

violin duet, "Duet," Misses Homuth and Littlehales; piano solo, "Song Without words," Miss Edith Bond; song, "Day Dreams," Miss Bessie Clark; piano solo, "Minuet," Miss V. Currie; piano solo, "Valse Caprice," Miss E. Lazier; vocal duet, "I Would That My Love," Misses Corson and Hadden; piano solo, "Tarantella," Miss M. Burns; piano solo, "Turkish March," Miss Charlotte Evans; piano duet, "Tannhauser March," Misses Dease and Evans.

#### ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

THE large auditorium of Centenary Church was crowded to its utmost capacity last evening by an interested and appreciative audience. The occasion was that of the annual commencement exercises of the Wesleyan Ladies' College. By far the larger part of the large audience were ladies, and their vari-colored costumes, the magnificent floral decorations of the platform and the charming gowns of the successful students combined formed a scene which will not soon be forgotten by the majority of those present, certainly not by the maidens whose names were called out during the evening.

Promptly at 8 o'clock the chair was taken by Rev. A. Burns, D. D. L. L. D., Principal of the College. Among others on the platform were Mayor McLellan, Hon. W. E. Sanford, Rev. J. S. Ross, M. A., Rev. Mr. Coleman, Rev. Dr. Laidlaw, Rev. S. Lyle, B. D., Rev. Mungo Fraser D. D., Mr. S. B. Sinclair, B. R., Dr. Roseburgh, Mr. S. F. Lazier, Q. C., Mr. R. E. Gallagher, Mr. G. F. Marter, M. P. Mr. W. A. Robinson and Prof. Forster. The services were opened with the singing of the hymn, "O Happy is the Man Who Hears Instruction's Warning Voice," followed with prayer by Rev. J. S. Ross. The Salutatory was then read by Miss Lenah A. W. Sutcliffe, Yarmouth, N. S. This young lady made a decided impression by the sweet bell-like tones of her voice and her rendition of her well-prepared and praiseworthy literary effort was very creditable. The valedictorian of the commencement was Miss M. I. Shaw, daughter of Prof. Shaw, of the Agricultural College at Guelph. Her paper was a comprehensive and interesting pen sketch of the science of mathematics and its relation to every phase of the World's life and history. Although somewhat weak at first probably from nervousness, Miss Shaw's voice gradually gained power and confidence. At the conclusion of these samples of the young ladies' brain power and elocutionary ability they were greeted with hearty rounds of applause and

eight handsome bouquets, some larger than the ladies' heads.

#### CONFERRING DEGREES.

The President, Dr. Burns, then proceeded to confer the degrees of Master of English Literature on Miss Lenah A. W. Sutcliffe, of Yarmouth, N. S., and Miss May I. Shaw of Guelph. The President made a few remarks suitable to the occasion and on the ladies bowing their thanks they were greeted with another shower of bouquets.

The distribution of diplomas was the next order of business. The first presented were those for music, obtained by.

First Class—Miss Marion Burns, Hamilton; Miss Clara Maud Dease, Port Rowan; Miss Edith E. Gibson, Ottawa; Miss Helen I. Quay, Port Hope; Miss Eleanore Taylor, St. Catharines.

Second Class—Miss Lilly Hadden, Picton; Miss Etta Lee, Walkerton; Miss Lilian Young, Toronto.

Those who received diplomas in art were: Miss Janie Hobbs, London; Miss Florence Traill, Walkerton; Miss Grace Lilian Morton, Wellesley; Miss Lilian Meakins, Hamilton; and Miss Alice Gould, Smith's Falls, received certificates in art.

Certificates in book-keeping were obtained by Miss Mabel Grayden, Streetsville; Miss Edith Hurd, Hamilton; Miss Clara Hayes, Hamilton; Miss May Lawrence, Grimsby; Miss Lucy MacInnes, Hamilton; Miss Alice Snyder, St. Jacobs.

#### PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

The presentation of prizes was the next thing on the programme, the chairman inaugurating the ceremonies by calling on Rev. S. Lyle, B. D., to present the Governor General's gold medal for English literature to Miss May I. Shaw, of Guelph. In making the presentation, the rev. gentleman referred to the difficult nature of the examination through which Miss Shaw had come triumphant with credit to herself and the College. He also referred to the excellent teaching of the college in English literature as evidenced by the splendid papers written on the examination. He congratulated Miss Shaw on her success and Dr. Burns on having such a pupil, saying in conclusion that he thought there was nothing more calculated to elevate a man both mentally and spiritually than conscientious study of English literature, not nearly one author but, as it is done at the College, take the whole range of English history and the great spirits of the several ages and profit by their histories.