

A QUEEN'S MAN ABROAD.

The following extract from a letter written by T. L. Walker from Leipzig, August 5th, shows that he is now Dr. Walker, with a very honourable degree:—

I tried the examination for the Doctor's degree last week and am quite pleased with the result. There are two parts to the examination—a written thesis and an oral in each of the three subjects selected by the candidate. They give four grades or classes of standing:

- Summa cum laude (I).
- Magna cum laude (II A).
- Cum laude (II).
- Rita (III).

I obtained summa cum laude for my thesis; and for the orals one summa cum laude, one magna cum laude and one cum laude, so that my average for the oral is magna cum laude. As none of the Canadians have obtained so high a mark since I have been here, I am quite satisfied.

I must now print my thesis and present two hundred copies to the university authorities.

I intend to remain with Professor Zirkel next winter and finish my studies of the Sudbury district

so far as I have material and data. My thesis deals only with the geological and petrographical side of the question. I propose next year to study the minerals of economic value and to prepare a paper dealing with the ore deposits in particular.

My oral examinations were in German and I do not think a word of English was used. That does not mean that I can speak good German—only that I am able to express myself in German.

Professor Nicol and friends are at Freiberg. Professor Fowler wrote me a few days ago from Switzerland. I hardly know where to spend my holidays, but may go to the exhibition at Buda-Pesth and visit Dresden, Prague, Vienna and Breslau on the way.

Now that I have my Ph.D., I am better prepared to apply for a position in Chemistry, Mineralogy or Geology should one "turn up."

It is estimated that the sum of \$10,000,000 will be needed to erect all the buildings contemplated for the American University of Washington, the subscriptions for the same amounting now to \$152,500.

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