

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Professor McKay's experimental lecture on Acoustics was listened to with great interest by a large audience. The apparatus employed in the experiments were manufactured by Dr. Rudolf Koenig, of whose personality and work Professor McKay gave an account in our last issue. Prof. Dr. Welton's scholarly and eloquent lecture on, "Moses and the Critics," delivered in December, should have been noticed in an earlier issue, but was overlooked. It is needless to say that Moses passed through the Red Sea of criticism dry-footed, while the arguments of the modern Pharaohs were simply overwhelmed. We hope hereafter to publish in full or in part this vigorous lecture.

Referring to our note of last month, Principal Massé, of Grande Ligne, states that French Canadians say, "Kébec" (rather than Kèbbec). This is confirmatory of Dr. S. T. Rand's suggestion as to the derivation of the word, for Kébec is clearly but a slight modification of Kèbbec, and not of Quibec.

We notice with pleasure the enlargement and improved character of the *Acadian Athenæum*. From one of its series of "Echoes of the Past," we notice that one of the learned Professors of McMaster University issued a paper from his college room, when a student at Acadia, in which it was declared, over thirty years ago, that the institution greatly needed "A Chair of Common Sense." Those present at the Baptist Convention in Toronto last October will see by this reference where one of the speakers on education may have obtained his most sensational utterance!

The date fixed by the Committee of the Senate for the closing of the Arts and Theological Departments of McMaster is the 3rd of May. Doubtless, an outline programme of the closing exercises will be published in time to ensure a general attendance of the friends of the University.

The Supplement to the Annual Report of the Minister of Education contains verbatim reports of the discussions at the recent conferences held at the Education Department on University Extension. The circular to be issued by Provost Body, Dr. Rand and Secretary Houston, in behalf of the Canadian Association for the Extension of University Teaching, will be awaited with interest.