

students to their fellows in taking off prizes. When the president and professors had taken their seats, the acting registrar, Mr. Loudon, called the names of the matriculants as follows:—W. S. Dorsey, 3rd year; W. A. Bickford, 2nd year; G. T. Atkinson, 1st year; J. Betts, 1st year; F. Stanton, 1st year; A. Stewart, 1st year; W. H. Williams, 1st year. The prize composition in English verse, entitled "Denmark," was read by J. Campbell, as following:

DENMARK.

Denmark, with joyous love and pride,
We hail thee o'er the sea,
When England welcomed home her bride,
Old Sea-king's home, from thee;
But other notes than bridal song,
And other thoughts and fears
Have swelled our hearts amid thy woes,
Vain struggling amid grasping foes.
Crowding the misery of years
In months of blood and fears.

Brave Denmark, could'st thou but recall
That elder glorious day
When from the Elbe to Finmark, all
Was subject to thy sway;
When Celt and Saxon quailed before
Thy right arm, red and strong,
And the old North Sea billows bore,
To many a tributary shore,
Thy Viking crew, with mirth and song,
Fought gallantly along.

Now parted is the threefold cord,
Severed, the triple crown,
And she who once was Scandia's lord
Has lost her proud renown:
For Sweden's rivers flashing down,
As strangers, seaward fly,
And winds from Norway's mountains blown
Fair Denmark's beechen plains disown,
While many shores of Eyder lie
Beneath a German sky.

The Viking's song is heard no more,
No more his pennon black
Streams proud, as flies his galley o'er
The foaming Skager Rack;
His sword is rust, his form is mould,
But the same gallant heart of old,
The stern, the true, the free, the bold,
Illumed by a holier ray,
Is Denmark's heart to-day.

O! land of winter's drifting snow,
Of summer's mist and rain,
Could patriot valor brighter glow,
Were all won back again;
O! not to woo false Fortune's smile
Thy best heart's blood was poured,
For, dearly as each ravished mile,
Shall shifting sand and rocky isle,
And Jutland's shoal, and deep fiord,
Dispute the invader's sword.

And should he leave unstained no spot
O'er which her flag may fly,
Yet, Denmark's he can never blot
From names that never die;
While squadrons plough the British seas,
And sweep the Gallic main,
Each pennon floating in the breeze
From Orkney to the Pyrenees,
Shall link with Rollo and with Sweyn,
The glorious name of Dane.

The prizemen were then called up, and the prizes presented with the usual complimentary remarks. Rev. Dr. McCaul said that the prizes which he had then to confer differed somewhat from those which had already been conferred. They were for Public Speaking, English Essay and Public Reading. They were awarded by the College Literary Society, which was composed of graduates and undergraduates. In consequence of the great competition for these prizes, the society had instituted these special prizes: J. King, J. E. Croly, W. B. Fleming. The "Macdonald Bursary," for general proficiency was awarded to W. W. Macdonald. The Rev. Dr. McCaul, in presenting it, said that he cordially congratulated Mr. Macdonald in obtaining the "Macdonald Bursary," it being the first of the kind ever given in that University. By a happy coincidence, the recipient was of the same name as the liberal donor, and without any relationship existing between them. To-morrow the young gentleman would have the pleasure of signing, in one of the College books, his name, as the first to receive the Macdonald prize. He (Dr. McCaul) trusted that he would be but the first of a long line of students who would have similar privileges conferred upon them. (Applause.) Here a student proposed three cheers for Mr. John Macdonald, which was heartily responded to by the students. Mr. Macdonald then rose and said that it gave him much pleasure to be present on that occasion. He had no doubt that the prize had been hardly won. It was a high honor to obtain a prize in such an institution, which comprized gentlemen who would do credit to any institution in England. It was, he thought, singular that the young gentleman who obtained that prize should bear the same name as himself (the speaker) and he hoped that he would never bring disgrace upon that name. He trusted that the day was far distant when any efforts would be made to diminish the usefulness of that noble institution, and while he had anything to do with political life he would be always found an advocate for sustaining it as it ought to be sustained. (Applause.) Certificates of merit were then presented to the successful competitors. The Rev. Dr. McCaul said, in closing the Convocation he desired to touch on a few topics. He would first advert briefly to the results attendant on the matriculation examination. At the last examination there were no scholarships offered for competition. There was one scholarship taken in mathematics which was a double scholarship. The honor was won by Hamilton on that occasion. He was a pupil of the Brantford grammar school. The prize in classics was obtained by Cassells, and he was a pupil of the Upper Canada College. The first general proficiency scholarship was obtained by Coyne of St. Thomas; the second by Purdy of Upper Canada, College; the third by Grover, of the same college, and the fourth by Hamilton, of Brantford grammar school. The second in mathematics was taken by Crozier of the Toronto grammar school. There were no fewer than fifteen other country institutions competed at the last May examination, and were as follows:

