

Principal Grant closed a very enjoyable and profitable evening by expressing his gratitude that he was a professor in Theology, and that such an Association as this had been formed to aid in so important and inspiring a subject. He felt that the Theological session was too short, and that it was a very great detriment to have students preaching during the winter, thus exhausting their energies and dissipating their attention. It would, therefore, be a great boon if the Church could establish a fund to aid students who are at present obliged to do this to support themselves.

He then showed how much more we all could do for our religion had we only a small part of the devotion which he had seen among the Japanese. The members of the Association should at least see that the sum desired for the Theological faculty of Queen's by the General Assembly would be contributed by their several Churches in the future. Christians should attempt to show on all opportunities, by comparison with other religions, the superiority of Christianity in the practical results worked through it for the good of the world.

Judging by this first annual meeting of the Association of Theological Alumni, it seems as if this will be one of the most important and pleasing features of the annual Convocation.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The chair was taken by the Principal, who, after opening Convocation with prayer, announced the re-election of Sandford Fleming, C.M.G., LL.D., as Chancellor of the University. After repeating the usual declaration, the Chancellor was robed by Messrs. J. R. Lavell and H. M. Mowat. In a brief address he thanked the graduates and alumni for this new expression of confidence in him and promised to strive earnestly to promote the best interests of the University. He referred in the following words to the death of Rev. Dr. Cook:

"I cannot, however, forget that within the past few weeks, almost within the present month, the first Chancellor of the University, one of its earliest and firmest friends has passed away. I am sure you will pardon me if I feel it an indispensable duty, although mingled with sadness, to allude to the loss we have sustained by his death.

"Dr. Cook took an active part in the estab-

lishment of this University between the years 1836 and 1841, and it was to a great extent through his exertion that the royal charter was obtained. He never ceased to take an interest in its progress. He acted temporarily as Principal in the years 1857 and '58. Under the revised constitution, which took effect in 1887, he was chosen the first Chancellor, and as such his portrait adorns the walls of this hall. Dr. Cook was a man of rare accomplishments and ripe culture, and by his talents and character would have filled a distinguished place in any age and country."

Scholarships, medals and prizes were then given to the winners. The Gowan prize for the best collection of Canadian plants was won by R. H. Cowley, B.A., of Ottawa, and the Lewis prize by R. J. Hutcheon. The graduates in Arts and Medicine then rose to answer to the *sponsio academica*, and came up two by two to be laureated. After Rev. Mr. Milligan had addressed the graduates in a brief but earnest and practical speech, Professor Ross presented to the Chancellor Rev. James Carmichael, of King, as one upon whom the Senate had resolved to confer the honorary degree of D.D. He said:

"As a student in both arts and divinity, Mr. Carmichael distinguished himself by his ability. With his delicate poetic fancy, fine literary taste, accurate classical and extensive theological attainments he has proved himself an attractive and efficient preacher. In 1882 the board of trustees appointed him for one year to the annual lectureship in church history, the duties of which position he discharged with such satisfaction to the board, and the students who sat under him, that he was reappointed six successive years."

Professor Ferguson then presented the name of Douglas Brymner, of Ottawa, upon whom the degree of LL.D. had been conferred. Mr. Brymner had been for some time editor of the Montreal *Herald*, when in 1872 he became Dominion Archivist, and had the collecting and entire management of the historical records of the Dominion and Provinces. His extensive historical knowledge, his indefatigable industry, his love of research, and his talent for organizing and arranging his materials admirably qualify him for his work, while his reports have been commended as models by experts. His contributions to re-