

of the institution, that it was absurd to expect that 30 or 40 would matriculate in one year, and said the results obtained must be very gratifying, and showed that there were many of the youth of the Province who were willing to take advantage of the opportunities the University afforded. He regretted that so few availed themselves of the opportunity to pursue a course in such a useful study as that of agriculture; and he concurred also with Mr. Moss that it was to be regretted that so few came forward for degrees in the faculty of law. He regretted that so many were entering a profession in which every year it was becoming more difficult to achieve success, and which did not, as many seemed to suppose, offer rewards without unremitting industry; and he thought some steps should be taken by the law society to compel students-at-law to take a degree in that faculty. With regard to the management of University College, every thing was proceeding most satisfactorily, and during the past year every step necessary had been taken to provide for its efficiency and at the same time to economize as far as possible. He then proceeded to say that on former occasions his predecessor in the office of Chancellor had found it necessary to answer some attack that had been made upon the institution; but latterly, he was glad to say, it had no enemies to attack it—there was no person to find fault, no one to censure it, and consequently it was a much easier task than formerly to go on with the ordinary work of the University. He next referred to the general acknowledgment now made throughout the country of the value of University education, and spoke of the influence it exercised in all work of reform, whether moral, social, or political. He alluded in complimentary language to the success of Mr. Campbell's and Mr. Thompson's academic career, and trusted that they, as well as all others who had passed through this University, would never forget that they had received their education in it, and that their future life would reflect honor upon it. He was glad to see so many friends of the institution present on this occasion, showing that they took an interest in its welfare, and he trusted that this interest would ever continue. After some further observations touching the success which the University had attained, his lordship declared the Convocation closed. The students then gave three hearty cheers for the Queen, and three for the ladies, after which the assemblage dispersed.—The customary annual dinner of the University Association, in celebration of the founding of University College, took place in the evening, in the spacious dining room attached to the rear left wing of the University building, and was, in every respect, equal to its predecessors, and a decided success.—*Leader.*

—UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA COLLEGE.—The Annual Convocation of the University of Victoria College, took place on the 3rd inst., the Rev. S. S. Nelles, D.D., President of the College, in the chair. After an initiatory prayer by the Rev. S. Rose, the following Orations were successively delivered. *Latin Oration, Salutatory*, H. Burkholder, Hamilton. *Greek Oration*, Cyrus A. Neville, Newburg. *Valedictory Oration*, Hugh Johnston, Fingal. The Rev. President (after a few words expressive of the pleasure which the presence of the Solicitor-General West afforded him, and of explanation of the absence of the Hon. Mr. Wallbridge, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, who was expected to be present) conferred the following degrees in the usual form: B. A.—Cyrus A. Neville, *Gold Medallist*; Hugh Johnston, *Silver Medallist*; Harry Burkholder, Abraham Devitt, Andrew Milne, Peter E. W. Moyer, Edward Parlew, Alfred M. Stephens. M. D.—John B. Bowman, William A. Comfort, William S. Downey, Moffitt Foster, Joseph A. Fyfe, John Jay Hoyt, John Jolley, D. W. Lundy, Nathaniel M'Clinton, Donald M'Millen, Archibald M'Tavish, Henry Maudesley, Samuel L. Nash, William Newcombe, John M. Penwarden, James Ross, William Sloan, Joseph D. Smith, William L. Smith, Richard Stanbury. LL.B.—Stephen Lazier, M. A. The President then introduced the Hon. Mr. Cockburn to the meeting as one who had kindly consented to take part in the proceedings of the day, by bestowing the Prince of Wales Gold Medal upon the successful candidate—Mr. Cyrus A. Neville, of Newburg. Mr. Cockburn briefly expressed the pleasure he felt in taking part as an *ex officio* member of the University Board in the very interesting proceedings of the day; as well as the unfeigned gratification he had in witnessing the increasing local pride that was felt and displayed in the advancing prosperity of the University of Victoria College. He also referred in a complimentary manner to the Orations that had just been delivered, and then, turning to Mr. Neville, handed to him the splendid prize, with a few words of well deserved eulogy. The Rev. Wellington Jeffers, D.D., also prefaced the presentation of the Prince's Silver Medal with the delivery of a very able and eloquent address. Mr. Hugh Johnson was the Prizeman. The other Prizes were presented as follows:—The

