

REPORT OF SESSION 1880-81.

The number of matriculated students for the session 1880-81 was 32, being five in excess of last year. Of this number four were from the Province of Ontario, one from the United States, one from Porto Rica, and 26 from the Province of Quebec. Ten of this number were from the City of Montreal, where, it is but reasonable to suppose, the School and the facilities which it offers for learning are best known.

The Faculty deeply regret that, early last summer, Dr. David, owing to failing health, tendered the resignation of his chair of Practice of Medicine and his office of Dean. The former was accepted with regret, but the Faculty declined to accede to the latter request, and they are pleased to be able to state that he still continues to occupy the position he has so ably filled for the past ten years.

The fact that this is the tenth annual Convocation naturally suggests a review of the past decade, and without entering fully into the history of the School during that period, it may be said, in spite of many obstacles, we have made a solid foundation. The labor involved has been great, pecuniary reward there has been none, but to those who have been with the Faculty since its organization, the outlook to-day is brighter than it ever was before. The superstructure is about to be raised, and that it will assume fair proportions before the next decade ends is assured, we feel satisfied, from the enthusiasm which pervaded the class of 1880-81.

The Faculty have for several years had the pleasure of presenting at the annual Medical Convocation "The Wood Gold Medal" to the student who has attained the highest number of marks in both the primary and final examinations. This year they are proud to be able to announce the founding of another Gold Medal, to be known as "The Robert Nelson Medal." The name of "Nelson" is one that has been well known in medical circles in Montreal during the last 50 years, and this medal is founded by Dr. C. Eugene Nelson, of New York, a descendant of the family, in memory of his late father, Dr. Robert Nelson, who died at Staten Island, New York, in March, 1873. A word or two may not be out of place concerning the man in whose memory this medal has been founded. Dr. Robert Nelson was born near Sorel, in this Province. Commencing the study of medicine in Montreal, he was, as was the custom in those days, apprenticed to Dr. Ryan, and afterwards to Dr. Arnoldi, with whom he subsequently acted as assistant. After some time he commenced practice on his own account, residing in St. Gabriel street. He represented the Eastern District of Montreal in Parliament for several years; was Health Commissioner during the terrible outbreak of cholera in this city in 1832 and 1834; was President of the Medical Board, and Physician to the Hotel Dieu Hospital.

In the year 1837, along with his brother, the late Dr. Wolfred Nelson, he became implicated in the Rebellion, and was obliged to take refuge in the United States. In 1838 he headed an incursion into Canada, which met with disastrous failure. For some years he remained in Vermont, following his profession, but subsequently removed to New York City, where his reputation as a surgeon, first made in this city, brought him fame and fortune. It seems peculiarly fitting, therefore, that his son should establish, in connection with a Canadian College, a medal in memoriam of his late father, and that he should select Bishop's College as the favored one, inasmuch as the first name which was enrolled as a student of medicine on the Registration Books of this faculty on its establishment, in 1871, was "Wolfred Nelson," a grand-nephew of the deceased.

The Faculty also have pleasure in making the announcement that they have established a scholarship, which they have, in honor of their venerable Dean, named "The David Scholarship." This scholarship will consist of one full set of the Final Classes, delivered at the College, and will become the perquisite of the student who each year attains the highest number of marks in the Primary Examinations.

Ever solicitous of the welfare of its graduates, and proud to chronicle their success, the Faculty is pleased and proud to be able to state that Dr. Chandler, who this time last year in this hall graduated, taking "The Wood Gold Medal," has recently received the appointment as House Surgeon to the Brooklyn Hospital, containing 150 beds, after a competitive examination with 21 candidates. Dr. Foley, the Final Prizeman of last year, has been, since September last, following the practice of the London Hospital, London, Eng.

The following is the result of the examinations:—

Passed in Botany—Jabez B. Saunders, Montreal, prize; Edgar O'B. Freleigh, L'Orignal.

Passed in Practical Chemistry—Wm. Albert Mackay, St. Eustache, Q., honorable mention.

Passed in Practical Anatomy—Frank M. R. Spendlove, Ayer's Flats, Q.; honorable mention; William Caldwell McGillis, Montreal; Charles S. Fenwick, Montreal.

Passed in Materia Medica—Charles Dexter Ball, Stanstead, Q.; Edgar O'B. Freleigh, L'Orignal, Q.; William A. Mackay, St. Eustache, Q.; James A. Shepstone, Brantford, Q.

Passed in Physiology—William Patterson, Montreal; William A. Mackay, St. Eustache, Q.

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Passed in Anatomy—William Caldwell McGillis, Montreal; Charles S. Fenwick, Montreal.

Passed in Hygiene—Heber Bishop, B. A., Marbleton, Q.; Frank M. R. Spendlove, Ayer's Flats, Q.; Ninian C. Smillie, Montreal; Robert H. Wilson, Montreal; Walter de Mouilpied,