

COLLEGE ANNIVERSARIES.

Dalhousie Convocation.

Dalhousie Convocation is held earlier than that of the other Maritime colleges. This is an indication of the origin of the college. Earl Dalhousie was authorized by the British government to devote a portion of the Castine Fund for the maintenance of a "college or academy on the same plan and principle as that at Edinburgh." Though the college has passed through many changes since 1821—from college, high school and academy to university (even on one unhappy period letting its building for storing merchandise and housing the establishment of a pastry-cook) it has never forgotten the intention of the founder, and has made Edinburgh its model. Its first calendar in 1864 says the course for B. A. extends over four winter sessions, or three winter and three summer sessions. The winter session began on the third Wednesday of October and ended on the first Wednesday of April; the summer began the following Wednesday and ended the last Wednesday in June. The dates of opening and closing and the summer session were evidently suggested by Edinburgh. Two years later, three weeks were added to the winter and taken from the summer session. During the eighties the reformers pleaded for a longer session. At first they were given one week, then another, until in 1888 they succeeded in making the second Wednesday of September the beginning, and the last Tuesday of April the end of the session; later they got another week in September. Since then they have confined their efforts to the abolition of holidays. So that now the session is nearly eight months in length, or as long as those of the colleges that open with October and close with May and enjoy a good holiday at Christmas and a week or more at Easter.

The total number of registered students during the past session was 352. There was a slight falling off in the faculty of Law. Curiously the profession seems to be somewhat pleased. They seem to think that a law school tends to overcrowd the profession. It may make the competition keener, but this it does by improving the quality of the competitors. Still from every point of view the profession benefits by having its members specially trained.

The president, in his opening address, alluded to the value of the university to the city, financially. Each year the university is the means of distributing in the city at least \$100,000. This way of looking at the value of a university is no doubt the lowest, but it is sometimes effective in making the slaves of money

realize that it is to their interest, at least, not to add to a university's difficulties, if not to help.

The president announced that Dr. Norman E. MacKay, port physician of Halifax, has offered an annual bursary of \$40 to be competed for by the students of chemistry.

The following entrance scholarships were announced:

Junior Professors and Young, Coffin, E. W. (Charlottetown); Young, 1, Christie, G. (Halifax); 2, Christie, C. (Halifax); 3, Morrison, Bertha, (Dartmouth); McKenzie Bursary, Mackenzie, K.; Senior Professors, Lawson, D. A., Grafton, N. S.

The degree of B. A. was conferred on eight women, twenty-nine men; B. L. on two women; B. Sc. on one man; LL.B. on twenty-three men; M. D. C. M. on one woman and ten men; M. A. on six men (two being M. A. of Princeton were admitted *ad eund. grad.*) Of the eighty graduates, two are from Newfoundland; four from P. E. Island; seven from New Brunswick, and the rest from Nova Scotia. Eleven of the graduates in law hold the degree of B. A.—three from Acadia, two from Mount Allison, three from St. Francis Xavier and three from Dalhousie. One of the Doctors of Medicine is a B. A. of Dalhousie.

The Diplomas of Honors were granted in mathematics, High Honors to Baird, Murray (of Sussex), and Gertrude Lawlor; Honors to Messenger, Barnes and G. W. McKenzie. Philosophy, High Honors, G. N. MacKenzie; Honors, Anderson. English and History, High Honors, Davis; Chemistry, High Honors, Lindsay.

Mr. A. Cumming, captain of the football team, won Distinction in the ordinary course for B. A. Miss Archibald also received Diploma of Distinction, while Theo. Ross, of P. E. Island, won Great Distinction.

The Avery Prize was given to T. Ross; the Waverley (mathematics) to J. C. Meckie, of Brockton, Mass. The Sir Wm. Young Gold Medal for mathematics, was awarded to J. W. A. Baird, and a University Medal to G. N. MacKenzie, who took High Honors in philosophy.

Excellent addresses were given by Dr. Farrell and Geo. Mitchell, M. P. P. Two of Dr. Farrell's sons were among the graduates in medicine. Dr. Farrell was one of the city doctors who started the Halifax Medical College in 1871, and has been a member of its teaching staff ever since. He is also an examiner in the Medical Faculty of Dalhousie. Of the founders of the Medical College, Dr. Farrell is the only one still giving instruction. In Dalhousie, the Academic Order for distinguished service belongs to the teacher of mathematics, Prof. Macdonald, who has completed his thirty-fifth session. In quality, as well as in quantity, he stands without a peer as a teacher.