

best fit them for becoming useful members of society? How can I best stir up in them a thirst for knowledge, and arm them with the power of acquiring it? Teaching is a noble profession if we will only rise to the true dignity of it; unless we do so our labour "will prove the blasted fruitage of an imperfect harvest." If we are to rise to the true dignity of our profession, we must ever keep before us what ought to be the highest aim of every teacher and what constitutes true education, viz., the development and culture of the mind. We must steadily set our faces against cramming in all its forms. Education is a plant of slow growth, and withers under hot-house forcing. Cramming is enticing, because it is comparatively easy and showy. An avenue of living shade trees cannot be produced in a day, but an avenue of artificial trees may be erected in a day, and for a brief time it may be more showy and grand than the former, but its glories soon depart and leave only a mass of rubbish behind. It is comparatively easy for the teacher to make a show by cramming, but very soon the naked deformity of puerility will be seen peering through the foliage which has no living root. One word in conclusion: we must ever bear in mind that that and that only can be called true culture which embraces the whole man. There are two grand departments in the human mind, viz., the intellectual and the moral, and there can be no true education of the former where the latter is neglected. To cultivate the intellectual faculties where the moral are neglected, and then call that educating the child, is as vain as it would be to attempt to swell the ocean with a drop, marry immortality with death, or fill infinity with an unsubstantial shade.—*Spectator*.

6. SCHOOLS IN ALGOMA DISTRICT.

The Ratepayers and Corporation of Assiginack, are shewing a laudable desire to promote Education within their boundaries. The Corporation this year, have made a special grant of \$100 to each school in operation within their boundaries. Considering the age of the Townships, and the unavoidable struggles that new settlers must always face, this is liberal to say the least. These Schools with others in the District have been placed under the supervision of R. Little, Esq., Public School Inspector for Halton

V. Proceedings of Universities.

1. UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.—CONVOCATION.

The annual Convocation exercises of the University of Toronto were held yesterday afternoon in Convocation Hall, the Vice-Chancellor, Hon. Thomas Moss, M.A., in the absence of the Chancellor, presiding. His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, Visitor of University College, sat on the right of the Vice-Chancellor, and Rev. John McCaul, LL.D., President of University College, on his left. On the platform were Professors Wilson, Loudon, Croft and Young; Hon. Adam Crooks, M.A., Minister of Education; Goldwin Smith, M.A.; J. M. Buchan, M.A.; J. A. McLellan, LL.D.; W. H. Oldwright, M.A., M.D.; J. H. Richardson, M.D.; W. T. Aikins, M.D.; W. G. Falconbridge, M.A.; T. W. Taylor, M.A.; Mr. D. Buchan; Rev. G. Bryce, M.A., of Winnipeg; W. H. Vander-Smissen, M.A.; A. Baker, B.A.; T. Kirkland, M.A.; W. D. Pearman, M.A.; R. Zimmerman, M.B.; A. Greenlees, M.B.; J. H. McCollum, M.B.; W. Houston, M.A., and the esquire bedels, Messrs. E. E. Nicholson and A. K. Blackadar. Among those in the body of the hall were Mr. James Hughes, Inspector of Schools; Rev. George Lamb, of Leeds, England; Dr. George Wright; Rev. Mr. Carmichael, Markham, and a large number of ladies.

The proceedings began by the formal admission to degrees of the following:

M.D.—W. Britton, K. H. L. Cameron, R. B. Leaslie.

M.A.—J. A. M. Aikins, F. R. Beattie, A. Leslie, F. Madill, J. McCoy, A. P. McDiarmid, D. Ross, A. Scott, T. H. Smyth, J. Wilkie, W. A. Wilson.

LL.B.—A. Murdoch, D. A. O'Sullivan.

M.B.—R. I. Bentley, A. C. Bowerman, J. W. Byam, E. Jessop, W. R. Knowles, H. Lackner, J. M. Mackie, G. R. McDonagh, A. McPhedran, A. Sanderson, S. W. Smith, W. F. Strangeways, R. S. Tyrrell, W. J. Wilson.

B.A.—R. H. Abraham, W. H. Aikins, J. Armstrong, A. K. Blackadar, P. Bryce, J. Cameron, R. D. Carey, M. S. Clark, C. Clarkson, A. Cryslar, J. Dixon, J. Doherty, W. G. Eakins, E. N. English, D. Findlay, H. Montgomery, H. E. Morphy, D. Munro, E. E. Nicholson, R. K. Orr, D. S. Paterson, C. Robertson, J. Ross, W. Scott, A. Steele, J. W. A. Stewart, D. Tait.

M.A. (*ad eundem gradum*)—W. Barnhill, from the University of Glasgow; W. D. Pearman, from the University of Cambridge.

B.A. (*ad eundem gradum*)—F. C. Boulton, from the University of Cambridge.

The names of the matriculants were taken as read.

