

the Degree of LL. D. should be conferred on the Rev. George Romanes, of London, England. Both recommendations were unanimously agreed to when the Scholarships for the last Session were announced, after which the ceremony of laureation took place, and the usual oath was administered to each of the graduates. The Degree of LL. D. was also conferred on Rev. George Romanes. The Principal said that in addition to the Degree conferred on him, another Degree, that of D. D. had been resolved on the recipient being Rev. John Geddie, of Nova Scotia, whose missionary exertions on the Island of Aneiteum, one of the Islands of the Hebrides, had been crowned with triumphant success. The natives of the entire Island had been brought to a knowledge of Christianity by the unceasing and zealous endeavors of Mr. Geddie, who had also translated the Scriptures into their native language, to which fact his great success was mainly attributable. The Principal stated that only one competitor had appeared for the prize to be awarded by Mr. John Carruthers for the best Essay on Petroleum Oils, and it was still deemed advisable to hold the prize over for future competition. He also stated that a prize had been awarded to Mr. Nathan F. Dupuis, the writer of one of the essays received in competition for the Ottawa Prize on the question of "The advantages and responsibilities of our connection with the mother country." The competition, he said had been good, and he had read the essay which was just found to have been written by Mr. Dupuis after it had been selected by the judges, and had fully concurred in the judgment they had rendered. The Montreal prize of \$40 for the best essay on "The Didactic in relation to the devotional element in the Lord's Prayer," was awarded to Mr. Robert Jardine, M. A., B. D., of Brockville. The customary address was delivered to the students by the Rev. Principal, and was followed by the Valedictory Address of the Students to the Professors, Mr. Robert Jardine having been chosen to deliver the latter. Rev. Professor Murray, by desire of Rev. Principal, addressed the students briefly, bidding them farewell on behalf of the Professors, and expressing a hope that the acquirements they carried with them from the College might redound to their future well-being. The Principal announced that the prize essays and Scholarships to be competed for next session would be the same as those at the session just closed, with two exceptions, that of the "Hardy Scholarship," of \$50 and the "Leitch Memorial Scholarship." The latter was made up by subscriptions of the friends of the late Principal Leitch in Scotland and Canada, but the arrangements were not yet completed, and there would only be a partial amount this year; next and future years it would be \$70. Both these are to be open scholarships. The Principal, then, with the consent of the Senate, announced the following University Prizes:—1. The Kingston Prize of \$50 for the best essay on "Confederation on its bearings upon the Commercial Prosperity of the British North American Colonies." Open to all students. 2. The Montreal Prize of \$40 for the best essay on "The Sabbath, in its Mosiac and Christian Aspects." Open to all students of Theology. 3. The Toronto Prize of \$40 for the best essay on "The Oratory of the Ancient Greeks and Romans." Open to all students in Arts. 4. Church Agents' Prize of \$25 for the best essay on "The Scriptural Argument for Presbyterianism." Open to all students in Theology. *Election of Fellows*—Faculty of Arts,—Mr. N. F. Dupuis; Faculty of Law Dr. Romanes; Faculty of Theology Mr. Robert Jardine. The Rev. Principal closed the proceedings by pronouncing the Benediction.—*Farther Degrees Conferred*.—Faculty of Arts, M. A., Rev. James Y. Cameron, M. A., Henry Edmison, B. A., Donald Fraser, B. A., Robert Jardine, B. A., William McCleunan B. A. B. A.—Nathan F. Dupuis, Peter C. McGregor, Evan C. W. McColl, Robert Chambers, Francis H. Chrysler, William Caldwell, Peter McLaren, Samuel Eakin, Charles F. Ireland.—*Kingston News*

— MCGILL UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION.—The annual Convocation was opened yesterday. The Chancellor, the Hon. C. D. Day, LL.D. presided. The proceedings were opened with prayer by the Reverend the Vice-Principal of McGill College. The Minutes of the first day of last Convocation were read. Convocation then proceeded to elect the Fellows in each of the Faculties as follows: *In Arts*—B. Chamberlain, M. A., B.C.L., and R. A. Leach, M. A., B.C.L. *In Medicine*—W. Sutherland, M.D. and R. Godfrey, M.D. *In Law*—W. B. Lambe, B.C.L. and F. W. Torrance, B.C.L. The Dean of the Faculty of Arts then read the Honour and class list. *FACULTY OF ARTS: Honours, Prizes and Standing Graduating Class.* The Medallists. Mr. Anderson, Mr. Bethune, and Mr. Browne were called forward, and received their medals from the Chancellor. The Diplomas of Honours were then handed to the Honour men by the Dean of Faculty. Messrs. Anderson, Watts, Bethune, Tabb, Perigo, Browne, Wilson, Grandy, Chipman, McLeod, Hartt, Morrison, and Beckett were called forward, and,

