

perity of the Institution in whose welfare they have been so much interested for years.

The Sabbath services on the 15th inst., were of a most hallowed kind, and well suited to give tone to the proceedings of the week. The sermon before the Theological Union, by the Rev. Dr. Ryckman, on the Call to the Ministry, was timely and appropriate, and when published, as it will soon be, all our readers, especially those who may contemplate entering the holy work of preaching the Gospel, would do well to ponder its thoughtful utterances. Parents who wish to give their sons to the Church might learn some useful lessons by making themselves acquainted with its contents, indeed, we hardly think that any person can read this admirable discourse without being much profited.

The sermon preached in the evening was by the gifted President of the University, the Rev. Dr. Nelles. He took for the theme of his discourse, "the cloud of witnesses, to the men of faith who out of weakness were made strong." The discourse was well suited to the occasion as it was full of wise counsels to the young men who composed the graduating class, one of whom was the President's own son. The reminiscences given by the preacher were very affecting, more especially those relating to Dr. Punshon and the last service which he conducted in that Church, when he discoursed so eloquently on the words, "If ye know these things, happy are ye, if ye do them," words which he, Dr. Nelles, commended to the graduating class, as he bade them an affectionate farewell.

The lectures during the week by Rev. Dr. Burns, of the Ladies' College, Hamilton, on "Obligations of Theology to Science;" "Lower Organisms in Fermentation and Disease," by Prof. Wright, also from the Ladies' College; and "Cosmopolitan," by Mr. Barrett, were all of a high

order. That of Dr. Burns was especially commended as it was so *apropos* to the present time. It is indeed a great honour to Victoria University that she has produced persons of such distinguished merit as some who are now occupying foremost positions in various parts of the land.

The more social gatherings of the week, were an entertainment by the Literary Society, at which Dr. Lavell presided; the meeting of the Alumni, where an appropriate address was delivered by J. E. Rose, Esq.; the Alumni dinner at the Adelphi, where all the toasts were drank in cold water, and the Conversation which was a charming display of youth and beauty. The Convocation in the Victoria Hall was the grand *finale*. The Valedictory by Mr. Hill, on "General Wolfe," was an admirable oration couched in beautiful language and having the right loyal ring, was received with warm applause.

Altogether the Convocation of 1881 will be regarded as being equal to any that have preceded it. We were pleased to hear the President announce that five gold medals and five silver medals were in future to be awarded to such students who excel in the various departments of the curriculum, and that a gentleman who at present withholds his name has intimated his intention to endow a chair with \$25,000. Dr. Rose also announced that he knew of three additional subscriptions of \$1,000 each on behalf of the Endowment Fund.

The closing exercises at the Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, were also of delightful interest. The Revs. Dr. Williams and J. Wakefield by their admirable addresses contributed greatly to their success. Twenty-three students have been in attendance and the year, we understand, has been an exceedingly prosperous one.

Of the Sackville College we have not as yet received a report.