

PROF. WATSON, LL.D.

IT is our pleasant duty to congratulate our popular Professor of Philosophy on the mark of distinction bestowed upon him by his Alma Mater, the University of Glasgow. The Professor was one of a number of distinguished men on whom the degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred at the last convocation of that venerable institution. The honor was entirely unsolicited and must have proved a gratifying surprise to Prof. Watson. The fact that he is the youngest man to whom the degree has ever been given shows that his scholarly attainments and the merit of his contributions to the different philosophical magazines are appreciated as they deserve to be. We believe the Professor has in hand a new book entitled "Kant and his Critics," which will be published by a Glasgow firm next Spring.

NATURAL SCIENCE.

MR. J. FOWLER, M.A., has been appointed Lecturer in Natural Science. Mr. Fowler comes up from New Brunswick with a very high reputation as a Naturalist. Among others he holds a high recommendation from the most eminent botanist in America—Prof. Asa Gray of Harvard.

Mr. Fowler has made a very complete collection of botanical specimens, while his treatise on the geology of New Brunswick is a valuable addition to Canadian scientific literature. We welcome Mr. Fowler to Queen's, and have no doubt his students will reap the benefit of his large experience in matters naturalistic.

Prof. Travener has been appointed Watkins lecturer in Elocution and will begin his duties next week. We shall allude to his lectures in our next issue.

From the *Canada School Journal* we glean the following concerning the newly appointed Lecturer on Natural Science: "At the closing exercises of the Provincial Normal School, N.B., both Principal Crocket and Dr. Rand referred in feeling terms to the loss the institution was about to sustain in the removal of Mr. Fowler to another and a higher sphere of labor. They eulogized his scholarly attainments, and the character of the work he had done during his connection with the Normal School, and said he would carry with him the good-will of all who had known him in this Province.

It may be mentioned here that, on the day preceding his departure, at an informal meeting of the staff of instructors in the library of the Normal School, Mr. Fowler was agreeably surprised by the presentation of a handsome gold pen and pencil, as a token of esteem from his late colleagues. In a few well-chosen words, Mr. Crocket expressed to him, on behalf of his fellow-teachers, the feelings of respect and of mingled pleasure and regret which prompted them to ask his acceptance of this gift. Mr. Fowler replied in appropriate terms.

COLLEGE WORLD.

THERE are 18 young ladies in the freshman class at Cornell.

THERE are but three college daily papers in existence, the *Yale News*, *Harvard Echo* and *Cornell Sun*.

THE Chinese professor at Harvard has three pupils.

THE *Harvard Lampoon* is dead.

THE *Niagara Index* exchange man has apparently got over his dyspepsia. Doubtless the patent medicine that cured him will hereafter be in demand.

MCGILL College is to receive from Peter Redpath, Esq., of Montreal, the gift of a stately building for a museum. His Excellency the Gov.-General a short time ago laid the corner stone of this edifice, which when completed will cost over \$100,000.

The "Educational Circular," No. 11, issued about the last of July, contains a valuable paper by James Fowler, M.A., late instructor in the Normal School. This paper embraces a large number of additions to the list of New Brunswick plants previously published, and also a dissertation on "The Advantages resulting from a Knowledge of the Flora of our Province.

The gathering at Kingston to instal the new Chancellor and to take formal possession of the extensive and handsome addition to Queen's University buildings, was indeed a memorable one for many reasons. In the first place, it inaugurated a new and significant departure in Canadian University celebrations. For the first time the representative heads of other universities and colleges were present and took part in the ceremonial exercises. This was a graceful act on their part, and to invite them was a fitting one on the part of the Queen's University. The representative heads thus present were the Chancellor of Toronto University, the President of Victoria University, the President of Albert University, the Principal of the Toronto Protestant Episcopal Divinity College, and a representative professor from McGill University. Such a gathering was truly fraternal and hopeful, and contrasted strongly with the state of things in University matters which was thus described by a recent writer on *University Consolidation* in one of our magazines. He says:

"Unfortunately, University men in Ontario have rarely if ever acted in concert. They have either been in antagonism to one another, or have chosen to maintain the position of dignified neutrality. * * * * This apathetic state of feeling, which seems chronic, we fear, is unfortunate for the University future of Ontario. By persisting in such an exploded Japanese system of non-intercourse, we are inflicting an evil on our country, and doing an injury to its higher scholarship."

The fears of this writer have fortunately proved groundless, and we congratulate all parties concerned on the abandonment of the former system of University non-intercourse.

The gathering at Kingston was further noted for the character and variety of the speeches delivered on the occasion. There was a raciness and spirit in all of the addresses delivered.—*Canada School Journal*.

TORONTO UNIVERSITY—

No better appointment has ever been made in this country in connection with educational work than the recent elevation of Dr. Daniel Wilson to the Presidency of the University College, Toronto.

Professor Hutton, recently appointed Professor in Classics, and Mr. Vines, Classical Tutor, have commenced their respective duties in Toronto University. Concerning them the following is from the pen of the president, Dr. Wilson:

Mr. Maurice Hutton, the newly appointed Classical Professor, was elected to an open scholarship at Worcester College, Oxford, in 1874, and his whole subsequent career has been one of uninterrupted success. He obtained a First-Class in the First Public Examination, and took the same rank in the Final Honor School of Literæ Humaniores. Soon after taking his degree he was elected to an open Fellowship at Merton College, Oxford; and on the authorities of Firth College, Sheffield, referring the choice of a Professor of Classics to the heads of Colleges at Oxford, he was selected from a list of candidates of high academic distinction to fill the chair.