having made the requisite declaration, received the degree of Bachelors of Arts. Messrs Bancroft and Mac-luff were also admitted to the degree. Mr. McLeod then delivered the Valedictory on behalf of his class. Prof. Hatch, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Morrin College, then read the following list of those who had passed to the degree of B.A. with Honours. Mental and Moral Philosophy—First rank—Messrs Scott and Wotherspoon equal, Mr. Cassels—Second rank—Mr. N. W. McLean, Mr. Theophilus H. Oliver. These gentlemen then received the degree of B.A., after which Mr. Wotherspoon read a valedictory on behalf of his fellow-graduates from Morrin. The following Bachelors of Art were then announced by the Dean of Faculty of Arts, McGill, to have complied with the regulations, and to be entitled to the degree of M.A., viz.: The Rev. James Davidson, and Messrs George Ross and R. J. Wickateed; and those gentlemen having made the necessary declaration, were admitted to the degree.

The DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS (the Ven. Archdeacon Leach,) then addressed the Graduates. He remarked upon the fact that the present convocation was one deserving more than usual notice, on this account, that they had a larger number of Graduates than ever before. And he was glad specially to notice this, inasmuch as this was an indication of a growing taste for an appreciation of Academical learning in the community. He desired to recognize the good work in the same direction done by other collegiate institutions in Lower Canada, not only those affiliated with this University, but Bishops' College, Lennoxville, as well, which he regretted was not also affiliated. They recognized the work these had done, as assisting themselves and the cause of University education generally. It was urged sometimes that the learned professions are too crowded, but he argued against this as a fallacy—at least the learning which fitted them for the practice of those learned professions was a benefit to the recipients themselves, and to those with whom they were brought in contact. One thing he thought noteworthy and to be regretted, that so few even of those who came to receive a University education seemed to have developed their literary tastes—to have properly cultivated their fancy and sensibility. Perchance this was owing to the purely practical tastes of parents in this new country, busied with the getting of a living. But he thought it was a pity that youth were not taught to appreciate the beauties of Milton and Shakspeare—nay, that children were not encouraged to learn parts of Tennyson, as well as hymns. He next addressed the Graduates in a few happy words of advice, and concluded with a compliment to Principal Dawson, who, more than any other person, had since he came among us urged forward by his untiring exertions the cause of academic education. Rev. Dr. Cook Principal of Morrin College, next addressed the Convocation. He had been long connected with McGill University. Not long after he came to this country he was named one of the Board of the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning, and continued to act thereafter upon it with the late Bishop of Quebec, and others—most of whom had passed away. When the Board was reorganized, and properly made up of men resident in Montreal, he of course ceased to be upon it, but his interest in the Institution had not ceased, and when Morrin College was recently affiliated, he was glad of the opportunity to renew his connection. And he should be lacking in courtesy if he did not take that opportunity to recognize the promptitude and kindness with which Principal Dawson and the Chancellor had acted in the negotiations for this affiliation, how they had exerted themselves to remove all difficulties in the way. He heartily concurred also in what Dr. Leach had said with regard to the labours of the learned Principal of McGill—the Vice-Chancellor of the University. Of Morrin College he would not say much. It had no very large resources, and the English population near it was so small that they could not expect for many years to come, to have many students. It was well to do heartily at once what they could do, to have higher aims, to look forward to a still higher standard of education in the future, especially more support both from public and private benevolence. What the friends of the cause had most to dread was the apathy of the general public and the desire manifested by rich men to take their sons at the earliest practical moment from their teachers, and place them in their country houses. There is excuse for the poor perhaps that they should set their children to earn their livelihood at the earliest moment—but none for the rich—of whom there must be many in a great town like Montreal, where one saw on every hand signs of great wealth and abounding prosperity. They had it on the highest authority that a man's life does not consist in the abundance of that which he possesses. Next after high principle and upright conduct, intellectual culture should be prized before all else. Nothing was so calculated as such culture to prevent men from giving way to low tastes