

taking leave of our professors, we have to remember their many acts of kindness. To the citizens of Montreal we are grateful for many favors." (Applause.)

DR. GARDNER then, on behalf of the Faculty, addressed the graduates. (See page 577.)

The HON. SENATOR FERRIER, Chancellor, then delivered the following address:—"To one who, like myself, has been connected with this University for 41 years, the present occasion is one that invites to a retrospect of the history and growth of the Medical Faculty, whose report, presented at this meeting of convocation, and the 46 candidates for the degree whom it has brought up to-day, show that as it was our first faculty in the early history of the University, it is also our strongest and most vigorous up to this time. It is to be observed here that from the first the curriculum of the Faculty was based on the highest standards in the universities of the mother country, in which, in consequence, our Faculty of Medicine has always enjoyed a full recognition for its students and graduates. In 1824 the medical institution of Montreal was founded by Drs. Stephanson, Holmes, Robertson and Caldwell, and in 1829 it became the Medical Faculty of McGill University. In that year the Medical Faculty was constituted with four professors, and the Faculty of Arts with two. The wise action of the Board of Governors at that time, in adopting the young and vigorous medical school, gave to the University at once a nucleus of educational work, and enabled it to carry on its operations through a long period of early struggle. The growth of the Medical Faculty, with the exception of the years of political disturbance, from 1833 to 1839, has steadily advanced, and its progress has been as marked within the few last years as ever before. More especially the liberal endowment contributed by the Hon. D. A. Smith and by other citizens of Montreal, and the new buildings completed last year, with the extension thereby given to the practical work of the Faculty, have placed it on a vantage ground which appears to ensure a long career of increased usefulness. As an illustration of the growth of this Faculty, I may mention that the copy of the annual announcement issued in 1853 was a very modest pamphlet of ten small pages. It contained a list of about fifty students and the names of six graduates who had taken their degrees at the previous convocation. Yet even this old announcement contains the names of ten professors, besides that of the present Dean, who was then the demonstrator of anatomy. The instructing officers of that time have all passed away, with the exception of the two juniors. The professors then were Holmes, Campbell, Hall, McCulloch, Bruneau, Crawford, Scott, Fraser, Sutherland and Wright. Of these men, the two seniors, Holmes and Campbell, long presided over the faculty as deans, and all the other names earned a well deserved reputation as academical and professional instructors. Such men, and the eminent men who have preceded them, have given strength and character to the Faculty and to the University itself. The calendar of the present year presents a strong