

INAUGURATION

OF—

ALMA COLLEGE FACULTY.

The following account of the Inauguration Ceremony is taken from the St. Thomas Journal of December 21st, 1881:—

There was a large gathering at Alma College on Tuesday evening to witness the inauguration of the Faculty by Bishop Carman, who took the chair punctually at eight o'clock, supported by His Honor Judge Hughes, Registrar McLachlin, Colin Macdougall, Esq., Rev. A. E. Griffith, and Rev. W. G. Brown, M. A., members of the Board of Management.

After devotional exercises Bishop Carman read the following Declaration :

Through the abundant mercy and in the infinite wisdom of Almighty God, it came into the minds and power of his servants to found, establish, erect and open Alma College for the education more especially of girls and women, and their better preparation, through knowledge, manners, morality and piety, for the duties of life. Wherefore, when the design had been approved by the several Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, and favored by the public declaration of the citizens of St. Thomas, moneys to this end were raised by voluntary contributions of the friends of education and religion in the Province of Ontario, this favorable site was purchased, the corner stone of this edifice was laid by the Hon. Adam Crooks, Minister of Public Instruction for the Province, the structure completed, and the building made ready for use in the Summer and Autumn of 1881. In the further prosecution of their design, the Board of Management of Alma College, deeply convinced that not only were well-appointed and well-furnished buildings required for this work, but a staff of discreet and learned officers as well, that the great advantages of good government and thorough instruction might be happily combined, out of the numerous gentlemen of high capabilities and satisfactory qualifications within their reach, have made their selection of officers and instructors for the proper government of the school and the efficient instruction of the students. In these weighty matters the Board have felt their responsibility as acting for the immediate patrons of the school and the public at large; and as standing between the efforts of the present time and the