

dispensed with, on account of the unfavourable state of the weather. The Chancellor, in his opening address, after noticing the satisfactory condition of both departments of the institution, and alluding in feeling terms to the death of the late Rector of the School, expressed his confident anticipation of a highly successful career on the part of his successor, the Rev. R. H. Walker, and noticed in his usual felicitous manner, the presence of the Vice-Principal of McGill College, and of one of its Governors, C. Dunkin, Esq.

The Candidates for degrees were now presented. The Hon. A. T. Galt and Archdeacon Leach received the honorary degree of D.C.L., and Canon Street, Chaplain to the Bishop of Illinois, the degree of M.A., also *honoris causa*. Mr. Henry Slack, B.A. was then admitted M.A. in regular course, and Messrs. James Hepburn, John F. Carr, James King, George W. G. R. Zuhliché, and Henry Burges obtained the well merited distinction of B.A. The National Anthem was sung as usual, after the oath of allegiance was administered to the B.A.'s with the heartiness which distinguishes all public celebrations connected with the College; and, after its conclusion, five of the Vith. Form boys, Nevitt, Archibald, Anderson, Hobson and Nicolls were admitted members of the University.

The Chancellor now called upon Mr. Hepburn to deliver the "Valedictory" address. It was clearly and feelingly read, favourably received, and afterwards very generally spoken of in complimentary terms.

The Lord Bishop of Quebec in announcing to Mr. Hepburn the award made to him of the Prince of Wales' medal, took occasion to allude to the good promises with which he had commenced his school life in his own Rectorship, and the entire fulfilment of that promise in his college career.

The S. P. G. Jubilee scholarship was assigned to Mr. J. F. Carr.

The Chancellor then invited Mr. Henry Slack to read the exercise which he had written for the degree of M.A. The subject of it was Eloquence and Oratory. Although the paper was not written for public delivery, it was listened to throughout with great interest, and people felt that the subject was one which had fallen into proper hands to be treated of.

Addresses were then delivered at the invitation of the Chancellor, by Canon Balch, D.D. the Hon. A. T. Galt, and the Lord Bishop of Montreal.

The address of Dr. Balch was intended to impress upon the minds of his youthful hearers the greatness and importance of the work which may be done in quiet unpretending positions in life. The grass springing from the bosom of the earth, with the fruits and flowers, and the stars in their silent course proclaim God's glory. So His providence works sometimes among men. The establishment of the new "Dominion," and the Pan-Anglican Synod are instances, great and all important movements, made in like silence. The following beautiful passage speaks its own praise, "but a short time since, there grew over the Continent of Europe the darkest cloud of war that ever cast its lurid shadow across the continent, when the growl of the Prussian bear, the howl of the