

THE MEDICAL CONVOCATION.

Grant hall, with its seating capacity of 1,700, could not begin to hold the crowd that sought admittance Friday, April 7th, to witness the convocation proceedings. The event was, perhaps, the most important in the history of the university. It was the first time that Grant hall had been used for convocation purposes, and present upon this notable occasion were the representative of the king in Canada, and the representative of Canada in the motherland. In attendance also was a member of the great university of Cambridge.

As early as one o'clock, people began to arrive at the university grounds, seeking admission, and long before the proceedings began every bit of space in the hall, not reserved, was filled. Hundreds stood, throughout the ceremonies, and hundreds couldn't get near the doors. His excellency, accompanied by Sir Sandford Fleming, proceeded from the principal's residence, at three o'clock, to the hall, walking around the quadrangle. With Principal Gordon was Lord Strathcona. The St. Andrew's Highland Cadets, with the 14th brass band, had taken up position on University avenue, as guard of honor, and were inspected by his excellency who expressed his pleasure at their fine appearance.

The distinguished four then entered the arts' building, and headed the procession to the platform of Grant hall. The students occupied the chief portions of the galleries, and throughout the proceedings maintained excellent order. At appointed times they sang patriotic songs. The entry of the governor-general was the signal for a hearty outbreak of applause, concluding with the lusty sounding of the Gaelic yell. Exactly 175 occupied seats upon the platform. Earl Grey sat on the right of the chancellor, and Principal Gordon and Lord Strathcona on the left. Besides trustees, professors, lecturers, graduates, there were many invited guests upon the platform, including Sir James Grant, United States Consul Twitchell, Hon. William Harty, Edw. J. B. Pense, M.P.P., Bishop Mills, Col. Buchan, D.O.C., Maj. Carruthers, Col. Reade, Col. Drury, Lieut.-Col. Hemming, Lieut.-Col. Strange, Lieut.-Col. Ogilvie (the military officers being in uniform), Prof. Martin and other members of the Royal Military College staff.

After devotional exercises by the

chaplain, Rev. Dr. Mackie, the chancellor delivered an address, which appears below in full. After that came the presentation of medical prizes, the announcements being made by Er. W. T. Connell, secretary of the faculty, and presentation by the chancellor. Principal Gordon made announcement of the winning of the Rhodes' scholarship by James Macdonnell, of this city, who was presented to Earl Grey, latter being one of the trustees of these scholarships. Another pleasing feature was the announcement by Dean Connell of the winner of the Grant prize, awarded to the member of the medical graduating class, who, by vote of his comrades, was chosen as the one possessing the highest morale. The one chosen was J. Y. Ferguson, B.A., who has just completed a well-rounded course of study for a medical missionary. Mr. Ferguson received a book at the chancellor's hands, and was greeted with applause. Dean Connell administered the declaration to the graduates, who were then laureated.

Address By Chancellor Fleming.

At Queen's convocation, Friday afternoon, Sir Sandford Fleming, chancellor of the university, delivered this interesting and reminiscent address:

Opening the first convocation for conferring degrees in this building, I feel called upon to submit to those present a few explanatory words.

This building is a gift to Queen's University from the students and alumni. It was spontaneously initiated by the youthful admirers of the late principal, Rev. George Munro Grant; it was erected at their cost, and was transferred to the university a few months ago at a large gathering assembled within the walls.

The students and alumni of Queen's were attached to the late principal with an unfeigned affection. They were familiar with his wealth of mind, his generous spirit, his unselfish nature and his remarkable mental energy. They recognized that his strenuous life was devoted to the loftiest purposes. He was essentially patriotic; and while he never forgot his native land and warmly cherished the advancement of Canada, he always remembered the higher and broader and grander patriotism—the alliance of the motherland with her daughter across the seas.

The wonderful powers which he pos-