

3. The Graduates in Arts, proposed by J. C. Sycamore, '96, responded to by J. W. Russell, '95.

4. The Graduates in Theology, proposed by A. N. Marshall, '96, responded to by C. Segsworth.

After the speeches, all joined hands and the strains of *Auld Lang Syne* rolled through the halls. The graduates will leave us in the best of spirits and will doubtless remember this occasion with pleasure in the days to come.

THE SECOND ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT.

These exercises were well worthy of following the eminently successful inaugural exercises of last year. From beginning to end everything passed off without a break, and we have cause to congratulate ourselves that the success of the meetings was so signal and complete.

THE FIRST PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ALUMNI was the opening session of the series, and although not strictly a part of commencement exercises, it ought to be recorded here. An excellent audience assembled in the Bloor Street Baptist Church to hear the able addresses delivered by members of the Alumni. The first address was delivered by the President of the Alumni, Rev. E. W. Dadson. We have learned to expect great things from him, and we were interested, instructed and encouraged by the powerful words which he spoke in behalf of that feature which is a distinctive feature of McMaster University. His subject was "Christian Education Carried on Without State Aid," and he showed how this was distinctly in accord with Baptist principles, and strongly advocated the continuance of this course in our University. The programme announced that the Rev. J. W. A. Stewart, D.D., of Rochester, would deliver an address. Unfortunately he was unable to be present but forwarded a paper of great merit, which was read with due spirit and power by Prof. Trotter. The last address was delivered by a lay member of the Alumni, Mr. Frank Sanderson, M.A. His paper was on "Present day Dangers to our Churches." Considerable discussion was provoked by this very interesting paper. Appropriate music was interspersed throughout the programme by the University Glee Club and Quartette, which was much appreciated.

THE DELIVERY OF ESSAYS BY THE GRADUATES took place on Tuesday afternoon in the spacious school-room of the Walnier Road Church. Considering the nature of the exercises, a large number of people assembled. The Chancellor and Faculty, with two or three city pastors, occupied the platform. Dr. Welton, of Immanuel Baptist Church, opened the meeting with prayer. The following graduates then delivered their essays:

The Preparation of the Earth for the Abode of Man, W. S. S. MacAlpine, (Arts).

Plato's Doctrine of the Soul, Frederick Eby, (Arts).

Spenser's Influence on Succeeding Poets, G. Herbert Clarke, (Arts).