The following are the medallists in the Faculty of Medicine:—Gold medal, A. McPhedran. Silver medal—1. H. G. Lackner; 2. A. C. Bowerman; 3. W. J. Wilson. Star gold medal—H. G. Lackner. Star Silver medal—1. A. McPhedran; 2. A. C. Bowerman.

The following are the names of those winning medals in the Faculty of Arts:—Classics—Gold medal, E. E. Nicholson. Mathematics—Gold medal, A. K. Blackadar. Modern Languages—Gold medal, D. S. Paterson; Silver medal—1. J. Doherty; 2. W. G. Eakins; 3. C. Robertson. Natural Sciences—Gold medal, P. Bryce; Silver medal—1. A. K. Blackadar; 2. R. H. Abraham; 3. H. Montgomery. Metaphysics, Ethics, &c.—Gold medal, J. W. A. Stewart; Silver medal—1. A. Steele; 2. J. Ross.

The following are the names of the students obtaining Scholarships in the Faculties of Law, Medicine and Arts:—

LAW—Second year, A. B. Aysworth.

MEDICINE—First year, J. Adair; second year, H. S. Griffin; third year, W. T. Stewart.

ARTS—Greek and Latin, 1st year, 1. J. D. Cameron (double); 2. J. A. Culham (double); 3. J. W. Elliott (double). 2nd year, 1. S. C. Smoke; 2. J. Morgan. 3rd year, 1. A. Johnston (double); J. E. Wetherell. Mathematics—1st year, 1. J. W. Delaney; 2. G. A. Somerville. 2nd year, 1. J. E. Hayter; 2. J. H. M. Campbell. 3rd year, 1. J. E. Bryant; 2. J. C. Hartstone. Modern Languages—2nd year, D. R. Keys; 3rd year, W. N. Ponton. Natural Sciences—2nd year, A. McGill; 3rd year, S. P. Davis. Metaphysics, &c.—2nd year, M. McGregor; 3rd year, D. Beattie. History and Civil Polity—G. W. Field. Special proficiency in subjects other than Classics and Mathematics—1st year, J. P. McMurrich; 2nd year, J. M. Hunter (double). General Proficiency—1st year, 1. J. W. Elliott; 2. J. D. Cameron; 3. C. C. McCaul; 4. J. A. Culham; 5. W. J. R. McMinn. 2nd year, 1. J. M. Hunter; 2. A. J. Bell. 3rd year, 1. A. Johnston; 2. E. A. E. Bowes; 3. G. W. Beynon.

PRIZES—Meteorology—A. K. Blackadar. French Prose—W. N. Ponton. Oriental Languages—1st year, J. Builder; 2nd year, P. A. McEwen; 3rd year, A. Baird. Dufferin gold medal, A. Johnston. Prince's prize, A. K. Blackadar.

The VICE-CHANCELLOR, in presenting the various medals, scholarships and prizes, delivered short congratulatory addresses to the winners, complimenting them on the honours they had obtained and encouraging them to further efforts.

His Honour the LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR, in presenting the Dufferin Gold Medal to the winner, Mr. A. Johnston, spoke in brief but felicitous terms of the deservedly high esteem in which the distinguished donor of the prize was held by the people of the Dominion, and of the interest which he took not only in the material advancement of Canada, but in its moral and educational progress. He had great pleasure in presenting the prize, which was in itself one evidence of the interest which His Excellency took in the affairs of the country—a recognition of the fact that the doors of this institution were open alike to rich and poor, and that merit alone was the basis of reward. (Loud applause.)

Rev. Dr. McCaul, in presenting Mr. A. K. Blackadar, B.A., to His Honour as the winner of the Prince's prize, spoke in terms of the highest compliment of the recipient. He had won not only the Prince's prize, but the University gold medal in Mathematics, the silver medal in Natural Sciences, and the University prize for Meteorology. His course in the University had been a splendid one throughout, as he had obtained scholarships and prizes every year. On this occasion the feat which he had achieved was unprecedented. They all rejoiced that though Mr. Blackadar was not a native of Ontario, he was a native of the sister Province of Nova Scotia. In the course of some remarks addressed to Mr. Blackadar, he said that the University of Toronto was an institution that did not require to go outside its own *alumni* for distinguished names, which should encourage the young and incite them to emulation. On the present occasion he would only point to two gentlemen, graduates of the University, who were on the platform to-day—the Minister of Education, and the present Vice-Chancellor. (Applause.) It was just eighteen years ago since the latter had stood on this dais and received the greatest rarity he (Dr. McCaul) had ever known—three gold medals. The result of so distinguished a University course was, that he was now on the Bench, to the joy of all members of his profession, Chairman of Convocation, and Vice-Chancellor of the University.

The VICE-CHANCELLOR, in his address, mentioned that it was with deep regret that he referred to the absence of their newly elected Chancellor. He was authorized by him (Mr. Blake) to assure his fellow-graduates that he felt most sincere and heartfelt pride in the great honour they had done him by his almost