

a year. I am in favor also of having the teaching staff consist of women whenever properly qualified women are to be had. When, five years ago, the Royal College started its summer school for women, it was intended to be a separate institution. The small number attending led the Professors in the Royal College to try the experiment of co-education in medicine. When, in spite of precautions in the shape of separate dissecting rooms, retiring rooms and other arrangements the experiment failed, generous men and women came to the front and started this college on a basis that ensures efficiency and permanency, even though the number of students may be relatively small for many years. Last summer, the originators were told that there would be an attendance of ten to begin with. The result has proved that the Dean, in his estimates, was not flying kites. As to next session, if he was only glib enough of tongue to parade as intending students all who have written for information, he would announce that there would be fifty in attendance. But whether fifteen or fifty, no better session could be desired than the one that has just closed. The trustees, both ladies and gentlemen, have done their duty wisely and well. The professors have had every satisfaction in their work. The students have high and holy aims, and are full of enthusiasm. The public are thoroughly satisfied with the new institution. And the University with which it is to be affiliated wishes it every success.

The presentations of scholarships then followed, the graduates who had won the Kingston Ladies' Scholarship, \$60, returned it for the purchase of apparatus for the college. Misses Nellie E. Reynolds and Marion Oliver won the Jenney K. Trout, \$50 and the Mrs. Maenee, \$45, scholarships respectively.

Miss Elizabeth Smith then read a farewell address to the Trustees and Founders of the College. The chairman made a fitting reply and the Rev. H. P. Bland of this city concluded the proceedings with the benediction.

TUESDAY.

A large assemblage, completely filling the hall, met in the afternoon to listen to the annual address of the Principal, the valedictories of the representatives of the graduates in Arts, Medicine and Divinity, and to witness the presentation and unvailing of the portraits of the Rev. Doctors Cook and Snodgrass; etc.

The Rev. Thos. G. Smith, D.D., of St. John, N. B., made the opening prayer then came

THE PRINCIPAL'S ANNUAL MESSAGE.

Gentlemen of the Convocation, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I need not speak to the students, for this is the day when students speak to students, and I shall have an opportunity of saying a few words to the graduating classes to-morrow. But I take the opportunity of reviewing briefly the work of the session and of pointing out the special features of this year's Convocation.

The attendance in arts, in medicine, and in theology, in each and every department of the University, has been larger than any former year in the history of Queen's. In arts, 216 attended classes; in medicine, 102; in theology, 25. Allowing for those who are registered in more than one faculty the total number of students is 270. I believe that more and better work has been done than in any previous session known to me. The morale of the students is perfect. They so govern themselves that, so far as the Senate is concerned, discipline may be said to be unknown. The degree of Doctor of Science will be taken for the first time to-morrow. In this degree our Arts course culminates. First comes the old time-honoured baccalaureate degree. The student who has attended college for four years and who has passed the required examinations that

indicate that he knows enough of literature, mathematics, philosophy and science to know that he knows nothing, receives, metaphorically, the wreath of bay leaves and berries. In a great many universities the second or master's degree follows the baccalaureate as a matter of course. It was so with us once. It is so no longer. Only he who took honours during his B. A. course in at least one department, and who, not less than one year after shows by a thesis bearing upon a subject in that department that he has been continuing his studies in it with some success, receives our master's degree. The standard for the thesis is so high that we have rejected more than half of those that the candidates of the last three years have sent in, and of the two that have been passed this year, the merit of one is such that it has been accepted since as an article by the leading philosophical review of America. I mention these facts simply for the purpose of warning honour students who have left college that if they wish to obtain the master's degree their thesis must show that they are still students. For the degree of Doctor of Science only those can compete who, as undergraduates, have taken first-class honours in two departments or groups of subjects; and they must give proof that they have continued their studies to some purpose for at least two years after having obtained the degree, by sending in to the Senate three lectures on a subject connected with their honour work of sufficient merit to be delivered publicly to the University, and thereafter to be printed for the judgment of the public. This degree will be taken to-morrow by the Rev. Robert Campbell, M.A., of Renfrew. Mr. Campbell was not only a distinguished honour student of Queen's, but he subsequently obtained in Edinburgh University the honors entitling him to the degree of D.Sc. He would have taken it then and there but for a cause that endears him to my heart. He had enough money left to take a trip to the Highlands or pay for the diploma. Like a wise man he choose the former. How much better are the Trossachs and the Coolins than parchment. And, as in the case of Solomon, and every man who chooses wisely, the lesser things have been added to him. He has seen the Highlands, and he now receives the degree of D.Sc. from his own Alma Mater. Next session Dr. Campbell will deliver his three lectures on Political Economy, and the public will have an opportunity of judging whether in his opinion, it is a canon of Political Economy that, in a new country, and a country without a single good library, only old books and books comparatively useless to Universities, should be admitted free of duty. Again, to-morrow for the first time, not only in the history of our University, but, so far as I know, in the history of Canada, women will be crowned with the bay berry wreath. Miss Fitzgerald matriculated in Toronto, and Miss Fowler in Fredericton. Both have studied here long enough to prove themselves model students. Of all the graduates who shall be enrolled to-morrow in our Calendar, I believe that none are more likely to confer honor on the University. Miss Fitzgerald carries off the Prince of Wales' Gold Medal in Classics, and I am ready to back her against any classical medalist in Canada. For the first time, too, in our history, women are to be admitted to the degree of M.D. Mrs. McGillivray, not satisfied with the knowledge of chemistry required of medical students, has worked diligently in the Arts Laboratory for years, and now is to carry off the chemistry gold medal given by Mr. Carruthers. Miss Beatty has offered herself to the church for Foreign mission work, and every one admits that a woman acquainted with the healing art is worth two or three ordinary women in the mission field. Miss Smith intends, I am told, to take a post graduate course. The kind heavens send down upon all students the earnest conscien-