Natural Science—W. Briden.
Cataragui—\$50—History—B. N. Davis.
McIntyre—\$32—Senior Classics—A. R. Linton.
Prince of Wales—\$60—Natural Philosophy, Ethics, Chemistry, Rhetoric and English Literature—M. McKay.
The Principal, after announcing the University scholarships for next session, delivered the following address to the audience:

GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVOCATION, AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—It is customary for the Principal to address a few words to the audience at the close of the proceedings