

Medical Students by Dr Ogden, and then the President of the University delivered a powerful address, in which he paid a glowing eulogy to the late Dr. Ryerson and others who have passed away, and appealed for a generous support from the friends of Victoria College. The announcement that Dennis Moore, Esq., of Hamilton, had endowed a chair was received with great cheering. Professor Mills, from the Agricultural College, Guelph, Dr. Cochran, Dr. Dewart, Dr. Stephenson, and Dr. Sutherland also addressed the Convocation.

The Alumni Dinner, and the Conversonazione were seasons of enjoyment, and at the latter especially the ladies added much to the pleasure of the occasion.

Dr. Haanel has received intimation through His Excellency the Governor General, of his election as one of the twenty members of the new Royal Canadian Academy of Art and Science.

DR. NELLES' ADDRESS.

After conferring degrees, the Principal of the University, Rev. Dr. Nelles, made a few observations. He said :—

It is my melancholy duty on this occasion to make reference to the loss which our University has sustained during the year in the death of two members of the Senate. One of these, the late Senator Browne, was one of the earliest of the graduates of the University. He won high distinction in his profession as a physician and surgeon, and also in the Legislature of the Dominion. He was for many years a member of our Board and Senate, and in every way a faithful and liberal benefactor of the institution. He was a man of amiable disposition, and greatly esteemed and beloved by all who knew him. He will be held in grateful remembrance, and his absence deeply lamented in our annual gatherings.

The other name is one of still greater eminence, perhaps the most eminent hitherto in the history of Canada. I refer to the late Rev. Dr. Ryerson, the first President of

Victoria University. It was largely owing to his exertions that the institution was first established under the name of Upper Canada Academy, and it was by his personal efforts in England that the Royal Charter was procured, and when in 1841 the Academy was invested with the dignity and privileges of a University, he was chosen President, which position he held until 1844, when he was appointed Chief Superintendent of Education for the Province of Upper Canada. I may here quote a few sentences from his address at the preparatory opening of the University in October, 1841. "I cannot conclude these remarks without adverting to the new and elevated character with which this Institution has been invested by the Parliament of united Canada. His late most Gracious Majesty, William the Fourth, of precious memory, first invested this Institution in 1836 with a corporate character, as an Academy—the first institution of the kind established by Royal Charter, unconnected with the Church of England, throughout the British Colonies. It is a cause of renewed satisfaction and congratulation that after five years' operations as an Academy, it has been incorporated as a University, and financially assisted by the unanimous vote of both branches of the Provincial Legislature, sanctioned by more than an official cordiality in Her Majesty's name, by the late lamented Lord Sydenham, one of whose last messages to the Legislative Assembly was a recommendation to grant £500 as an aid to Victoria College." This position of President of Victoria University Dr. Ryerson retained for two years, when he was appointed Chief Superintendent of Education for Upper Canada. He remained, however, a member of the Board and Senate to the time of his death, a period in all of nearly fifty years, and, perhaps, did more than any one man for the interests of the University by his personal exertions, and by generous pecuniary contributions. Whatever differences of opinion may exist as to some parts of Dr. Ryerson's career as a public man, there will be, I am sure, remark-