

hence the shock will be over, and McGill on the upward road towards being the finest scientific school in America, thanks to Mr. McDonald and the late Thos. Workman. What can we do to show our appreciation of our living benefactor? Very little, for we have no bouquet here and the college method is that of bouncing, and much as we should enjoy this, the fun might be mostly on our side, though we should be particularly careful to catch him on his downward journey. If our benefactor thinks it advisable to accept our thanks in this way, he will find enough of us at the close of the present ceremony, ready to do the grateful in a becoming manner.

It would give me great pleasure to propose three cheers for our honored friend now, but as it would be out of order—would it? Three cheers for our benefactors Sir Donald Smith and Mr. McDonald! Finally, dear friends, I come to the point towards which I have been steering, and beg to say on behalf of my class: Farewell Principal, Dean, and Professors; Farewell benefactors; Farewell fellow-students; and last of all farewell McGill.

The Musical Association then sang the following verses, composed by a lady of the graduating class:—

Our hearts are lightened and made glad;
Success now reigns supreme,
Instead of anxious doubts and fears
Which darkened Hope's fair dream.
But this bright glow of happiness
Must wane as gladness will,
When Fate demands with stern decree,
That we must leave McGill.

'Tis true that we must leave her halls;
But let us not forget,
Although we must be parted now,
We are her students yet.
And in our life-long college course,
We'll strive with ardour still,
To follow all that we have learned
As students of McGill.

Dr. Johnson, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, before announcing the results in that Faculty made a most eloquent speech, which was one of the prominent features of the meeting. He said:—"This convocation marks an epoch in the history of this faculty as well as of two other faculties in the university, and in view of the really extraordinary increase of our financial resources, it is desirable to say something about its condition and progress. You will remember that the Faculty of Arts is the faculty which make an educational institution a university. Without it there would be merely professional schools in Theology, Law, Medicine, Applied Science, and Comparative Medicine. It is the body, of which the others are the limbs; it is the heart which sends, or ought to send, the life blood circulating through the rest of the system. When therefore, any faculty receives a great development, the importance of the Faculty of Arts is obvious. It is most gratifying, therefore, to find that this faculty will receive a remarkable addition along with the others, and that thus besides a fine Physics building, two new chairs with this year have been established in it—and not too soon. We are growing rapidly in the Faculty of Arts. Our present graduating class is the largest we have ever had. There are 39 from McGill college and 4 from Morrin college, making a total of 43. The number of undergraduates is the largest we have ever had, viz., about 180. Two years ago we

had only 132. We are growing by leaps and bounds as the Chancellor has said. The total number of our students is about 300—298 is, I think, the exact number,—but as we have more in other faculties attending our lectures we may reckon 360 as attending in the centre building. As a consequence our rooms are inconveniently crowded—in fact, we suffer the penalties of rapid growth and feel what are called "growing pains." Our rooms are too small for our students, our library too small for our books, and our Convocation Hall too small for our friends, but above and beyond all (for these statements refer merely to buildings, and brains are more important than buildings,) our professors, even with the addition of the new chairs, are too few for the number of subjects and number of classes to be taught. In another way this convocation marks an epoch. For the first time we can say at this annual meeting that this university, in common with other universities, enjoys the same privileges in this our own province which we have long enjoyed in other provinces and other countries. It has cost no little effort to obtain these privileges, and it is very much to be regretted that those efforts should have caused an attempt to create ill-feeling among us who live in the province of Quebec. There was no good reason for such attempt and no justification. If an exploring ship in the cause of science is by the laws of war among civilized nations free from molestation by an enemy's cruisers, how much more should universities, whose duties it is to preserve, to transmit, and if possible, to increase knowledge, be free from unreasonable animosities. That this is the general sentiment of our French Canadian fellow-countrymen is shown by the votes in Parliament. It is a most gratifying and encouraging fact that what is called the B. A. Bill was passed by a majority who voted without distinction of race, religion or language. We owe them our thanks, not only for the justice they have done us (it is not easy always to do justice), but also for their courage in acting upon their knowledge and convictions. All honor to them."

Dr. Johnson called up the winners of medals, honors and prizes, to receive their distinctions from the hands of the visitors and Chancellor.

He then read the names of those who had passed for the degree of B. A., the honour candidates being presented first, and afterward the ordinary in order of standing. Their names are *alphabetically arranged*

H. Inez R. Botterell, William F. Colclough, Carrie M. Derick, Daniel J. Fraser, Robert McDougall, Albert G. Nicholls, Andrew A. Robertson, Henry M. Tory, Edward C. Trenholme and Annie Williams, Maude Abbott, Peers Davidson, Elizabeth Binmore, Alexander Tolmie, George H. Matthewson, Hugh C. Sutherland, James T. Daisey, John Alexander Cameron, Frederick M. Fry, Jennie T. Botterell, Alexander R. Hall, Silas W. Mack, H. McL. Kinghorn, Wm. Thomas D. Moss, Alex. Hunter, Isaac J. Swanson, Alexander W. Walsh, Donald McVicar, Peter L. Richardson, William D. Reid, John Parker, Alexander M. McGregor, Mira McFarlane, Wm. E. Paton, Galvin Wright Finch, Mary Henderson, Joseph J. Ross, Sara B. Scott, Charles E. Brodie, Hugh Craig, Charles DeBrisay college and were presented by the Rev. James Barclay, M. A., on behalf of that college.

The lady graduates received an extra round of cheering on coming forward to receive their degrees.