

science, in arts and crafts, or in the school of expression. At the University Convocation the class receiving the degree of B.A. was smaller than usual, consisting of three young ladies and thirteen men. Four received certificates in Applied Science, and ten in theology. The degree of M.A. in course, was conferred on three candidates, and the honorary degree of D.C.L., on two men, both former Mount Allison graduates—one being H. A. Powell, K.C., of St. John, a member of the International Waterways Commission. An important event at the Convocation was the presentation of an illuminated address from the Board of Regents, Alumni, and Faculty, to Dr. R. C. Weldon, Mount Allison, '66, who was a former Mount Allison professor, and is now retiring from many years of service as Dean of the Dalhousie Law School in Halifax. The address was presented by His Honor Lieut-Governor Wood, a fellow-student and life-long friend of Dr. Weldon, and short addresses were delivered by Dr. Smith, Professor of Classics, and Dr. Allison, formerly president of the University.

During the year, Mount Allison appointed as Rhodes Scholar for New Brunswick, Mr. William H. Irving, who graduated in 1912, and who has since been a teacher in the High School at Moncton. Mr. Irving has the highest qualifications both personally and educationally, and is expected to continue his good record after taking up his residence at Oxford in October.

#### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER.

The commencement exercises of St. Francis Xavier College were held on May 12th, when the Assembly Hall was crowded to the doors. The Salutatory was delivered by William Noblett, the subject being History and National Life. After the Salutatory the degree of M. A. was conferred upon: William Randolph Walsh, St. John; Professor E. W. Connolly, Truro; Vincent Burke, Inspector of Schools, St. John's, Nfld. Thirteen students, two of whom were women, received the degree of B.A.

The Class Essay was read by Frederick Guthro of Glace Bay. It was called "A Poet's Outlook on Life," and based upon Matthew Arnold's poem "Rugby Chapel."

After the prizes in the various departments had been presented, the Valedictorian, Mr. Angus L. MacDonald, of Port Hood, gave an excellent address on "Literature and National Life."

The Very Reverend D. Thompson addressed the students briefly, urging them to be true to the principles instilled at St. Francis Xavier, and prophesying useful futures.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. D. C. Gillies on the subject of modern

thought. In the evening the College Alum held their annual dinner at St. George's hotel.

#### ACADIA UNIVERSITY.

The seventy-sixth anniversary of Acadia occurred the last week in May. The visitors were numerous and the weather delightful, although the orchards had not advanced sufficiently to show the beauty of their bloom. The baccalaureate sermon was preached by Dr. Matthews, Dean of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, and the address on Sunday evening, before the College Y.M.C.A., was delivered by Dr. MacDonald who recently assumed the editorship of "The Maritime Baptist." The combined attendance at these Baptist schools for the year just closed was seven hundred and fifty-five. From the College thirty-one graduated in the B.A. course, four in the B.Sc. course, and three took the B.Th., degree. Eleven persons took their M.A. and nine engineering certificates were given. The honorary degree of D.C.L. was conferred upon Mr. I. B. Oakes, long connected with the educational work of these Provinces, and the same degree was granted to a well known Canadian surgeon of Montreal, Dr. W. W. Chipman. Rev. E. D. Webber, formerly of Wolfville, now of Haverhill, Mass., was made a D.D.

Last autumn a fire-proof Library building, the need of which has long been felt, was commenced, and that structure of stone is now steadily advancing. On the first of May excavation began for a new College Residence for women, and it is expected that this edifice of brick and stone will be ready for use at or near the opening of the next College year. During commencement week the College Residence, for men, known as "Chipman Hall" was totally destroyed by fire, as was also the Gymnasium. But no time was lost by the Governing Board in beginning to make provision for the need so suddenly created. Four days after the fire the first sod was turned for a new Men's Residence, to be made of brick with stone facings. The students have generously subscribed for a Gymnasium and a Rink, so that the expectation is that without much delay, these buildings will also be secured. Aside from smaller gifts, there have come to Acadia in the past year three bequests especially worthy of mention, the first from Mr. Cramp, a lawyer of Montreal, amounting to one hundred thousand dollars, the second, forty-five thousand, from Mrs. Tedford, of Yarmouth, N. S., and the third, of thirty thousand, from Mr. Joshua Goodwin, St. John, N. B.

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