

ON Monday evening the annual meeting of the Alumni was held. In spite of the unfavorable weather a large number of visitors assembled in the College Chapel. After devotional exercises the chairman, Rev. Wm. Walker, introduced the first speaker, Rev. A. T. Sowerby, of Aylmer. The subject of his address was the "Baptist Ministry, its Place and Obligation." The address was full of that earnest enthusiasm which has always characterized our brother and given such efficiency to his public ministry. The second address was given by Rev. J. D. Freeman, of Guelph, on "The Value of Conviction in Preaching." In form this paper was a literary gem. The thought was practical and presented so tersely and pointedly that all who heard it appreciated it most highly. We hope to publish this address in a future issue of the MONTHLY.

ABOUT two hundred friends of McMaster University sat down to the Annual Collation on Tuesday, May 2nd, in the spacious dining apartments of the Hall. This occasion is always looked forward to with lively interest. Here all corroding care is laid aside and heart meets heart in joyful renewal of life-long friendships. The racy speeches of humor and wit, not to mention the other good things of a less spiritual but more tangible nature, caused a good-natured glow of delight to appear upon many countenances. The happy manner of the chairman, Hon. John Dryden, added not a little to the pleasant effect of the many excellent after-dinner speeches. Chancellor Rand's response to the toast proposed to McMaster University produced a profound impression. Referring to the honored name of our benefactor, and the work accomplished and still to be accomplished through his generosity, the speaker dwelt at some length upon the importance of university work in general, and closed by pointing out the important relations existing between our University and the Baptist Denomination of Canada. Many other good speeches were listened to with close attention. Suffice it to say the whole affair was enjoyed by all who were fortunate enough to be present. The large number of visiting ministers and friends, and the many kind remarks expressed by the visitors, showed how warm a place our educational institution holds in the hearts of Canadian Baptists. The hearty thanks of the friends are due to Mrs. Arnton and Miss McMaster for their efficient services in supervising the preparation of the collation.

Tuesday evening, May 2nd, found the chapel again thronged, this time for the graduation exercises of the Theological Department. Many of those present came from the two hours' "feast of reason and flow of soul" afforded by the after-dinner speaking on occasion of the collation, their appetite seemingly but whetted. The evening's exercises proved a worthy *finale*. After devotional exercises and a selection by the quartette, the members of the graduating class held the unabating interest of the audience. Concerning these addresses, comparisons are out of place, and any brief, yet duly appreciative, comments are difficult. Warnicker—our pen had well-nigh inscribed "J. B" alone—gave earnest and practical words concerning "The City Mission Church."