

The university closes for the summer with every prospect of that still greater progress next year, which Premier Hazen said he "looked for under the wise guidance of the present Chancellor." R.

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A large number of visitors and alumni attended the commencement exercises this year. The class of '98 held a re-union, and recent classes were largely represented. The weather was ideal, so that, on the whole, it was a successful ending of a prosperous year.

Principal Palmer reported the largest attendance since he had been connected with the academy. Fifteen completed the matriculation course, twelve received diplomas in bookkeeping, fourteen in stenography and type-writing, and four in penmanship. Mr. F. H. Holmes, who has had charge of the commercial department for two years, is leaving, but in the rest of the staff there are few changes.

In the Ladies' College the dormitory accommodation has been taxed to the utmost. Dr. Borden is hoping that, in the near future, some good friend may make possible the dream of a new stone building. Last year a great many vacancies occurred in the musical staff, but Prof. Horsfall, the new director, Miss Ayer, the violinist, and the various new teachers of piano, have done excellent work, and are expecting to return next year. The musical course is to be somewhat transformed and extended; the particulars will be announced in the forthcoming calendar. Miss Mitchell, the head of the elocution department, is also making many changes in the oratory course. Miss Hemming, of London, England, one of the teachers of vocal music, and Miss Graham, of Toronto, who has had charge of the composition classes, have resigned. Miss Graham goes abroad for study.

At the University convocation, twenty-nine degrees were conferred. The valedictory was delivered by J. Clayton Pincock, of Greenspond, Nfld., who graduated at the head of his class and also won the Sheffield scholarship for the best record of his class in mathematics. Mr. Pincock expects to teach in this province or the West. Four received certificates in engineering of having completed the two years' course, admitting them to entrance on the third year in any branch of engineering at McGill. This year the first of those with such certificates graduated at McGill, and were notably successful both in civil, electrical and mechanical engineering. H. W. Read, '05, in civil engineering, received honours in four subjects and a gold medal of the British Association. One student was this year the first to complete the new course of commerce and finance, designed to broaden the knowledge in English, economics, banking, etc., of those going into business.

In his address, Dr. Allison referred to the great

mortality among prominent Mount Allison men during the year, pronouncing eulogies on Rev. Dr. Paisley, Dr. Dobson, Dr. Brecken and Judge G. W. Burbidge, late of the Exchequer Court at Ottawa. The place of Dr. Paisley, as dean of the faculty of theology, will be taken by Rev. Howard Sprague, D. D., who will enter on his duties in the autumn. Another important change in the university staff is the appointment of Mr. Lawrence Killam as professor of mechanical engineering. Mr. Killam took his B.A. at Mt. Allison in '03 with honours in mathematics, and graduated B. Sc. at McGill in '06. During this year, after the sudden resignation of Prof. Sweetser, the duties of the chair were efficiently discharged by Mr. S. J. Fisher. Some additional tutors or assistants may be appointed in other departments in which the work is becoming too heavy on account of the increased number of students. This year no fewer than sixteen entered with senior matriculation as members of the Sophomore class. A considerable number of them were former teachers in Nova Scotia or New Brunswick. Six post-graduates have been in attendance during the year. For the coming year two of the Wesley Smith entrance bursaries of \$50 each will be offered, and the Tyler scholarships of \$60 each are awarded at the end of the year to the two best members of the Freshmen class in arts. The bequest from the Jairus Hart estate, which will be paid into the university treasury within the next few weeks, will increase the endowment by seventy-five or eighty thousand dollars.

The alumni and alumnae supper held after convocation in the university residence, was a most enjoyable affair, attended by over one hundred and fifty guests. The main address was delivered by Mr. Justice Russell, of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, who represented the class of '68. He made a most vigorous plea for "the humanities" and their importance in modern education. Speeches were delivered by members of the classes of '78, '88, '98 and '08, the last being by Mr. Bernard Russell, the son of Judge Russell. Some members of the class of '98 who are in the far West or distant countries, did not get here, but about ten were present. On the occasion of their attendance at the university residence for dinner they were received with cheers by the present students. The scheme of their memorial is not definitely worked out, but they provided for the expenditure of a certain sum yearly in connection with some department of the university library.

Just before the end of the year the Mount Allison song book, which has been in preparation for some time, was published by a Toronto firm. It contains a number of old favourite college songs and adaptations of songs to Mt. Allison life, in addition to a number of others written, both music and words, by Mt. Allison students, notably Roy Wheeler, '07, of Brookville, N. B. Another event of interest to