

**THE MEDICAL CONVOCATION.**

THE last of Queen's Medical convocations passed off quietly in Grant Hall on Thursday, April 12th. Sir Sandford Fleming, the Chancellor, presided and conferred the honorary degree of LL.D. upon Dr. C. K. Clarke, Superintendent of Toronto Asylum for the Insane, and the degree of M.D., C.M. upon the forty-seven men who graduated in medicine this spring.

In his address to the members of convocation, Sir Sandford Fleming referred to the work of the Royal Commission which has recently inquired into and reported on matters relating to Toronto University. He stated that Queen's had only the kindest feelings towards Toronto University, and rejoiced in her prosperity and in the good she had accomplished. But then, reminding those present that Toronto was not the only educational centre in Ontario, he ventured to suggest the appointment of a second royal commission to inquire into the university system of the whole province, and expressed the hope that until the fullest information by this means had been gained definite action by the Government and Legislature should be deferred.

In presenting Dr. C. K. Clarke to the Chancellor for the degree of Doctor of Laws, Prof. Shortt referred to the wide range of Dr. Clarke's interests and to the vigor and enthusiasm with which he pursued various lines of science and culture. He is a widely recognized authority on mental diseases, but he studies those not merely professionally but in the true scientific spirit and is keenly interested in their wider national and social significance. He has made several im-

portant contributions to the literature of insanity, particularly in the *Journal of Insanity*, of which he is associate editor. In conclusion, Prof. Shortt spoke of Dr. Clarke as not only a scientific specialist and scholar, but one of those men of wide and wholesome interests, who touch life at many points and who in a country such as ours are among the most potent forces which make for civilization.

In replying, Dr. Clarke referred to the good work being done by Queen's in all lines, and to the inspiration afforded by the memory of Principal Grant. The Government endowment of a biological building here would assure the future of Queen's Medical department and would improve the condition of Toronto University. The interests of higher education are identical and progress should be welcomed either in Toronto or Kingston. Broad educational policies should be above petty bickerings.

In speaking to the members of the graduating class, Dr. Clarke advised them to acquire a broader culture than that of the average Canadian physician. The lives of Howard, Workman, Osler and Reeve are ample proof that those who acquire a broad culture outside medicine itself can achieve its highest results. Broadness of culture is necessary to counteract the ultra-materialistic tendencies which the study of medicine is apt to develop. The graduates were advised to become broad minded physicians before specializing as surgeons.

Dean Connell announced that the registration in medicine this year was 223, the largest on record. He referred to the high standard of teaching in the college, to the small percentage of failures, and to the almost