

of a course well spent or the distorted and uneven trademarks of a thoughtless and vagarious youth. Our sentiments on this however will only bear suggesting and we can only say, that though we are glad to have finished a somewhat arduous course of study, we are sorry that we must leave Queen's. The past week has been filled with ceremonies of interest to the final year. The last class meeting of the undergraduate year of '04 was held on Friday evening, April 23rd, and took the form of a happy social gathering of the senior students, who were just beginning to find out how like old friends they had grown to be.

Games were played and a little dancing was indulged in, and all present enjoyed themselves as only naughty four boys and girls could do. The refreshments were very dainty and the entertainment in general, furnished by the thoughtfulness of the committee in charge, impressed all so much that the last year meeting was undoubtedly the hardest one to break away from. All agreed that the dispersion of a body of friends has just as much sentimental regret about it as the separation of individuals.

The Principal and Mrs. Gordon, however, tendered a reception to the graduating class the following Monday evening, April 25th, which gave the year another opportunity of reuniting, which they are pleased to do on every possible occasion as are all good clans like '04. Mrs. Gordon and her two daughters received and another very delightful evening was passed.

Music and conversation filled in the pleasant evening, songs being sung by Miss Clark, Mr. Low and Mr. Watts, while Mr. A. G. MacKinnon gave an

enjoyable recitation. All seemed bubbling over with relief after the hard-won victories. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presence of our esteemed Chancellor, Sir Sandford Fleming, who went about chatting with those whom he was to cap the following Wednesday.

After refreshments were served Auld Lang Syne was sung and the year of 1904 dispersed well pleased with itself, and all its members more loyal admirers than ever of their beloved Principal and his gracious wife. It is such occasions as these that seem to emphasize the appropriateness of designating a university by the name of "Alma Mater," especially in the case of Queen's, for it is surely the dearest and most loyal on earth—barring none.

The valedictories were unusually good this year and the Arts valedictory was no exception. Mr. W. W. Guggisberg, B.A., was the Arts valedictorian and he gave an address we are proud of. Although Mr. Guggisberg dwelt especially on the many good points of his Alma Mater, such as the Queen's spirit of devotion and self-sacrifice, which is a distinctive feature of her graduates, he did not entirely overlook her weak features, though they seemed slight defects in comparison with her virtues.

He criticized in the first place the method of conducting examinations, the lack of punctuality in delivering the papers, the general lack of comfort of the students in the examination room, and the painfully evident way in which the presiding examiners attempted to fulfil their duties.

Mr. Guggisberg also criticized the tendency shown by some of the students, in recent years, towards excess