

sweetly "Bonnie wee wife," accompanied by Professor Ambrose.

Miss McIlwraith read the Secretary's report, at the conclusion of which she introduced the graduates, who were warmly received by Mrs. Pratt, the President. The young ladies graduating were Miss Erb, Miss J. Davis, Miss Mary Pears, Miss Coatsworth, Miss Bongard and Miss Smith.

Miss Rosebrugh played with great taste a piece of Chopin's.

Dr. Burns congratulated the Alumnæ on having secured the presence of Dr. Tiffany, and alluded to the cordial relations existing between England and America. The Rev. Mr. Hodson then pronounced the benediction, and the proceedings terminated.

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WESLEYAN FEMALE COLLEGE.

GRADUATION EXERCISES IN THE CENTENARY CHURCH.—THE MOST BRILLIANT AFFAIR YET.—ESSAYS BY THE GRADUATES, AND ADDRESSES BY THE HON. EDWARD BLAKE AND OTHER GENTLEMEN.—PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS AND PRIZES.—INTERESTING CEREMONIES, ETC.

THE climax of the interesting graduation exercises of the Wesleyan Female College was attained on Wednesday evening, in the Centenary Church, which edifice was kindly placed at the disposal of Dr. Burns and his fair pupils. It was, without exaggeration, one of the most *recherche* and fashionable affairs of the present season. The interior of the church, without considering the audience at all, was a perfect bower of lovely flowers. On each side of the platform stood two fine palm plants in huge pedestalled vases, while the platform itself was almost covered with fuchsias, roses, foliage plants, and innumerable other products from the inexhaustible conservatories of Mr. W. E. Sanford, Mr. R. M. Wanzer, and those of Messrs. Evans, Townsend, Kilvington, and D. Murray. The detailed arrangement of the plants, etc., was good, and the *tout ensemble* remarkably handsome. The choir gallery front was festooned with evergreens, studded with yellow, red and moss roses, and crowned with various and choice exotics. The pillars supporting the main galleries were also half smothered in flower-dotted verdure, which totally disguised the hard,

ungraceful iron. And if the profuse floral decorations were fine, there was an audience to match it. In fact, the whole inside of the church resembled one vast repository of animate and inanimate flowers, for there were many lovely women present, arrayed in becoming apparel, who might very reasonably lay claim to being called "beautiful as a flower." The platform, which was extended for the occasion, upheld at once wisdom and beauty, the former being represented by many of our leading citizens, and the latter more than represented by the fair graduates and their preceptresses. Of these latter more particularly hereafter.

The following gentlemen supported Dr. Burns, who occupied the chair: Rev. Mr. Williams, Rev. Mr. Griffin, Hon. Edward Blake, Thos. Robertson, M. P., E. Kilvert, M. P., Mayor O'Reilly, Hon. Frank Leland, Prof. Wright, Dr. Rosebrugh, Sheriff McKellar, Dr. McQuesten, Judge Sinclair, and Messrs. W. E. Sanford, Dennis Moore, R. M. Wanzer, George Roach, S. F. Lazier, Joseph Lister, Edward Gurney. Besides these there were the College faculty and this year's graduates. Prayer having been offered, part of the 699th hymn was sung, Mr. Ambrose at the organ, and the proceedings, which throughout were of great interest, commenced.

Dr. Burns introduced Miss Nettie T. Coatsworth, one of the graduates, who gave a brief salutatory address.

"Hobbies," an essay by Miss Phœbe Smith, of Glanford, was next. The young lady's reflections on life were quaint, and she spoke easily and well. She defined what a "hobby" really was, and in referring to "hard times" betrayed no little knowledge of Canadian political economy. Indeed, nobody's hobby was left untouched, but was brought forth and held up to ridicule. The essay was received with applause and the fair essayist was made the recipient of several beautiful bouquets.

Miss Jennie L. Davis then gave her essay on "The Song of the Shirt," taking the first verse of Hood's famous poem as a text, and deducing therefrom several lessons.

The paper was interspersed with apt quotations, and the delivery rose at times to a dramatic pitch. She also was greeted with a superb floral offering in the shape of numerous bouquets.