

Chancellor HALE, in the course of an introductory speech, said that at the opening of the seventh Convocation that it had been his lot to attend he felt particularly gratified to find they were encouraged and supported by the presence and countenance of the two right reverend prelates, the Bishops of Montreal and Quebec, both of them warm friends of the Institution, and willing to assist it whenever the occasion arose. He was much encouraged to find that so large a number of the clergy were in attendance, and particularly gratified to think that so very large a number of their old students clustered around their old *Alma Mater* to afford it encouragement and support. (Applause.) Having explained that the Bishops of Ontario and New Hampshire were unavoidably absent, although the former prelate had stated his intention to make an extra effort to be present to show his sympathy with the institution, he asked, if with the encouragements afforded them, they might not feel sure that Bishop's College had the support of the Episcopal Church, and that the congregations of the different churches bore it in their warm recollection. He congratulated the college that its former students were coming forward with gifts to enable the college to carry forward its work more successfully. They had also to feel gratified at the state of the institute's finances. Taking the figures contained in the last report, he found there was a balance of \$1,200 over and above the expenditure of the year. In addition a sum of \$1,050—their proper share of the Protestant marriage license fees—had been received at that most opportune moment, and there must be added the increase in fees owing to an augmented number of students which they might confidently look forward to under the present management of the institution. In conclusion the Chancellor announced the appointment of the Revd. Canon Gilson as Professor of Divinity—an announcement which was received with applause.

Rev. Mr. Badgley presented and read Mr. Norman's report to the Principal of the College and Rector of the school. His report to the Principal of the College contained the following remarks:—"I think, Mr. Principal, you have every reason to be satisfied with the progress of the students. Sound scholarship is a plant of slow growth, and when I call to mind the absence of early training in the fundamental portions of a classical education, I feel both gratification and surprise at the result arrived at. In the senior class Mr. Tucker, Mr. Nicholls and Mr. Stevens deserve very honorable mention. In the junior lecture one name cannot be passed by, that of Mr. Chapman. He must be possessed of good abilities combined with a sustained perseverance, and his papers evince the accurate and careful training he has received. In the course of his report of the examination of the school Mr. Norman said:—"The work of the school is on the whole higher and sounder than last year. The fact that there has been no sixth form last year has, after all, been an advantage. The standard of the fifth form is considerably higher than it was last year, so that when it is elevated into the dignity of a sixth its members will be more worthy of that high intellectual position than the sixth form of 1872."

Judge Sanborn after receiving the degree of D. C. L., delivered an address. He said all efforts connected with education were gratifying to those who have an interest in education, and it would be a strange anomaly in this day and in this age to find intelligent persons who were not interested in education. We in this country were particularly in need of institutions of the character of Bishop's College. Those Eastern Townships and the main portion of the Province in which we live were comparatively new, many, indeed, most of the people who

originally came here were without capital or friends,—the only friends they had were the members of their families, and their own strong arms and axes. (Applause.) Now, that was only a few years ago, and many of the present residents are representatives of that class. They had but little time during which to give their attention to the culture of their minds, and they had also, of course, little time to devote to the establishment of institutions calculated to give the advantage of higher culture to their children. Moreover, they of the Protestant community occupied a somewhat anomalous position in this portion of the Dominion by comprising only a small minority of the people, surrounded and connected by those not only of another religion, but of another race, whose educational institutions must necessarily be entirely distinct, and in which they could have no participation, and from which they could gain no strength. The founding of colleges in a Province like Quebec was a work not only of time, but a work of labour and patience, prompted by love and intended to prove a benefit to society at large. (Applause.) The erection of Bishop's College had been thus prompted; and having observed its progress—for he had resided in the neighborhood for the last thirty years and had been present at the laying of the foundation of the College—and having become familiar with the manner in which those who were connected with it advanced its interests under difficulties which required no little strength and effort to surmount, he could speak a word of good cheer on the condition in which he found the College to-day, [loud applause.] He felt much pleasure in being present on this occasion, and although he was not of the communion of those who had the spiritual oversight of the College, still he must say that he did not feel ill at home there. [Applause.] He felt proud of the boast, that he was not one of those who would like to see confined within the particular channels in which his own views might happen to run, all the efforts made for the elevation of the minds of the community and for the education of the young. [Applause.] He rejoiced to see efforts put forth by every denomination of Christians for the education of our youth, and the elevation of them to a full appreciation and comprehension of their duties, that they may become citizens worthy of their country and loyal to their Queen (loud applause). He and the communion to which he belonged had some little forms; they had been nurtured in their own particular creed—they had naturally fallen into that creed, in some respects in a traditional way; but there were principles which rose above traditions, there were principles which every man who desired the prosperity of his fellows, every man who desired the success of his country, every man, above all, who desired pure and undefiled religion to prevail in the country—if he had a mind large enough to comprehend matters affecting the well-being of society—would rejoice to see every denomination prospering which was making an effort to raise society by giving it educational advantages (applause). Bishop's College had some particular advantages as well as disadvantages. He had mentioned some of its disadvantages. Those they could not overcome—they were incident to the position in which they were placed. That College was the pioneer of British University education in the Eastern Townships, and it was the only institution that raised education to a standard to deserve the respect of the community—and entitle the College to the approval and respect of other colleges and place its degrees on an equality with those of other colleges. (Applause.) One of its advantages, therefore, was that it possessed an experience of twenty-five years upon which to work, which was a long period in these days. Again, every educational institution must necessa-