

College News.

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ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.—Another year has been added to the history of McMaster University. The year just closed has been one of unprecedented success along all lines of college life. McMaster's past has been a record of steady, vigorous, almost phenomenal growth, and to-day her outlook is the brightest. The keynote of the closing exercises was "Forward." Never before has the hand of Providence been so unmistakably beckoning us on to larger and higher usefulness. The Chancellor and Faculty should feel proud of their year's work. In spite of the ever-rising standard set up, the students this year have attained a high degree of efficiency, and the laurels won in other institutions by our graduates of former years, have been more than gratifying. The Faculty and students count themselves happy in having had with them for the Commencement Exercises the inspiring presence of Revs. Thos. J. Villers, M.A., of Indianapolis, and Dr. J. W. A. Stewart, of Rochester. The eloquent and inspiring words of these gifted men have left a lasting impression upon their hearers. The presence also of so large a company of the University's friends was very gratifying.

THE ALUMNI.—The annual meeting of the Society was held in the College Chapel on Monday evening, the 8th inst. The gathering was the largest ever held under the auspices of this Society. The President of the Society, Rev. H. P. Whidden, B.A., B.Th., of Galt, occupied the chair. After devotional exercises short speeches were given by representatives of the Graduating Classes, Mr. D. Bovington speaking for the graduates in Arts, and Rev. J. G. Brown, B.A., for those in Theology. The principal speaker of the evening was Rev. J. W. A. Stewart, D.D., of Rochester, N.Y. In his own masterly manner he gave an able address on the "Present Outlook of Religious Thought." He dealt with the three great movements of thought during the last twenty-five years, viz., Evolution, Future Punishment and Higher Criticism. The University Quartette, Messrs. Bryant, Triggerson, Welch and Bowyer, sang very acceptably.

The annual business meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon, and the following officers were elected: President, Rev. W. W. McMaster, B.A., B.Th., Tiverton; 1st Vice, Miss M. D. Eby, M.A., Berlin; 2nd Vice, W. J. Pady, B.A., B.Th., Toronto Junction; 3rd Vice, Miss E. N. Newman, B.A., Toronto; 4th Vice, A. W. Vining, M.A., Thornedale; Sec'y-Treas., W. S. W. McLay, B.A., (re-elected); Cor.-Sec'y., D. B. Harkness, B.A., Toronto.

The Association unanimously decided to undertake to raise \$2000 towards the fund for the new chapel and library, and appointed a representative committee to canvas the graduates of the University.