

The next item on the programme was the reading of the valedictory by W. Moffatt, M.A.

Dr. Fowler, Dean of the medical faculty, presented Dr. Purdy, of Chicago, to receive the degree of LL.D. In doing so he said he always took a pardonable pride in the success of our graduates, believing that their success in the battle of life is due, in some measure at least, to the training they have received at this University. Dr. Purdy's course since his graduation in medicine, now some twenty-nine years ago, has been ever onward and upward, and he is now known, not only in Chicago but far and near, as an eminent consulting physician. His laboratory attainments are of a high order, his writings on medical subjects being eagerly sought after on account of their literary and scientific value. He retained a warm and kindly feeling towards the University. We confidently hope that many of those now leaving the University to engage in the battle of life may follow in his footsteps and attain like distinction.

SPEECH BY DR. PURDY.

Dr. Purdy was greeted with cheers and applause. In his reply he said: "Principal Grant,—After twenty-nine years' absence from the venerable and venerated halls of my alma mater, it is with feelings of no ordinary pleasure that I find myself privileged again to visit my old class rooms, to meet with those of my old teachers who are here, and to take part in this august ceremonial. If those feelings of pleasure confess that I cannot restrain a fair degree of pride at the thought and faith that my native University has seen fit on this occasion to enrol my name so permanently upon its roll of honor, I feel sure that you, my fellow-alumni, will understand and pardon the feeling, and you, sir, my senior teacher, and your old colleagues, to whose precepts and example all that has come to me professionally in these twenty-nine years that is desirable is directly due. So now, although nominally this special honor comes to me, I by no means lose sight of the fact that in reality what there may appear to be of credit due me is in reality reflected from you. My life-work has been an instrument from your hands; my professional care has been an earnest endeavor to carry out your precepts and example, and it is indeed pleasing to me after so lengthy a span of years' absence—nearly all of which have been spent among foreign people and in a somewhat distant clime—now to be called back by you, sir, for such generous approval of the work entrusted to me by my masters and my alma mater. I must confess that it is with feelings of satisfaction and even pride that I am able to refer to the endorsement and approval of my work by something over fifty of the medical colleges in the land of my adoption, but at the same time I must confess that to me they are of but