

Visitor of the University, was present at the Chairman's right. It is not generally known that the formula by which each candidate is presented, begins by a distinct salutation to His Honor. The opening words of that time-honored formula, which, we believe, is borrowed from Cambridge University, are "Dignissime Domine" (Most Worthy Sir), and are addressed to the Visitor. They should, consequently, be omitted if the Visitor is not present. Then come the words "Domine Cancellarie," or "Pro-Cancellarie" when the Vice-Chancellor presides. Finally, the entire University is included in the form "et tota Academia," which is followed by the presentation: "praesento vobis hunc juvenem" (or "hos juvenes," if there are several), "quem" (or "quos") "scio tam moribus quam doctrina esse idoneum" (or "idoneos") "ad gradum assequendum Baccalaurei in Artibus, idque tibi fide mea praesto totique Academiae." This formula may be translated thus: "Most Worthy Sir, Mr. Chancellor (or Vice-Chancellor), and Members of the University, I present to you this young man (or these young men and women), whom I know to be, both in morals and learning, capable of obtaining the degree of Bachelor in Arts, and this on my word and honor I vouch to you and to all the members of the University." In English we have to differentiate the sexes; in Latin that is not necessary, as "juvenis" is both masculine and feminine. Immediately after the Head of the College has thus presented the candidate, the latter kneels before the Chairman and places both his hands, with the palms touching each other in the hands of the Chairman, who then says: "Auctotitate mihi commissa, admitto te ad gradum Baccalaurei in Artibus et tibi confero omnia privilegia ad hunc gradum pertinentia" (In virtue of the authority committed to me I admit you to the degree of Bachelor in Arts and I confer upon you all the privileges belonging to this degree). Then the Head of the College places the hood round the candidate's neck and the Registrar hands him the parchment.

Hitherto all B. A. parchments bore the same inscription, testifying merely that So-and-So "has been admitted to the degree." Thus the permanent and most valuable record of the degree made no distinction between the candidate who had scraped through on a bare pass mark and the winner of the highest marks. All this is now happily changed. The candidate whose total standing is less than 50 per cent. finds the word "rite" (duly) added to the "admissum fuisse"; a total standing of from 50 to 66 per cent. is chronicled by the adjunct "cum laude" (with praise); from 67 to 79 per cent., by the words "magna cum laude" (with great praise); and 80 per cent. and over by "maxima cum laude" (with the highest praise). Only four of this year's graduates reach this "highest praise," three in the English Philosophy course and one in the Mathematical course.

Father Drummond, of St. Boniface College, presented one graduate; Dean Matheson, of St. John's College, two (one of whom received the degree "in absentia"); Rev. Dr. Bryce, of Manitoba College, ten; Rev. Dr. Spalding, of Wesley College, six; and Dr. Laird, the Registrar, presented one non-collegiate student. At this point in the University "Class and Honor Lists" distributed through the audience there is a mistake: the last two under the heading "Non-Collegiate" should have been placed under the heading "Ad eundem."

The St. Boniface graduate, Joseph W. Arseneault, passed in Class I B, "magna cum laude," and received a silver medal. In the third year (Latin Philosophy course) Louis Philippe Beaubien won a scholarship of \$120, which of course implies that he also passed in Class I B, since this is necessary for a scholarship; in fact, his total standing was about equal to that of Arseneault. In the pass subjects Arseneault took second class in Latin and Physics, while Beaubien took Class I B in Latin and Class III in Physics.

In the Second Year St. Boniface sent up two out of 52 candidates. In the subjects common to all students, viz., Latin Authors, Latin Grammar and Composition and Trigonometry, Albert Laurendeau was among the five best, with 1 A, 1 B, 1 B, while Norbert Bellavance has 1 B, 2, 2 (the figures indicating the class, 2 representing from 50 to 66 per cent.). In Greek our two candidates had 24 competitors from other colleges and came out among the first nine, Laurendeau being among the first five. This much appears from the published lists. No one reached "I A" in total standing that year; eleven reached 1 B and among these is Laurendeau. Bellavance took the French and History scholarship of \$40.

Up to 1900 the University lists followed the order of merit in each class and in the apportionment of scholarships. But during the summer of 1900 a radical change was introduced: students were to be listed alphabetically in each class and in each list of scholarships of the same pecuniary value, and the former practice of adding the name of the college to which the student belonged was dropped. The reasons alleged for this momentous change were (1) the example of Oxford, which lists men alphabetically in each class; (2) avoidance of friction between the different colleges, brought about by the too violent emulation to which the old system gave rise. The fact that the first scholarship of the first (then called the "Previous") year—the most valued distinction in the University—had been won seven times in 22 years by St. Boniface College, although the candidates of that college were numerically, on an average, but one-twentieth of the competitors, and the further fact that two St. Boniface men had won this scholarship and the medal attached thereto in the two preceding years, 1899 and 1900, show pretty clearly which of the two alleged reasons was the determining one. Although the new system is far more convenient for the tabulating of reports and for giving at a glance

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