

—items of intelligence, gleaned from various quarters, and which they believe will be found to include matters of great professional interest. It is their intention to publish medical reports, at regular intervals, from as many of the hospitals and public institutions as will furnish them.

And in conclusion, the Editors can only assure their readers that no effort will be wanting on their part to render the *MEDICAL CHRONICLE* in every way worthy of the patronage of the profession at large.

### CONVOCATION OF MCGILL COLLEGE.

At a Convocation held in the University buildings, 6th May, 1853, the degree of M. D. was conferred on the gentlemen whose names with the subjects of their theses and places of abode are given below. We congratulate them on the event, and hope it is the presage to future fame and fortune. The ceremony of graduation is short and simple, consisting in the introduction of the candidates, their taking a vow "*Sancto coram Deo*" to continue grateful to their *alma mater*, and at no time do her an injury, to practice their professions to the best of their ability, and not without sufficient reason divulge the secrets of the sick entrusted to their keeping. They then sign the College register and each in turn is "capped" by the presiding officer being made a Doctor, while kneeling, by the authority of the University, and in the name of the Holy Trinity.

A valedictory address was next delivered by Dr. Crawford, which we have been permitted to append to this notice, it was listened to with deep attention and warmly applauded at its close.

GENTLEMEN.—I am deputed by the Medical Faculty of McGill College, to offer you their congratulations, on your having obtained your degrees of Doctors in Medicine and Surgery in the University, and I have much pleasure in thus publicly testifying to the very creditable manner you have acquitted yourselves, at your late examination. It may be satisfactory to you, if I here state, that it has not been alone from the rigid and scrutinizing examination of two hours, by the several Professors and Lecturers of the College, in the various branches of your study, that we have ascertained the amount of your acquirements, your whole course of study has been observed, and the progress you have made has become known to us, by the weekly class examinations. We are, therefore, enabled to speak with confidence, and willingly testify to your qualifications, and your just claim to the honors which have been conferred on you to-day.

The ambition which has prompted you, to aspire to the highest honors of your profession, is wise and commendable. I regret to say there are some who would desire to repress, and discourage this laudable aspiration. It is not for me to fathom their objects, it cannot be for the public good. A "little learning is a dangerous thing," even in corporate bodies, while "knowledge is power," it is a light load and easily carried.

Gentlemen, the relation in which we have hitherto stood, as teachers and pupils, has now ceased, and we have received you, as brethren, into our body. I trust that a union of feeling and confraternity, may hereafter bind us in the closest ties, and I hope the solemn pledge of attachment you have given to your "*Alma Mater*," may never be lost sight of.

You are now about to separate, perhaps to scatter into various, and distant parts of the globe. Already one of your number has commenced his journey to the "far west," (to Vancouver's land.) I regret that he is not now present, as none has hitherto carried this complimentary notice—he has our best wishes for his prosperity and success. Before we part, I would desire to offer you a few words of friendly (or paternal) admonition. I have said, you have ceased to be pupils, you must still continue students. Your whole life must be one of study, of observation and reflection, whether in your closet, or at the bedside of your patient; if you hope to attain eminence, or success. The "*tactus et visus eruditus*" cannot be acquired without long and patient observation, and close attention. Experience is not the offspring of a day, you must keep acquaintance with the professional novelties, which you can do with ease, by means of Reports, Abstracts, and other periodicals, means not so abundant in former times, as they are at present.

You are now about to assume an honorable, and useful (may I not add a God-like) profession, one of many cares and anxieties, but still not devoid of gratification, and much must depend on yourselves, whether there may be frequent. I would here notice besides your professional requirements, there are many requisites necessary to a physician. You have now taken a solemn obligation, to practice