

metropolis of catholicity and was most enthusiastically received by the students on whom he also made a most favorable impression.

— The convocation of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, met on the 29th ultimo. Among the clergy and laity assembled on the occasion, were—Their lordships the Bishop of Montreal, the Bishop of Quebec, the Bishop of New Hampshire, the Revds. Slack, Lonsdell, R. Lindsay, D. Lindsay, Houseman, Horton, Hamilton, Wood, Judge McCord, Lieut.-Colonel Munro, C. B., &c., &c.

The Convocation met at the College at 3 P.M. Proceedings having been commenced by the Vice-Chancellor, Hon. Judge McCord, the following Degrees were conferred:—

Bishop Chase, D.D., of Harvard Coll. *ad eundem*;
Dr. Horton, D.D., " " " "
Rev. W. S. Perry, M.A., " " " "
Rev. C. Hamilton, M.A., Oxford, " "
Rev. E. Wood, M.A., Durham, " "
Col. Munro, C.B., D.O.L., *honoris causa*;
Rev. G. V. Houseman, B.A., of St. John's Coll., Cambridge, M.A. *honoris causa*;
Rev. R. Lonsdell, formerly of Trin. Coll., Dub., M.A., *honoris causa*;
—Lewis, Bishop's College, M. A.

The following from the speech of the Vice-Chancellor will be found interesting:—The Vice-Chancellor said that he could have but little to say on the subjects previously so ably discussed, but he had to give an account of the educational monetary affairs of the University. Those who had visited the College and examined the students had expressed, as they had just heard, a high opinion of the progress made. Some superficial inquirers might indeed think that enough had not been done, but if they would look more closely into matters, they would see that nothing more could have been effected with such small means. They had been disappointed in their expectations of government support. They had never received from parliament building aid, such as other institutions had—it was therefore their intention to appeal to their friends for funds for School buildings, &c. Many donations had been given to the library, and Museum, during the past year. The present Archbishop of Canterbury had presented them with a complete edition of his own works. M. Hussey had given 400 volumes; and Mr. M. Rivington, the printers, had also sent a handsome donation. The library had, in all, received an accession of upwards of 1,000 volumes. The University had now, he hoped, reached its minimum, and fresh recruits were expected both the country at large, and from the Preparatory Department, under the able management of its Rector. He begged also to say a few words of thanks to the R. R. Bishop Chase, Mr. M. Horton and Mr. Perry, for their kindness and the interest they had shown in the University. It was another instance of the warm-hearted kind reciprocity they had always found in the Clergy of the United States. (Applause.) The Vice-Chancellor also congratulated the University upon the addition that day made to its list of graduates, of some names not unknown to fame, amongst whom were the R. R. Bishop Chase, New Hampshire; the Rev. Dr. Horton, Mass.; and the Rev. Mr. Perry, M. A. They have the pleasure of recording the name of the gallant commandant of H. M.'s 39th Regiment, Colonel Munro, C. B., in command of H. M.'s Forces in B.N.A., alike distinguished in arms and letters. He expressed himself rather disappointed that the modesty of the collegians should have prevented them from addressing any remarks to the audience. He trusted that that would be remedied at the next Convocation; if such should not be the case, he hoped that the boys of the Normal School would give the collegians a good example. [Great applause.]

The Convocation was then declared closed.

The thunder showers, towards the close of the afternoon and evening, did not prevent the conversazione from being well attended. The decorations and refreshments were unexceptionable, as were the duetts, glees, and songs, that gave an additional spirit and zest to the scene.

LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.

— The *Academie des Jeux Floraux*, at Toulouse, which is one of the most venerable of Europe, since it was founded in 1223, still opens every year a competition for the several gold and silver flowers, which are the reward of the best poems offered. The *Recueil des Jeux Floraux* for 1859 is divided in two parts, the first contains the prize poems and essays, the second, literary contributions by the members of the Academy. The first prize, a gold violet, was given to Mr. Boulay-Paty, for a poem on the transatlantic cable. Among the contributions of the members of the Academy we notice two poems by our friend, Mr. Adolphe de Puibusque, who has been during several years a resident of Canada. Many specimens of Mr. de Puibusque's poetical talent can be found in our *Journal de l'Instruction Publique*.

SCIENTIFIC INTELLIGENCE.

— Among the most useful of the periodicals which we receive, is the *Scientific American*, published at New York. It is chiefly devoted to mechanical and scientific inventions and discoveries, and is abundantly and remarkably well illustrated by wood-cuts in all its departments. We have received a supplement which is intended to give an *avant-gout* of what the paper is to be in its next volume. From and after the first of

July it is to be enlarged and otherwise greatly improved, and is to contain sixteen pages instead of eight. We congratulate its enterprising publishers and much more their readers on these good signs of the times.

— Owing in a great measure to the efforts of Professor Agassiz the movement in favour of a museum of comparative zoology at Cambridge, is assuming a most encouraging aspect. The legislature of Massachusetts has appropriated to that object \$100,000 on condition that as much more should be subscribed by the citizens including the legacy of \$50,000 left by Mr. Gray for the same purpose. The subscription soon amounted to \$80,000; besides this legacy or in all, including the bounty of the State to \$235,500. It is now proposed to make up the whole amount to a quarter of a million. Besides this great project, the citizens of the State of Massachusetts are also striving to secure to the State a truly National Museum, which is to be on the broad plan of the British Museum, or rather it is said to unite the features of the Paris Garden of Plants with the *Conservatoire des Arts et Métiers*. It is proposed to place this great institution in the city of Boston.—(*Silliman's Journal*.)

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