

gentleman expressed his great satisfaction at finding in the class a man from his own county, Mr. Macintyre, whose parents he well knew as worthy pioneers, and whom himself, he had always watched with interest. He also spoke very highly of Albert College, and of the firm devotion of the people that sustained it to the best interests of the country, particularly in their consistent and practical advocacy of the voluntary principle.

Rev. Dr. Wild then presented E. McMahon for Pi Sigma and the Mayor's Prizes in Oratory. Messrs. W. W. Dean, M.A., Master in Chancery; A. F. Wood, Warden, and Rev. James Gardiner, of *C. C. Advocate*, in effective speeches, respectively presented E. G. Ponton for the "Harry Nichol" Memorial Prize in General Proficiency, second year; J. B. Barton for the Gould Prize in Mathematics; and E. L. Chamberlain for the Scott Proficiency Prize. The first was instituted by Dr. Nichol, of Montreal; the second by C. M. Gould, Esq., ex-Warden Co. Northumberland; and the third by C. J. Scott, of Strathroy. Mr. Dean, in his presentation, took occasion to call the attention of the Honourable gentleman present to the work accomplished by the out-lying colleges. Dr. Palmer, Principal of Deaf and Dumb Institute, presented J. W. Wright for General Proficiency. The Undergraduate Honour Men in Modern Languages, Kingston, McMahon and Ponton, were presented by J. Bell, Q. C.; and in Mathematics, Barton and Chamberlain by A. Diamond, Esq. Convocation closed with the National Anthem.

Convocation Dinner in the evening at the Dafee House was a decided success. Dr. Hope filled the chair, and A. L. Morden, Esq., of Napanee, the vice-chair. The usual loyal and University toasts were given, and heartily responded to.—Bishop Richardson, in his response to the "navy," gave several interesting reminiscences of the war of 1812, in which he served, and took occasion to vindicate the character of his Admiral, Sir James Yew, against the aspersions of cowardice, because he did not more readily come to an engagement. The Bishop showed that his conduct was attributable to caution, as the land forces and the army in the west depended on him for supplies. In response to the "Lieutenant-Governor and the Parliament of Ontario," Hon. Mr. Crooks showed the excellency of our constitution, and the necessity of fidelity to its principles in order to enjoy the fullness of its provisions. Hon. Mr. McKellar spoke of the lack of educational advantages in his youth, and of the service his backward's diploma had rendered him through life in the energy and vigour it had given him. He also spoke of this young and growing country with satisfaction, and counselled the young men to be true to the heritage of their fathers. Speaking of our developing resources, he said, had there been a road like the Grand Trunk through the country in its early settlement it would have paid for itself in the wood and timber it would have saved from the pioneers' log-heaps. He also showed that the new roads of our own times will soon pay for themselves in the increase of population, and the consequent increased annual payments from the Dominion Government under the Confederation Act. The speeches of the honourable gentleman were timely, effective and well received. Mayor Kerr, in reply to "sister Universities," gave a fervid and eloquent address, rejoicing in the prosperity of all the Universities. He spoke well of all, and stood up manfully for his own. The policy of the late Government in withdrawing special grants he now approved of, though it had cost them much money and labour. Warden Wood argued that there should be a general University law, just as there is a general Public School and High School law. All active Universities might be aided under its provisions; or the Government might do as did the County of Hastings, aid Universities by endowing special chairs. The whole thing could be put under proper supervision, and the public interest secured. All the speeches were lively and to the point, and after a very pleasant evening, the large company separated about twelve o'clock.

The first of the series of public University exercises was the sermon by Rev. I. B. Aylsworth, M. A., before the Senate and University, in the M. E. Church, on Sabbath, 16th. inst. The Rev. Senator, one

of the first graduates of the University, took as his text Daniel xii, 3,—  
"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

MR. WOODS' RETIREMENT.—Mr. Woods, the efficient Inspector of the Kingston Schools, in his remarks before the Board of Trustees on his retirement, said: Any person having his experience (Mr. Woods') was well aware of the large amount of work it entailed—the labours of an inspector under the new regulations being increased fully ten-fold; it was one report after another, continuously, to the Education Department, Toronto, and unless they were prepared with care, and devoid of inaccuracies, they would be returned for amendment. Before taking his leave he wished to heartily return thanks for the kindness and respect with which he had been received and treated by the Board in the capacity of superintendent during the past five years, the resignation of which would sever every tie existing between himself and the trustees, except that of good feeling and warm friendship; but in retiring, it was his ardent desire to see the interests of the public schools promoted. He had occupied the chairmanship of the Board of Examiners—that position will also be vacated by him, and the seat assumed by Prof. Dupuis, and he sincerely hoped and trusted that the same cordiality would continue between that gentleman and the teachers and employees of the Board, as when he had the office. Within the past five years, in all his intercourse and dealings with the Public Schools, he had had no occasion to utter a complaint against any teacher or subordinate official; and now he thought, instead of murmurings, there were expressions of regret. The Chairman said he was sure that all deeply regretted the severance which had taken place between Mr. Woods and the Board. Had the duties of that gentleman as Principal of the Collegiate Institute not made it obligatory for him to resign the position of Inspector, there were none, he was certain, who could discharge the labours pertaining to that office to better advantage and meet the approbation of the public more than Mr. Woods. He had devoted many years to the profession of teacher of a prominent institution, was possessed of extensive experience, and was therefore better qualified for inspector than any university graduate or professor of a College.—*Chronicle and News.*

BISHOP STRACHAN SCHOOL.—At the annual distribution of prizes at Wykeham Hall, His Honour Judge Boyd was requested to preside. The rooms were well filled with the pupils and their friends, the teaching staff, the members of the school council and other friends of the institution. In addition to the prize list, the presentation of a beautiful gold medal, kindly offered by Dr. Hodder, physician to the school, to be annually given to the most proficient pupil, was given to Miss Kate Denison, the daughter of Col. Robert Denison. The Chairman, Alderman Harman and others happily addressed the pupils, and expressed their congratulations to the Lady Principal, the Chaplain, and the other teachers, on the success achieved by the school.

## VII. Departmental Notices.

### GOLD MEDAL FOR TEACHERS IN 1873.

Teachers competing for first class certificates in 1873, will please refer to the letters on page 115, of this number of the *Journal of Education*, from which they will see that Mr. McCabe (a former successful teacher) offers for competition a Gold Medal, to the most successful candidate for a first class certificate in July, 1873. A medal will (D.V.) be given every year by Mr. McCabe as indicated.

### PLANS FOR SCHOOL HOUSES, Etc.

Parties preparing these plans will please observe that their plans, to be admitted to competition, must be drawn to the scales indicated, and must be prepared either on separate sheets of paper or with a space of two or three inches between them. The specification should be written on one side of the sheet only.