

ANNUAL MEETING OF ALUMNI.

Thursday, June 11th, the annual meeting of the Alumni Association took place in the Chemical Building. An afternoon session, devoted to routine business, was followed at 8 o'clock in the evening by a well-attended mass meeting, at which Chancellor Meredith and Rev. J. Munro Gibson delivered excellent addresses.

The first item of business at the evening meeting was the presentation and adoption of the report of the Nominating Committee. Dean Reeve retains the presidency of the Association, and Dr. McLennan's term of office of secretary-treasurer is extended.

After reviewing the work done by the Association during the year, Dr. Reeve called upon the secretary to read a letter signed by Messrs. Gibson and Harcourt, in which State aid was promised for the Convocation Hall Fund. Those present received the announcement as only U. of T. men could.

The Chancellor then delivered a lengthy and carefully prepared address on the University question. In the course of his remarks he referred to the numerous improvements the University had made in her courses of study in order to keep abreast of the times, and expressed the hope that a School of Forestry would soon be established. With reference to Queen's and her relation to the Legislature, Sir William said that while his attitude towards the sister institution had ever been that of a friend, he considered the announcement of the Premier, that there was to be only one Provincial University, as satisfactory in every respect. In conclusion the speaker paid a fitting tribute to the energy and zeal displayed by the president and secretary in the work of the Association.

Rev. Dr. Gibson was then introduced by his former classmate, Dean Reeve. On account of his long absence from the city the reverend gentleman begged to be excused from speaking on such a weighty subject as the University question. He confined his remarks to the narration of several amusing anecdotes of his undergraduate days, which were well received by those present.

THE AT-HOME AND THE TEA.

Although many were bidden to the Seniors' "P. P. C." At-Home, which was held in the East and West Halls on Wednesday evening, only a small number availed themselves of this opportunity to whirl in the waltz over the floors hallowed by many a class reception.

At 9 the guests assembled in the West Hall, with Mr. A. G. Brown in the chair, to enjoy a well-rendered programme of musical and vocal numbers, to which were added the Class History and the Prophecy. The History was, of course, a wonderful collection of facts; the Prophecy, carefully prepared, but perhaps too highly flavored with clippings from the poets. The picture the fair Prophetess presented of noughty-three "in after years" was encouraging, and roseate as the dawn.

THE TEA.

Thursday afternoon the sweet girl graduates to the number of sixty were entertained at tea in the Dean's House by the Alumni Association of University College. Miss Salter and the President of the Association, Miss Grant Macdonald, received the guests in the rooms which, as "On Dit" said, "were very beautifully arranged with quantities of field daisies." Bouquets of carnations were presented to the members of the graduating class, and report has it that the function was thoroughly enjoyable.

PLANTING THE CLASS TREE.

A goodly number of Seniors assembled in the quadrangle at 11 o'clock in the morning of Convocation Day to proceed with the ceremony of planting the class tree. To the "Worthy Bearers of the Tree" the care of the sapling was entrusted. A large assortment of gardening implements was distributed among the company, and the class marched to a point near Hustle Hollow. Here to the accompaniment of the ritual the tree was consigned to Mother Earth. The oration was delivered by Mr. I. N. Loeser. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem and the taking of a last photograph of the class brought the ceremony to a close.

CONVOCATION.

Convocation was held shortly before 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The LL.D. degree was conferred upon His Honor W. Mortimer Clark, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario; Dr. Goldwin Smith; Daniel C. Gilman, President of the Carnegie Institute, Washington; Hon. J. M. Gibson, Hon. Richard Harcourt and the Rev. J. Monro Gibson, of London, Eng. Dr. J. J. Thomson, of the University of Cambridge; Christopher Robinson, Chancellor of Trinity University, and James W. Robertson, Esq., who were unable to be present, received the same degree *in absentia*.

The Ph.D. and M.A. degrees were then conferred, after which the man of noughty-three heard the "admitto te" of the Chancellor, felt the hood upon his shoulders, and was numbered with the graduates.

Convocation was followed by a reception in the Main Building.

THE ALUMNI DINNER.

In the gymnasium, that same evening, was held the Alumni dinner, a new and pleasing feature of which was the presence of the graduates of 1903 as guests.

The toasts of the evening were "The King," "Alma Mater," "Our Guests" and "The Graduating Class." President London called upon the party to drink to the health of His Majesty. "Alma mater," said Dean Reeve, as he rose to his feet. To this the Lieutenant-Governor and Messrs. Gibson and Harcourt replied.

Sir William Meredith proposed the toast to "Our Guests," to which Mr. Goldwin Smith and Dr. Gilman responded.

The class of 1903 was eulogized by Dean Ramsay Wright in a brief and witty speech. For the class, Mr. A. G. Brown made a fitting reply.

A vote of thanks to Dr. McLennan and the Dinner Committee brought this, the last, function of Commencement time to a close. Another year had departed from our midst to take its place in the greater world.

THE SPECIAL CONVOCATION

A special Convocation was held on Friday, October 2nd, to confer the honorary degree of LL.D. upon some of the eminent physicians from England and the United States, who were in the city for the ceremonies in connection with the opening of the new Medical Building.

The attendance was not large, only a few score being present in the Gymnasium, when Vice-Chancellor Moss took the chair. With him on the platform were "Our Guests," the President and Vice-President of the University, Principals Hutton and Galbraith, and a number of professors in the faculties of Arts, Medicine and Science.

William Williams Kean, M.D., of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, was presented by Professor Cameron. Dr. Keen spoke at some length on the great value of practical instruction to the student of medicine, and emphasized the need for both money and brains in the profession.

In the unavoidable absence of Dean Reeve, Professor Clark of Trinity presented Dr. W. H. Welch, of Johns Hopkins University, for the honorary degree. The few moments taken up by Professor Welch in replying were devoted to pointing out the immense value of a university-governed hospital in the training of medical students. He had seen such a hospital in operation at the university in which he is professor of pathology, and could testify to its usefulness.

Dr. William Osler, also of Johns Hopkins, was then introduced by Professor Ramsay Wright. He spoke very briefly. The LL.D.'s as a class, he remarked, did not do much for the world—they had reached the ornamental stage. He explained that the recipients of the degrees had arranged to have Dr. Keen do most of the talking, saying, as he resumed his seat, "most of the doctor's remarks were written by myself."

Dr. Russell Henry Chittenden, of Yale, for whom Professor McPherson stood sponsor, replied in a brief speech, pointing out