

"Alma Mater," where they are preserved from the world's blighting contact, far removed from its pomps and its vanities, and where they are taught to prize and emulate those more real and noble accomplishments which constitute true worth and dignity in woman.

At the close of the sance the Very Rev. Superioress, who presided, made a few feeling and appropriate remarks on the general satisfaction given by the pupils to their devoted teachers. She bade them adieu and hoped they would enjoy their vacation, and announced that the Convent would re-open on the 31st of August next.

Mr. Edward Murphy made a few brief remarks, thanking the young ladies for the beautiful and flattering address presented to Mrs. Murphy and himself. He complimented them on their success, as evidenced by the prizes and honors awarded. He said their expressions of gratitude to their teachers for their motherly solicitude and tender care were peculiarly grateful to his feelings, as he also was deeply indebted to their devotedness. Addressing the graduates, he said, now that their school days were ended and they were about to mix with the world, he hoped they would carry with them the imprint of the moral and religious training instilled so carefully into their young hearts, and would follow in the footsteps of the former graduates of the Institution, who are now not only joys to their families, but also ornaments of society, remarkable for their unaffected piety and simplicity of manner, which add lustre to the brilliant educational accomplishments they received at the Villa. He said that his observation of the young ladies brought up in the institution proved to him, and he was glad to bear testimony to the fact, that the wellgrounded principles of piety were implanted so deeply and so solidly into their youthful minds that they did not wear off by change of position and contact with the world, but only shone the brighter contrasted with those less favored in their training. He remarked that the pupils brought up in the institution looked back to their bright and happy school days at Villa Maria, and their eagerness to visit their teachers was different from his experiences and reminiscences of his own irksome school days. He added, that the tears and emotions of the young ladies in parting from their loved and devoted teachers spoke eloquently that they also shared the feelings of former graduates. He concluded by congratulating the good Nuns on the marked success of their admirable institution, and said that the citizens of Montreal were favored in having in their midst a community doing such a vast amount of good as is done by the Ladies of the Congregation of Notre Dame.—*Montreal Gazette.*

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McGill University Intelligence.

The corporation of McGill University have pleasure in acknowledging the following donations to the Faculty of Arts, during the quarter ending June 21st, 1876:—

TO THE LIBRARY.

From Principal Dawson, LL.D.—Gentry's Life—Histories of the birds of Eastern Pennsylvania, vol. 1st., 8vo.

From the Superintendent of Education, Nova Scotia.—Annual report of the common, academic, and normal and model schools in Nova Scotia, for 1875, pam., 8vo.

From the Rev. T. W. Wood.—Ecclesiastical and academical colors, 18mo.

From W. H. Young, Esq., Troy N. Y.—Proceedings of the semi Centennial celebration of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y., June, 1874, 8vo.

From His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion

of Canada—London University Calendar for the year 1876, 8vo.

From the Government of the Province of Quebec—Statutes of the Province of Quebec, 1875, 8vo.

From the Minister of Public Instruction for the Province of Quebec for 1863-74, and for part of 1875—Four copies, 8vo

From the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec.—Transactions. Sessions of 1873-74, and 1874-75, pam., 8vo.

From Dr. Woolwort, Albany, N. Y.—Natural History of New York. Paleontology. By J. Hall. Part 1st, of vol. iv. 4to.; twenty-fourth and twenty-sixth annual report on the New York State Museum of Natural History, 2 vols., 8vo.; twentieth and twenty-third annual report on the condition of the New York State Cabinet of Natural History, 2 vols., 8vo.; University of the State of New York, twenty-eighth annual report, 1875, 8vo.; annual reports on the condition of the State Cabinet of Natural History of the State of New York, 13 pam., 8vo.

From Peter Redpath, Esq.—Memoirs of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 5 vols., 8vo.; historical map of Pennsylvania, 1875, 8vo.; contributions to American history, 1858, 8vo.; history of Braddock's Expedition, 8vo.; record of the Court at Upland, in Pennsylvania, 1676 to 1681, 8vo.; discourses on the inauguration of the new hall of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, pam., 8vo.; catalogue of the paintings, &c., belonging to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, pam., 8vo.; proceedings of a meeting at a Bar of Philadelphia relative to the death of C. J. Biddle, pam., 8vo.

From the Government of the Dominion of Canada—Censuses of Canada, 1665 to 1871, vol. iv., 8vo.

From S. G. Lapham, Esq.—Biographical sketch of J. A. Lapham, LL.D., pam., 8vo.

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From J. D. H. Wilkins, B.A.S.—Specimens of upper silurian from Ontario.

From Mrs. P. Redpath—Nest of the trap door spiders, from Mentone.

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OFFICIAL NOTICES.



Ministry of Public Instruction.

APPOINTMENTS.

SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased, by order in Council, dated the thirty first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy six, to make the following appointments of school commissioners, to wit:

County of Laprairie, Saint Constant.—Mr. Moise Boutillier, *vice* Mr. Joseph Brassard, deceased, and Mr. Theophile Robert, *vice* Mr. Hormidas Barbeau.

County of Saint Maurice, Shawenigan.—Mr. Adolphe Dupont, *vice* Mr. Theodore Lupien, absent.

County of Rimouski, Saint Gabriel.—Mr. Julien Dubé, *vice* Mr. Cypr. Gaudreau, absent.

And by another order in Council, dated the 7th June, 1876
County of Gaspé, Les Capucins.—Messrs. Augustin Ross, Edmond Degagné, Philias Soucy, Paul Ouellet and Augustin Côté.

And by another order in Council, dated the 17th of June, 1876.
County of Gaspé, Grande Arbour.—Messrs. Timothé Auclair, Joseph Drapeau, Theophile Rioux, Charles Castonguay and Jean Terrien.

And by another order in Council, dated the 20th June, 1876.
County of Beauce, Les Saints-Anges.—Thomas Turmel, Urbain Vaillancourt, Joseph Cloutier, Ignace Turmel and François Lehouillier.
County of Ottawa, Saint Edouard de Wakefield.—Messrs. Edouard Pelissier, Benjamin Côté, Hypolite LeGrand, Robert Blackburn and Patrick McGlashan.