

## Convocation.

THE annual spring Convocation was held in Grant Hall, Wednesday afternoon, April 27th, when about 100 degrees were conferred. The occasion was distinguished by the presence of Sir James Whitney, Premier of Ontario, members of the University governing bodies, several members of the Ontario legislature and many eminent educationists. Sir Sandford Fleming, who was re-elected chancellor for the eleventh time the evening before, presided; being assisted by Principal Gordon. The number in attendance taxed the capacity of the hall, the scene presented being most striking and suggestive of Queen's growing era. The platform held the officers of the University, the staff and guests. The front seats were occupied by the graduates in the various departments. The remainder of the hall open to the public, was occupied by invited guests, friends and relatives of graduates.

Four honorary degrees were conferred, the recipients being, Rev. A. T. Love, Quebec; Professor Glover, (Oxford), formerly of Queen's; Hon. Dr. Pyne, Minister of Education, and Dr. Park, of the New York Research Laboratory. Rev. A. T. Love was alone present to receive the degree.

One of the features of the Convocation was the speech of Sir James Whitney, who had come to lay the corner stone of the new Chemistry building. He referred briefly to the growth and present unique position of Queen's, attributing her prosperity in a measure to the fact that she had been forced to fight her own battles. Sir James then proceeded to read the address in connection with the laying of the corner stone. In this, the provision of funds by the government was outlined. It was pointed out that at Queen's public money had been first set aside for the construction of a building to be devoted to the teaching of Chemistry.

The proceedings of the afternoon opened with prayer. Principal Gordon then made the announcement of Sir Sandford Fleming's re-election as Chancellor; and the esteemed and honored Chancellor, amidst general applause, resumed the chair that he has occupied so many years. Prizes and honors were then distributed, the presentations being made by the professors in whose classes they were awarded.

Mr. John McIntyre, K.C., for years connected with the University, presented the Latin prose prize to Miss May Macdonnell, M.A., remarking that while one member of the family was adding to its glory abroad, another was continuing the unique record at home.

Mr. John Nicol, M.A., received the degree of Ph.D. Dr. Watson in presenting Mr. Nicol's name spoke of the splendid value of the thesis prepared in connection with the course leading to the degree. He suggested that if the thesis were published it would attest the vast amount of work done by Mr. Nicol and the splendid ability he possessed. Dr. Watson also made the announcement that in the future all theses in connection with Ph.D. work would be published.