

CONVOCATION FOR THE DEGREE IN VETERINARY SCIENCE.

Convocation for the degree in Veterinary Science was presided over by Mr. George Hague, who was accompanied on the platform by Principal Peterson, Rev. Dr. Clark Murray, Prof. M. C. Baker, Prof. Charles McEachran, Prof. Moyse, Prof. Cox, Prof. Girdwood, Prof. Adami, Prof. Adams, Dr. Morrow, Dr. Gunn, Mr. C. J. Fleet, Mr. W. Vaughan, bursar, and others.

The proceedings were opened with the offering up of prayer by Rev. Dr. Clark Murray, after which Dean McEachran read the faculty lists.

Dean McEachran spoke of his late visit to the veterinary colleges, medical colleges and other scientific institutions of Great Britain, France, Germany and Denmark. In the course of his remarks he assured his hearers of the unflagging interest that Lord and Lady Strathcona and Mount Royal evinced in McGill University. He referred to the greatly increased interest taken in Canada and Canadian affairs in the Old World, which he attributed largely to the advertisement that the Dominion received through the representation made at Her Majesty's jubilee celebrations. He alluded to the high esteem in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier was held by all classes on the other side of the Atlantic, and spoke of the favorable impression which the members of the British Association, and especially the members of the British Medical Association, had carried away with them after their visit to Canada last year. The Dominion, he said, never had better emigration agents.

In conclusion he urged for consideration the suggestions deduced from the experiments of these older countries.

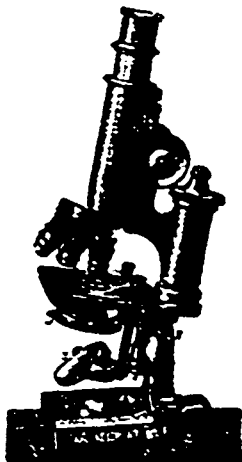
He also expressed the hope that the consideration of these matters might lead the benefactors of McGill to add to its teaching staff a Faculty of Agriculture.

The degree of D. V. S. was then conferred on the Graduating class, the oath being administered by Mr. Vaughan, and the capping performed by Principal Peterson. Those who received the degree were: W. B. Wallis, J. P. Spanton, W. L. Bell, D. Cullen, L. A. Paquin, B. K. Baldwin, J. B. Hollingsworth, A. W. Cleaves, J. B. Hart, G. H. Lambert, J. G. Pfersick and R. H. Burke.

The valedictory on behalf of the Graduating class was delivered by Dr. W. L. Bell, who spoke of the need of new buildings for the Faculty, tendered some advice to his fellow-graduates, urging them not to fall behind in their knowledge, but to take every means in their power to keep up to date in their profession, and concluded by referring in kindly terms to the several members of the teaching staff.

Prof. M. C. Baker, on behalf of the Faculty, extended sincere congratulations to the members of the Graduating class on the successful termination of the session's work, and expressed the hope that an increased measure of success might attend them in the practical application of the knowledge they had acquired at college.

In the treatment of their patients, he counselled the graduates to ever bear in mind that, although animals lacked the faculty of speech, they were endowed with sensibilities as acute as those who possessed that faculty. He urged them never to inflict unnecessary pain, never to countenance cruelty in others, and never to neglect the use of anaesthetics, local and general, for they were as indispensable in veterinary as they were in human surgery.



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