

course. The degree of Bachelor of Music was conferred for the first time, and on one candidate, Miss Elsinore Tait of St John's, Nfld., who has pursued her musical course for several years at the Conservatory here, and at schools in Great Britain. The degrees "Honoris Causa" were: D. C. L. on Samuel M. Brookfield, the well-known citizen and philanthropist of Halifax; LL. D. on W. J. Gage of Toronto, the publisher, who founded the Muskoka hospitals for consumptives, and on Hon. J. Alexander Robinson, editor of the leading paper of St. John's, Nfld., and now Postmaster General of the Colony. Mr. Robinson was present and gave a vigorous patriotic address. Dr. Chown, Superintendent of the Methodist Church of Canada, was also present and addressed the Convocation. He is now in khaki, and, as Col. Chown, was on his way overseas. Among other visitors was Prof. Fletcher Peacock, Director of Manual Training for New Brunswick, who one afternoon inspected and afterward gave an address to the school of Household Science.

Next year Dr. Borden lays down his double task of the past two years and gives his whole attention to his duties as President of the University. Some changes in the University staff are likely to occur; one or two resignations and the coming of a new Professor of Biology. During the year a gift of \$1,000 was received from Dr. Emma Baker of Lutherville, Md., to assist in making courses in Biblical Literature and History more available for students in Arts. By the will of Mrs. Tuck of St. John, who died recently, \$1,000 was left to the University to found a scholarship in memory of her husband, the late Chief Justice W. H. Tuck, a former student of Mount Allison.

ACADIA UNIVERSITY.

At the coming of this, its seventy-ninth anniversary, Acadia had a unique experience, due to the present war conditions. It has been the unbroken custom for the Baptist people of these Maritime Provinces to assemble at Wolfville in apple-blossom season to enjoy the public exercises connected with the year's closing of educational work. But this year, owing to the continued conflict of the nations, all public demonstration was eliminated, as far as the College and Academy were concerned, and the students in these schools quietly dispersed in various directions. The demand for men to work on the farms, or in some form of national service, issued in a decision to end the term two weeks earlier than the date advertised, so as to permit the young men to get to these spheres of activity. It was something for the graduates to give up the anticipated pleasures associated with formal

graduation, but these they were more than willing to forego for the large interests now absorbing the attention of Canadians.

The senior class of the Academy numbered, in the collegiate department, thirteen, and in the business department, twenty-two. The total enrolment in the College was less than one-half of the normal — another evidence of concern for the winning of the war by the Allies. The graduating class had twenty-one, "the smallest for many years. Five of these were from New Brunswick and the others belonged to Nova Scotia. One took the M. A. degree in course; eighteen the B. A. degree; and two the B. Sc. degree. Four of these graduates were "with the colors."

In our report of a year ago mention was made of the fact that on commencement day four mothers then received diplomas for their sons who had gone to the front. One of these mothers, Mrs. DeWolfe, wife of the Principal of Acadia Seminary, today mourns the death of her son Burton, who was killed in action. One of the speakers on that day was Fred C. Manning of St. John, who stood before the audience dressed in khaki and about to go overseas. Sad to relate he, too, is now among the slain. A glorious day will it be, indeed, when our righteous cause triumphs and this loss of precious lives shall cease.

Acadia Seminary, the girls' school, closed at the usual time, May twenty-ninth. The attendance during the year, including resident and non-resident pupils, was two hundred and twenty-one. An excellent series of recital was given by the graduates during evenings preceding the day of graduation. The graduation class numbered twenty-four. Much interest was shown in the winding-up of the year's labors, but this was, of course, not so great as usual because the schools in affiliation had broken up in advance, thus diminishing the customary number of visitors. Let us hope that, if at all possible, this sad war may be over when the time comes round for the opening of another college year.

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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY.

The Convocation of Dalhousie University was held in the Reading Room of the new Macdonald Memorial Library on the afternoon of Thursday, May 10th. On account of war conditions all closing functions of the University were very quiet. The effect of the war on the attendance was strikingly evidenced by the fact that the degree of B. A. was conferred on only six men and thirteen women; whereas the graduating class of 1897, which was having a reunion this year, consisted of thirty-one men and six women. Even of the six