

## CONVOCATION

Convocation, coming as it does as the conclusion of four years spent at college, does not elicit the enthusiasm of the graduating class as such an occasion should. Coming as they do from widely different parts, not only of Ontario, but of Canada, and called away by immediately pressing duties, many of the students find themselves barred from the privilege of waiting behind to enjoy a short holiday together before separation.

This year no pains were spared by the Alumni Association and committee of the graduating class in preparing an extensive programme for convocation week, and though it was not all carried out, yet there were nevertheless some good things.

On Wednesday the women of the graduating class of University College took luncheon at McConkey's. Miss Salter and Miss McClive welcomed the guests. On the afternoon of Thursday, June 9th, the alumni of University College held an At Home in the Dean's house, University College. The guests were received by the president of the association, Miss M. C. McGregor, B. A., ('95), assisted by Miss Salter.

On Friday at 12 o'clock the corner stone of the Convocation and Alumni Hall was laid by the Lieutenant-Governor with fitting ceremony. There were present, besides the Minister of Education, the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, President and President Harper of Chicago University, and many others. Dr. Reeve, president of the Alumni Association, who presided, gave a brief account of the history of the Convocation Hall movement. Over \$50,000 has been subscribed for the hall, and its success is assured.

The half would not be told were we to omit mention of the Shakespearian pastoral plays which were most successfully produced under the elms in the Dean's gardens on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The plays were as follows: "As You Like It," "Midsummer Night's Dream," "Twelfth Night."

But the great central event of the week was convocation on Friday p. m., June 10th, held once more in the University gymnasium. Among the celebrities present were the Lieutenant-Governor, the Premier, the Attorney-General, the Minister of Education, President Harper of Chicago, Professor Newcombe of Johns Hopkins and Professor Minot of Harvard, together with five distinguished Canadian gentlemen, on whom were conferred honorary degrees. These latter were Provost Macklem of Trinity, Jno. I. McDougall, Auditor-General of the Dominion; Wm. Saunders, Director of Experimental Farms for the Dominion; Wm. F. King, Chief Astronomer of the Dominion, and Otto J. Klotz, astronomer, Department of Interior.

The Chancellor, Sir Wm. R. Meredith, presided. The first to receive the degree of LL. D. honoris causa, was Professor Newcombe of Johns Hopkins, who was introduced by President Loudon. President Harper of Chicago was introduced by Premier Ross, and in reply paid a tribute to the graduates of Toronto who have found their way to Chicago. Professor Minot, who was introduced by Professor Ramsay Wright, in reply paid a warm tribute to the work of the University pro-

fessor, who is greater than the general or the statesman.

Provost Macklem was presented by the Vice-Chancellor, who spoke of the happy consummation of the federation of Trinity, which was due in no small measure to the efforts of the Provost. Mr. J. Lorne MacDougall, who was introduced by Chancellor Burwash, in his reply made a plea for more friendly relations with our French-Canadian fellow-citizens.

Dr. Saunders was presented by Mr. Jas. Mills (late Principal of Ontario Agricultural College), as a representative of Canada's greatest industry.

Dr. Reeve, in presenting Mr. Otto J. Klotz, C. B., referred to the distinguished contribution to science the latter had just made in his completion of an astronomical girdle of the globe. Mr. Wm. King was introduced by Professor Baker, who referred to the large share which the former had taken in the preparation of the Canadian case in the Alaskan boundary dispute.

The rest of the time was devoted to the conferring of the other degrees of the various faculties. The recipients were marshalled to the platform by classes, and admitted to their degrees by the Chancellor.

Convocation was followed by a garden party, given by the University Senate in the quadrangle. The guests were received by Mrs. Moss, Mrs. Loudon and Mrs. Ramsay Wright.

In the evening was held the annual banquet given by the Alumni Association and the University authorities to the graduating classes. President Loudon occupied the chair, having on his right the Lieutenant-Governor and on his left the Chancellor, Sir Wm. Meredith. Dinner over, Dean Reeve took the chair and called upon the Lieutenant-Governor to propose the toast to Alma Mater. This toast was responded to by President Harper of Chicago and by Hon. Richard Harcourt. The latter, for the most part, defended the Government against the criticism of those who thought the Legislature too sparing in its gifts to the University. Judge Chisholm and Professor Clark also spoke.

The toast to "Our Guests" was proposed by Sir Wm. Meredith, and responded to by Professor Newcombe of Washington, D.C., Professor Minot of Harvard and Dr. J. Lorne MacDougall.

Finally, the toast to the graduating class was proposed by Chancellor Burwash, and responded to by Wilson Tackaberry on the part of Arts, and by P. J. Mugan on behalf of Medicine. The National Anthem brought the event to a close.



## AN EPIGRAM

The Devil, fiend ubiquitous,  
Job's patience sore essayed,  
With plagues and plots iniquitous:  
But failed and fled dismayed.  
Resourceless demon that you are!  
You ne'er made Job a Registrar.

G. F. S.