

Unto her soul yet open avenues,
For joy to enter, and for love to use !

And God in love doth give
To her defect a beauty of its own ;
And we a deeper tenderness have known
Through that for which we grieve.
Yet shall the seal be melted from her ear,
Yea, and my voice shall fill it—but not here.

When that new sense is given,
What rapture will its first experience be,
That never woke to meaner melody
Than the rich songs of heaven—
To hear the full-toned anthem swelling round,
While angels teach the ecstasies of sound.

2. THE AUTHOR OF "HOME, SWEET HOME."

As I am here, (in Washington,) remarks a friend of the poet, watching the course of great men and the destiny of party, I meet often with strange contradictions in this eventful life. The most remarkable was that of the poet, J. Howard Payne, the author of "Sweet Home." I knew him personally. He occupied the room under me for some time, and his conversation was so captivating that I have often spent whole days in his apartment. He was an applicant for an office under the government at the time—Consul at Tunis—from which he had been removed. It was a sad thing, indeed, to see the gifted poet subjected to all the humiliation of office seeking. Of an evening we would walk along the streets, and looking into the lighted parlors as we passed, would once in a while see some family circle so happy, and forming such a beautiful group, and then pass silently on. On such occasions he would give me a history of his wanderings, his trials, and all the cares incident to his sensitive nature and poverty. "How often" remarked he, "I have been in the heart of Paris, Berlin, London, or some other large city, and heard persons singing, or playing on the piano, 'Home, Sweet Home,' without a shilling to buy the next meal with, or a place to lay my head. The world has literally sung my song until every heart is familiar with its melody—yet I have been a wanderer from my boyhood. My country has turned me ruthlessly from my office, and in my old age I have to submit to humiliation for bread." Thus he would complain of his hapless lot. His only wish was to die in a foreign land ; to be buried by strangers, and to sleep in obscurity.

I met him one day. He was looking unusually sad.

"Have you got your Consulate?" said I.

"Yes, and leave in a week for Tunis. I shall never return."

The last expression was not a political faith. Poor Payne!—his wish was realized. He died at Tunis among strangers, far from his native land. Whether his remains have ever been brought to this country, I know not. They should be, however ; and if none others will do it, let the homeless and friendless throughout the world contribute their mite for the purpose of erecting a suitable monument to the poet Payne. I knew him well, and will contribute my mite. Let the inscription on his monument be :—

HERE LIES J. HOWARD PAYNE.

THE AUTHOR OF "HOME, SWEET HOME."

A wanderer in life—whose songs were sung in every tongue,
And found an echo in every heart,

NEVER HAD A HOME.

HE DIED IN A FOREIGN LAND.

XI. Educational Intelligence.

CANADA.

— **UNIVERSITY OF MCGILL COLLEGE.**—On the second day, the Chair was taken by Mr. Morris, and the proceedings in the faculties of medicine and law were opened with prayer by the Rev. Canon Leach, D.C.D., LL.D. The minutes of the proceedings at the meeting of the previous day were then read by the Secretary, Wm. C. Baynes, B.A.

The President then expressed his satisfaction at the general management of the University. In reference to the gold medals now in its gift, they were substantial evidences of the favor and confidence with which it was regarded. The University, he was convinced, was steadily rising, and a brilliant and prosperous future was before it.

Faculty of Medicine.—Dr. G. W. Campbell, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, then made the following announcements :—The number of matriculated students in the past session was 177 ; of these 98 were from Canada East, 78 from Canada West, 1 from New Brunswick, 1 from Nova Scotia, 1 from Prince Edward's Island, and 8 from the United States. The