Webster, or first English Essay Prize, by the Rev. G. R. Sanderson, to Hugh Johnson; the first Scripture History Prize, by the Rev. H. Gill, D.D., to John Carrol; the Sophomore Class Prize (Ethics and Evidences of Religion), by the Rev. J. Borland, to Theodore A. Howard; and the Alumni Scholarship Purse, by W. W. Dean, Esq., B.A., to Charles R. W. Biggar. The Literary Association Prizes for Elocution were awarded to Hugh Johnston and Josiah Rodgers. After a few brief words, uttered with characteristic earnestness and eloquence, the Rev. President called upon the Rev. Dr. Taylor, to pronounce the benediction and the proceedings terminated. In the evening the Annual Conversazione of the Alumni Association was held in Victoria Hall. W. W. Dean, Esq., B.A., of Belleville, the President of the Association, occupied the Chair. The proceedings commenced with a prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bredin, of Baltimore, after which Dr. Harris gave a very interesting chemical display, explaining what is known as the Drummond lights. These experiments in the science of chemistry were then succeeded by experiments in other sciences. The music of Miss H. Stevens, of Cobourg, and Miss Bull, of Rochester, N. Y., drew forth hearty applause. They were ably assisted by Dr. Powell, Mr. R. Stephens, and Mr. Burkholder. During the evening Dr. Jeffers, the Editor of the *Christian Guardian*, delivered a short address.—*Star.*

—MCGILL UNIVERSITY.—The annual Convocation of the University took place on the 2nd instant. The Hon. Justice Day, LL.D., President of the Board of Governors, occupied the chair. The proceedings having been opened with prayer by the Rev. Canon Leach, Mr. Baynes, Secretary, Reg., read the minutes of the last meeting of convocation, which were approved. The following gentlemen were elected fellows for the ensuing year, of the faculties mentioned:—*Arts*—B. Chamberlain, Esq., M.A., B.C.L.; Robert Leach, Esq., M.A., B.C.L. *Medicine*—Dr. Sutherland and Dr. Godfrey. *Law*—W. B. Lamb, Esq., B.C.L., and F. Torrance, Esq., B.C.L. The Rev. Canon Leach now proceeded to award the prizes and honours to students in Arts. The Ann Molson Gold Medal, awarded last year to E. Duff, also that for this year, won by A. Borthwick, were handed to both gentlemen. A list of honours and prizes was read by the Rev. Canon Leach, who handed the medals to the parties entitled to them. Edward H. Krans was the graduate selected to read the valedictory, which, both in spirit and language, did him great credit. He was frequently applauded. The degree of M.A. was now conferred on Mr. Gilman. Professor Johnson then addressed the graduates in brief and eloquent terms. He said that this day would be an era in their lives, the remembrance of which would not soon pass away. Among the incidents of to-day was their promise that they would endeavour to do honour to this University, and preserve its dignity. He desired to lay before them what this promise involved, and the safest way in which it might be fulfilled. The learned Professor now glanced at the high importance of the existence of Universities for both the progress and maintenance of civilization. Every University had special claims on its own graduates. Institutions of this kind were distributaries of knowledge to the community—educating the educators. The leaders in all walks of life here received their training, and those who had never been within the walls of a University had nevertheless been consciously or unconsciously influenced by the knowledge and training therein imparted. From them came the masters of all the higher schools of the country from which went out masters for the inferior schools. We thus saw how Universities acted in the diffusion of knowledge and education. Then again, Universities had been always the receivers, distributors, and preservers of knowledge. The learned Professor forcibly pointed out the beneficial effects of education in the different nations, observing that the origin of universities was co-incidental with the termination of the dark ages, and went on to show how the graduates best preserved the honour and dignity of the university, namely, by their exemplary conduct in life. He also ably commented upon the common error involved in expecting that university bred men should know everything, and warned the graduates against tacitly or openly countenancing such an idea, as persons who did so had their ignorance of many things invariably exposed. The object of university training was chiefly to train the mind and develop all the faculties in due proportion. Another and subordinate object was to store the mind with varied knowledge. The course of studies here was calculated to impress those truths on the minds of pupils. The good effects of this training of the mind were visible in reasonableness of thought, correctness and steadiness of view, and would manifest themselves afterwards in all branches of intellectual occupation. The speaker now touched upon the vices and defects which characterized the minds of those