

pass from time to time, and he was glad to be able to say that the experiment so far— for it was only an experiment—had succeeded to their utmost expectations. The excellence of the results of those examinations had created surprise, particularly as regards the sciences—in which the ladies had shown extraordinary ability. He rejoiced to see the wakening in this province on this all-important subject. He had often thought it a duty incumbent upon all of us to supply to our youth the advantages of this higher education. He heartily concurred in the Principal's remarks to the young ladies who had just graduated—their education could but be beginning. In latter years they would surely learn the advantages of learning and letters. He hoped Dr. Burns' advice would be taken by them, and would re-echo their Principal's admonitions. He was extremely glad to be there for another reason, and that was because he had heard a great deal of praise about their College. (Applause.) The teachers—whom he was certain were all that teachers could be—he heartily congratulated upon the successful issue of the evening. Although he would not go into any criticisms regarding the essays just read, yet he could not help expressing the surprise and gratification he felt for the justness of emphasis, clearness of articulation, and graces of dictation which the young ladies displayed in reading their respective compositions. (Applause.) That was the anniversary of the eve of Waterloo. Why he was reminded of this he could scarcely explain, yet he was glad that day was nearly forgotten, and that the memory of the bitter-struggle between the two greatest nations on earth was almost obliterated. For forty years peace, with all her attendant blessings, reigned in the land, when again a war was on the eve of breaking out, but was happily averted. There had been a very marked advance between the years 1854 and 1877. Christian people could not but rejoice in the progress of their faith. Unfortunately England was still engaged in small wars, wars from which he feared no national glory could result. There was a marked advance in Christian feeling which spoke well for the world's future. He was further pleased to be present to get information as to the mode of graduating,

and to see if it was the same as in his college. He had been somewhat puzzled as to the title to be conferred, for very few ladies would care to turn into a Bachelor of any kind. (Laughter.) Mistresses of Arts they were, and could easily be changed into Mistresses of Hearts. (Laughter.) Men sometimes forgot that half the world were women, but he was glad to know that of late years the position of womankind had been vastly improved. In reference to woman's rights of property and education much has been done and yet remains to be accomplished. There was no doubt in his mind that medicine was a profession peculiarly suited to the gentler half of the world. He hoped that true views as to woman's sphere and position in life would be still further recognized. The honorable gentlemen concluded an admirable address by quoting from Tennyson's "Princess," commencing at the line, "Woman's cause is man's." He then presented the first prize to Miss L. Bryson, and sat down amid enthusiastic applause.

Mayor O'Reilly followed and presented Miss Sutton with her prize. In doing so he said he had to thank the President for the privilege of being present to-night to participate in these closing exercises of their educational year, and for the opportunity of enjoying the delightful programme provided for the evening's entertainment. He had listened with much pleasure to the very creditable performance of the young ladies who took part, both those who delighted them with their sweet music and those who favored them with specimens of their literary composition. He could assure them that the W. F. College was an institution of such a character that all felt interested in its success, though not all equally closely allied to it, and while he congratulated the chairman on being at its head, he congratulated the citizens upon having such a College located in the city. After listening to the very pleasing remarks of the Hon. Mr. Blake, who had so ably addressed them upon the subject of education, and at this late hour he would not detain them with a lengthy speech, but would confine himself to the discharge of the very pleasant duty assigned to him. He was much pleased to have the pleasure of presenting to Miss Sutton the prize, which was intended to be a mark of appreciation.