

Arch. McGoun, Mr. Paul T. Lafleur, Dr. W. G. Johnson, Miss Helen S. Gairdner, M. Aime (Ottawa), Dr. Trenholme, Mr. J. W. Brakenridge, Hon. Col. Rhodes, Mr. C. J. Fleet, Mr. W. J. White, Prof. M. Hutchinson, Q.C., Dr. D. McEachran (Dean of the Faculty of Comparative Medicine and Veterinary Science), Rev. Principal Henderson, Rev. Canon Ellegood, Rev. Dr. Shaw, Sir James Grant, Mr. H. Abbott, Q.C., Mr. James Ferrier, Mr. J. Naismith, Mr. N. T. Riello, Mr. R. S. Weir, Mr. W. McLea Walbank, Mr. E. H. Hamilton, Mr. George Edwards, Mr. M. Hersey, and a number of graduates, including several lady graduates.

The Graduates' Society of the Ottawa Valley was represented by Sir James A. Grant, M.D., K.C.B., President; Mr. J. H. Burland, B.A.Sc., Mr. H. M. Ami, M.A., and Dr. R. Bell.

Occupying the front seats in the body of the hall were Lady Macdonald, Lady Smith, Lady Dawson, Lady Stephen, Lady Hickson, Mrs. Molson, Mrs. Redpath, and wives of Governors.

It had been hoped that Sir J. A. Macdonald would have been one of the guests. This proved impossible, but Lady Macdonald was present, and was seated with the ladies of several of the Governors and leading officers of the University in the reserved seats.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Prof. Clark Murray.

The Chancellor, Sir Donald A. Smith, in his opening address, referred to the presence of Lord Stanley, the Representative of the Queen, the worthy descendant of an illustrious house that had done great and good service to the Empire, the Governor-General of this great Dominion, which is destined to become greater and greater every year. Sir John Macdonald was, unfortunately, unable to be present, but he was glad to see that Lady Macdonald had honored them with her presence. It was the aim and desire of everyone connected with McGill that it should hold a still higher position among the schools of learning, not only on this Continent but in Europe. They were proud of the position which it already holds. Starting from a very small beginning, it had, in the last five years, advanced by leaps and bounds. He referred to the numerous generous gifts that had been made to the University. To Mr. Wm. Molson they were indebted for the Convocation Hall, which, in those days, was sufficient for their necessities, but was far too small, to-day, for their wants. He most cordially welcomed His Excellency, and esteemed it a great honor to have him among them.

Prof. Trenholme, Q.C., LL.D., was then called on, as Dean of the Faculty of Law, to introduce the business of that Faculty. He congratulated them on the presence of the distinguished nobleman who is the Governor-General of the country and the Representative of Her Majesty. Referring to the magnificent donations that had been made to other Faculties, he touched upon the disadvantages under which the Faculty of Law labored. The laws in this Province differed from those of the rest of the Dominion, so that for pupils they were limited to the Province of Quebec. Even here, the people were of different races and languages, and they constituted only the

minority. Thus the supply of students was so small that the fees were not sufficient to support the Faculty, and it was a question whether they would have to give up Jurisprudence or support the Faculty of Law. It was in this crisis that a merchant friend showed his appreciation of law by coming forward with a princely donation. He was proud to see a practical people like ours determined to maintain law schools. Among the law schools of other universities he did not see a single endowment which equalled that which Mr. McDonald had given to us. Let them be true to themselves, and they would be true to their Alma Mater. He closed by urging them to be honest and upright citizens. He then read the list of those who had attained the B.C.L. degree, which was as follows:—

Warren A. Kneeland, Montreal; George P. England, Durham, Quebec; Desire H. Girouard, Montreal; Thos. J. Vipond, Montreal; Alfred E. Harvey, Stanstead; H. R. Pelletier, Marieville, Que.; John D. L. Ambrose, Montreal.

The list of medals, prizes, and honors having also been read, the successful candidates were called up, and received their distinctions from the Visitor and the Chancellor.

The graduating class was ranged in line on the stand in front of the platform and the declaration administered, when the degree was conferred in the usual manner by Principal Sir William Dawson.

Mr. A. E. Harvey, B.C.L., then mounted the platform, and read the Valedictory, as follows:—

*Mr. Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Ladies and Gentlemen:—*

If, in the legal profession, there is one virtue which outshines all others and which the legal student conserves with jealous care, it is certainly that respect and veneration for those glorious old customs and traditions which have been handed down to him with pride by his ancestors in that noble branch of science.

True to this sentiment am I here before you to-day, as the representative of the graduating class in law of 1890, to say a few words in regard to the Faculty with which we are this day to sever our connection; to pay our last tribute of respect, as pupils, to our "Alma Mater"; to take a farewell of our professors and to express our parting regrets to those whom we leave behind as undergraduates.

We have now reached one of those epochs in our career which we shall ever regard with feelings of pleasure not unmingled with pride. We have to-day attained one of the important stages in the history of our lives of which the British bard makes mention, and at which, methinks, it would be wise and prudent to pause for a moment, as the traveller on an eminence, for the purposes alike of retrospect and prospect.

The bases of all law is truth and equity, and its object is to render the most absolute justice possible between man and man. One of our Canadian Legislators who now holds a high position in the State, has said "Add to the Decalogue that other formula which is itself enshrined in its meaning and intent, 'Do unto others as you would that others do unto you'; and we have the completed foundation of the entire struc-