

THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE MEDICAL FACULTY, QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.

THE annual closing exercises of the Medical Faculty were held in Grant Hall on Thursday afternoon, April 12th, the Chancellor, Sir Sandford Fleming, presiding. There was a large attendance at the ceremony, Grant Hall being comfortably filled. After the opening exercises by the Rev. Dr. McTavish, Sir Sandford Fleming made the following address :

CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS.

"Members of Convocation,—This appears to be a fitting moment to give expression to thoughts on a passing event of profound interest to this and every Canadian university.

"His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario, in October last year, appointed a royal commission to inquire into and report on matters relating to the University of Toronto. Seven residents of the city of Toronto were constituted a royal commission ; they have had the whole matter under their consideration for a period of six months ; they have had seventy-seven meetings to reach conclusions ; they have prepared a bill embodying in detail the provisions of a scheme they recommend the government to carry out, and they have explained the whole in a report dated the 4th of the present month (April).

"By the terms of their appointment the commissioners were authorized to inquire into and report upon:—1. A scheme for the management and government of the University of Toronto in room and stead of the one under which the said university is now managed and governed. 2. A scheme for the management and government of University College, including its relations to and connection with the said University of Toronto. 3. The advisability of the incorporation of the School of Practical Science with the University of Toronto. 4. Such changes as in the opinion of the commissioners should be brought about in the relations between the said University of Toronto and several colleges affiliated or federated therewith;