

## COLLEGE CONVOCATIONS.

## MOUNT ALLISON.

The closing of the different institutions of Mount Allison was marked by exercises extending over several days, beginning on Saturday, May 13th, with a recital by junior pupils of the Conservatory. In the evening the usual closing reception was held at the Ladies' College.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached on Sunday evening, May 14th, in the Fawcett Memorial Hall, by the Rev. Edgerton Brecken, M. A., B. D., of the Canadian Mission, West China. Dr. Brecken preached from the text "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

On Monday the closing exercises of the Academy and the Ladies' College were held. Dr. Palmer reported that the Academy was graduating the largest class in its history, in spite of the fact that many prospective students had enlisted, and consequently, that the attendance had been lower than for some years in the past. Dr. Borden announced that there had been an attendance of three hundred and six students at the Ladies' College, of whom one hundred and sixty-three were in residence.

The University Convocation was held on Tuesday evening, May 16th. In an able and comprehensive address, the President, Dr. Borden, outlined the effect of the war upon the University, showing that while the noble response to the call of the country made by graduates and undergraduates was a matter of thanksgiving, and justified faith and pride in the ideals held up and the principles instilled at Mount Allison, at the same time the withdrawal of so many students left a heavy financial burden upon the management of the University. Fifty-six undergraduates enlisted during the year, and also over eighty of the one hundred and forty present last year, who would, in ordinary times, have continued their course. A new science building and a library building are among the pressing needs that must be postponed. Valuable additions have been made to the gymnasium equipment. Dr. Borden spoke briefly but strongly on the necessity for technical education, and pleaded for the establishment for a chair of agriculture.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. W. Craft. The valedictory address

was delivered by Miss Ada McAnn of Moncton. Addresses were given by Rev. George Steel, Hon. Mr. Justice Russell and Hon. Mr. Justice Chesley.

Dr. Borden read the following cablegram from Horsham, England: "Best wishes to you, our classmates, for success in your future life." (Signed) Wm. Best, of Coles Island, Queens County, N. B., and Arthur E. McAfee, Sussex, who would have graduated with this year's class had they not enlisted.

The graduates receiving degrees and certificates numbered forty-five. Professor Wheelock, B. A. (Acad.), Ph. D. (Yale), received the degree of B. A. (*ad eundem*). Rev. George Steel, of St. John, received the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

At a meeting of the Board of Regents a recommendation to centralize the business management of the three Mount Allison institutions was unanimously adopted. The business will be put into the hands of a business manager.

## UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The closing week of the year 1915-16 in the University of New Brunswick was opened by the preaching of the baccalaureate sermon, in the Methodist Church, on Sunday, May 14th, by the Rev. W. H. Barraclough of Centenary Church, St. John. On Wednesday, May 18th, the annual meetings of the Alumni and Alumnae societies were held, and Thursday, May 19th, was the day of the Encoenia.

The exercises took place in the college library, with Chancellor Jones as presiding officer. The Alumni oration, delivered by Rev. A. W. Meahan, D. D., of St. Andrews, dealt with the effect of the war upon Canadian citizenship. Professor A. J. Uppvall, of the University faculty, in his address in praise of the founders, spoke of the career of August Strindberg, the great Swedish writer, and his fearless dedication of his life to truth, as an ideal to all who would give themselves to the service of their fellowmen. Dr. Thomas Walker, of St. John, spoke briefly but with great point and force to the graduates, urging them in definite terms to be loyal to their University, their Province and the Dominion. Mr. Fred C. Cronkhite, in the valedictory, outlined the events of the year in the University