Grammar Schools.	No. of Honor Pupils.	1st Class.	2d Class.
Upper Canada College	6	14	8
Toronto Grammar School	2	2	4
St. Thomas do	1	3	2
Brantford do	1	3	1
Hamilton do	1	3	1
St. Mary's do	2	2	3
Galt do	1	2	1
Port Dover do	1	1	1
Whitby do	2	2	4
Markham do	2	0	4
London do	1	0	3
Weston do	1	0	2
Newbury do	1	0	2
Chatham do	1	0	1
Port Hope do	1	0	1

He thought that he was perfectly justified in saying that a considerable improvement is going on in the Grammar Schools of this country. There is but one thing wanted, and that is, the emoluments of the masters should be increased. He spoke from the experience of men of years, and he found that in consequence of the small stipends paid, most of our best men had gone elsewhere. He had, on more than one occasion, expressed his dissent that the number which attends the college, was a criterion of the prosperity of the institution. If that was the case, the college was so far successful, for during the past year, the number attending was upwards of \$300. Ten years ago, the number was not more than one-third what it is now. The augmentation had been in the matriculant students, and they were nearly seven times more numerous than in the year 1853. With regard to the additional class which had been added to the list, it arose from the desire to afford those young men who were coming here from the States the advantage of pursuing their studies in that peaceful and tranquil manner which was denied them in their own country. He cordially welcomed them, and, whilst he rejoiced that they were amongst us, he prayed that the Almighty may be pleased to relieve their native land from the troubles which prevail there, and which was desolating so many homes and paleying the best exertions of their people. (Applause.) After stating that the number attending the College was not of itself an indication of the success of the College, he might be asked what other criterion he would offer. To such enquiry he would point to the accuracy of teaching, and the information conveyed in the University, and to the perfect strictness and impartiality with which their examinations were conducted. During the year, he regretted that the institution had lost the services of Dr. Wickson, who had been so long with them, and who discharged his duty so ably and well. He (Dr. McCaul) availed himself of that opportunity to speak of Dr. Wickson's departure from the College. To the liberality of Mr. John Macdonald, the institution was indebted. This step of Mr. Macdonald's was exactly in the right place; it was the link that was wanting to complete our national education. It was the beginning, and he trusted, but the beginning of many more such gifts to the College. Let him assure those who have any doubts of the expediency of such aid that it is by it that institutions of a similar nature have progressed, gifts given by a long line of men who have served their country long and faithfully. His earnest prayer was that the institution might prosper for all time to come as it had in the past. During the last ten years they have had in the College teachers and pupils of different nationalities, different religious denominations, and yet there had not been the breath of discord to dim one another's friendly intercourse. This had not been effected by any compromise of principle, or by any departure from the sacred ties of religion. Each person was allowed to maintain his opinion to the utmost, provided he did not allow them to prejudice others. These were some of the principles upon which the institution was founded, and in addition it has ever taught loyalty to the sovereign, and affection for their native land. When any of them would be called to take prominent positions in life, he trusted that they would be found worthy sons of that great and glorious empire, and soon of that more extensive confederation, by which the whole of the British American Colonies would be bound together in one political union, each receiving strength, and still as fondly embracing that old mother who nursed them in their infancy. (Loud and protracted cheers.) The convocation was then brought to a close and the audience dispersed.—*Leader.*

—TORONTO UNIVERSITY.—The Senate of Toronto University have lately made some very important changes in the curriculum of study requisite for a degree in Arts. There will in future be two matriculation or