

THE fifty-sixth annual convocation of the Faculty of Arts, McGill University, Montreal, took place on the afternoon of April 30th. The address of the Principal, Sir Wm. Dawson, was an able review of what the university and its affiliated associations have accomplished in the past for the higher education, and what may and ought to be accomplished in the future.

FROM Vancouver Island, in rocks designated by Dr. G. M. Dawson as cretaceous, Sir William Dawson finds in addition to other vegetable remains the leaves of a number of the genera of exogenous trees and plants, among which are probably *Ficus*, *Alnus*, *Betula*, *Quercus*, *Diospyros*, *Cinnamomum*, *Ceanothus*, *Populus*, *Salix*, *Proteoides*, *Juglans*, *Rhamnus* and *Aralia*.

A SPECIES of moss, new to science, has been discovered by a New Brunswick botanist, Mr. J. Moser, who has made a specialty of collecting in this department of our flora. The species in question has been referred to a celebrated Swedish specialist, who pronounces it a new species.

THE annual meeting of the National Educational Association of the United States will take place this year at Nashville, Tenn., July 16 to 20.

THE Rev. James Anderson, M. A., purposes holding a Summer School for instruction in the Tonic Sol-Fa notation of music and examination for certificates, to continue for twelve days, beginning about the middle of July, at Pictou or New Glasgow, N. S.

DALHOUSIE PROFESSORSHIP.

Mr. Archibald MacMechan has been appointed to the George Munro professorship in English History, Dalhousie University. Mr. MacMechan graduated at Toronto University in 1884, taking first-class honors in English, French and German. During the two following years he was engaged in teaching at the Brookville High School and at the Galt Collegiate Institute. In 1886 he applied for and received a scholarship in English and cognate subjects at Johns Hopkins University; and in 1887-8 he obtained a scholarship in the same. He is now concluding his studies leading to the doctorate of philosophy in the Johns Hopkins University. He was elected as having the best testimonials out of a large number of candidates, some of whom are already well and favorably known to the literary world.

N. B. UNIVERSITY ENCŒNIA.

Encœnia at the New Brunswick University will take place at 3 p. m., Thursday, June 20th, when, for the first time in the history of that honored institution of learning, a lady (Miss Tibbits) will appear as a candidate for the degree of B. A.

Prof. Kierstead, of Acadia College, will deliver the Alumni oration. There will be a large number of candidates for the degree of B. A., and several for M. A. Prof. Burwash, of Mt. Allison, will address the graduating class. The Encœnia will thus present somewhat of an inter-collegiate aspect, owing to the senate's action in appointing representatives of the universities of Acadia and Mt. Allison to its examining board. Thus the University of N. B. has been the first to give effect to the broad ideas of a closer collegiate union, which found expression during the session of the Interprovincial Convention last summer.

The board of examiners for the degrees for the present year is as follows:

In Mathematics.—Prof. Harrison, LL. D., Havelock Cox, Esq., A. M.

In Classics.—Prof. Bridges, Ph. D., Rev. Goodridge Roberts, M. A.

In Philosophy.—Prof. Dyde, D. Sc., Prof. Kierstead, M. A.

In Science.—Prof. Bailey, Ph. D., Prof. Burwash, M. A.

In English.—Prof. Stockley, M. A., Prof. Kierstead, M. A.

In French and German.—Prof. Stockley, M. A., Rev. Goodridge Roberts, M. A.

There are seven candidates for matriculation from the Girl's High School, St. John. Matriculation examinations will be held at the Victoria School, St. John, and at the Grammar School, Woodstock, on the 6th, 7th and 8th June.

Degree examinations will begin on the 10th June.

N. B. NORMAL SCHOOL.

It is proposed to organize an Alumni and Alumnae Society in connection with the N. B. Normal School, to meet annually during the session of the Educational Institute. This is a movement that should win the hearty support and co-operation of all graduates of this institution, and we predict an enthusiastic organization at the approaching meeting of the Educational Institute.

The year just closing has been one of considerable success in the Provincial Normal School, and Principal Mullin and his staff are to be congratulated on their labors, and the excellent work that has been done in all the departments. The enrolment of students is 224. About 170 will be presented in the English department for examination for license, and it is expected that about 80 will seek advance of class, making in all about 250, a larger number than has ever come up at one time for examination for license.