number of students who passed the Primary Examination, which includes Anatomy, Chemistry, Materia Medica, Institutes of Medicine, Botany and Zoology, was 31. The following list contains the names of the 23 students presented for the degree of M.D., C.M.:—William Wood Squire, M.A. ; Griffith Evans, James Paterson, David Howard Harrison, Herbert S. Tew, Chas. Bullen, Richard A. Kennedy, David Robertson, George Dice, Alex. A. Ferguson, Horace P. Redner, John Dodd, William Kempt, Peter A. McDougall, Marcel Richard, Charlemagne Dubuc, John D. McCord, Alex. R. Pinet, Mills Kemble Church, Edward B. Gibson, Kenneth Reid, Montrose A. Patten, Sam Pratt Woodful. Prosper Bender, James A. Temple, and John R. Richardson, passed their examination for Graduation, but not being of age could not receive their Degrees until next Convocation. The prizes given by the Medical Faculty are three in number, and were awarded as follows :—William Wood Squire, M.A., for the best thesis ; Daniel Howard Harrison, for the best Final Examination ; Kenneth Reid for the best primary Examination ; Messrs. Bullen, Reid, Kempt, and Church's theses were considered worthy of competing for the best prize. William Wood Squire, M.A., Herbert Tew, Professor's prizes in Clinical Medicine. W. H. Fraser, Professor's prizes in Botany. W. H. Fraser, do in Zoology. Dr. Hall administered the oath to the graduating class, and Principal Dawson performed the ceremony of capping them. William W. Squires then delivered the Valedictory. Professor Scott, M.D., then addressed the graduates in Medicine, dwelling especially on their future prospects, the difficulties inseparable from their arduous calling, and also from the occasional credulity of even educated patients in quacks and charlatans ; likewise the cold ingratitude of some, which latter circumstances should not make them weary in well-doing, since their motive should be higher than any mere human feeling or applause. Above all things, let them never deceive the dying man when he asked them their opinion of his case—to do so being one of the most heartless and reprehensible cruelties that could be committed. He rejoiced to find that new medals had been given to the Faculty of Arts ; and wondered that the Medical Faculty, the eldest of the three, had not yet had such presented to it. Such was the generosity, however, of the citizens of Montreal, that he had little doubt but that at the next Convocation the Dean of the Medical Faculty would be able to present one to the deserving student. Such a medal to be styled after the late Professor Holmes, who first established a medical school here, forty years ago, would be a well-deserved and graceful tribute to his memory, and he (Dr. Scott) would recommend this subject to the consideration of the ladies.

Faculty of Law.—The Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, B.C.L., Dean of the Faculty of Law, stated that the graduating class consisted of eleven students, as follows :—John Boyd, B.A., Leonidas Heber Davidson, B.A., Henri Lesieur Desaulniers, Naphtali Durand, Joseph Antoine Galarneau, Richard A. A. Jones, B. A. Joseph, O. Joseph, Wilfrid Laurier, Chas. O. Stevens, Arthur Taschereau, Alfred Welch. The Dean having made these announcements, the oath was administered by the Mr. Baynes, B.A., after which Principal Dawson capped them. A valedictory address was then delivered in the French language by Wilfrid Laurier of the graduating class. Prof. Torrance, B.C.L., then addressed the graduates in law, commenting on the altered and superior auspices under which they would enter upon the practice of law, in comparison with what would have been their case some time ago. This advantage lay in the labours of the codification commission, about three-fourths of the law being now so codified, and the Hon. Mr. Cartier trusted to see in the next session of Parliament a complete code presented for adoption by the Legislature. All the embarrassment in seeking for authorities from the period of the Roman law down to the statute of yesterday, and which had been such a grievous burden to their predecessors, would be saved them. Still the glorious uncertainty of the law would certainly remain, therefore they need not fear but that there would still be plenty of work for them all. After enforcing diligence upon them, so long as they should continue to be connected with the profession, he alluded to the medal question, hoping that the appeal of the Medical Faculty would be responded to, and stating his conviction that they in the Faculty of Law should have their gold medal as well. Prof. Leach, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, then announced that Gulian Pickering Rixford had complied with all the requirements for a degree of Civil Engineer, which was accordingly conferred upon him.

Principal Dawson now made the announcement for the next session. He stated that the term had been one of the most successful since the founding of the Institution. During the past year there had been 301 students in all Faculties, and of these 47 had graduated, namely, 18 in arts, 28 in medicine, and 11 in law. He desired that any graduate who