

modern life. Our manhood is not shrivelled by ages of misgovernment; we have not the rage of democracy; the insolence of rank is unknown. But the future of Canada must be self-developed. We cannot prove our fitness for another world by slovenly discharge of the affairs of the present one. We must learn to do our work, whatever it is, with proper self respect, reverence for truth, and regard for others. We must keep our homes unpolluted; we must cleanse the public arena from the filth of intrigue and corruption. We have reason to rejoice in what our young Canadian men have achieved in letters and science and arts, and there is a hopeful waking up of public opinion; the volume of protest is growing against the rampant materialism, and the philosophy of pure materialism is discounted. Our sorrow is not lack of faith, but weakness of moral purpose; on that we may keep the dream, and wake up to nobler action, so that we may see the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from heaven!"

#### REV. F. B. MEYER, B.A.

After the evening service at the Baptist Church, Bloomington, on Sunday, May 1, the Rev. F. B. Meyer, B.A., addressed a crowded meeting at the Town Hall. The success of his mission in Cape Town and in Kimberley had aroused considerable interest "across the border," and long before the hour fixed for the meeting the seating accommodation was exhausted. Mr. Meyer's address was untrammelled by any preliminary explanations, for almost his first words were, "And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hands of the potter; so he made it again another vessel as seemed good to the potter to make it." His picture of the potter gathering the scattered pieces together instead of abandoning the broken clay, and his reference to the Master with His unfailing hand for ever guiding and shaping the human clay, was beautiful and clever in its simplicity. For some fifteen minutes Mr. Meyer seemed to abandon his subject to amuse and instruct his hearers with anecdote and illustration, only to gather the seemingly loose strings together, and with the strand emphasise his thesis with great force.—British Weekly.

#### EUCHARISTIC VESTMENTS.

Perhaps the most unedifying display of modern Church life, says the Belfast Witness, is the sad controversy raging in England as to whether the clergy shall wear the Mass vestments when celebrating the Lord's Supper, and thus indicate that it is the Mass! The Dean of Canterbury, for Evangelicalism, said—"After all, what is it we are standing for? Are we standing for anything so very unreasonable in itself in asking that these vestments may not be introduced? Why, we are standing for the practice of the first six or seven centuries of the Christian era, and for the three centuries of our own Reformed national history. We are asking only that the image of the primitive Church, and the image of the Reformed Church, may not be banished from among us. It is essential for the welfare of souls, it is essential to the progress of the English Church, and therefore of its due influence over the English nation, that it should remain in solid, substantial, and visible harmony with the great truths of the Reformation and the great principles of early Christianity."

God makes large investments in the soul of a man, and expects large returns in the services of a man.—Bishop McDowell.

#### OTTAWA LADIES' COLLEGE.

The annual commencement of the Ottawa Ladies' College was held on the afternoon of Thursday last.

The awarding of the Diplomas, Certificates and prizes was of more than usual interest. The session just closed has been a successful one in every respect. 143 pupils were enrolled. The number of boarders averaged 63 for the year. Eighteen graduates in appropriate attire were seated on the platform and received their diplomas. The Art Exhibition was much admired as was also the exhibition of plain and fancy sewing.

The Rev. Dr. Armstrong, president of the College, presided. Mrs. Needham, lady principal, read the report of the year's work and in a few appropriate words said goodbye to the teachers and pupils.

Prizes were presented for neatness and order for deportment for sewing. A special prize was given by Prof. Saunders for the best collection of wild flowers in the Ottawa district. This was won by Miss Margaretta McGiffin. A special prize for the best essay on "The Battlefields of Quebec," given by Hon. Justice McLennan, was won by Miss Jean D. Armstrong. A gold medal for proficiency in Domestic Science given by Mr. R. W. Breadner, was won by Miss Florence Farrington. A special prize for Art Needlework, given by Mrs. Echlin was won by Miss Ardelie Elder. Eight young ladies received Bibles and the General Assembly's diploma for reciting the prescribed two hundred verses of Scripture. These Bibles, given by friends of the College, were presented in a few appropriate words by Honorable Senator Frost. Those receiving diplomas at the hands of the President were:—

ACADEMIC DIPLOMAS—Misses Muriel Davies, Hull; Jean D. Armstrong, Ottawa; May Davies, Hull; Margaretta McGiffin, Ottawa; Jean Loggie, Chatham, N.B.; and Ernestine L. Moody, Terrebonne, Que.; who graduated with honours; and Misses Edleen A. Morgan, Ormstown, Que.; Ella Claudia Nidd, Ottawa; Fay I. Thackray, Ottawa; Ada C. Beckett, Lisbon, N.Y.; E. Edith C. Williams, Three Rivers; Janet S. McNaughton, Smyrna, Turkey; and Lillian A. Hutchison, Ottawa. Miss Cora M. Cowan and Miss Ethel Farrow, of Ottawa, graduates of last year, completed work for Matriculation.

COMMERCIAL DIPLOMAS—Miss Ethel L. Barry, New Dublin, Miss Lois K. Chalmers, Sudbury, Terrebonne; Miss Ernestine Moody.

DIPLOMA FOR PHYSICAL CULTURE—Miss Edna E. Perkins, Ottawa. The other awards were:—

ART CERTIFICATES—Anna McBeath, Madoc, model drawing and shading from cast; industrial design; mythology.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE—Beatrice Breadner, Ottawa.

TYPEWRITING AND STENOGRAPHY—Emil Bond, Lanark, Ont.; Freda Donald, Mobile, Alabama; Isabel McElroy, Carp.

ELOCUTION—Fanny Vilas, Cowansville, Que., Olive Kelly, Ottawa.

SEWING—Margaret Whillans, North Georgetown; 1st, 2nd and 3rd year sewing.

A very appropriate valedictory was read by Miss McGiffin. The Rev. John Hay, B.D., of Renfrew, addressed the graduates dealing in a pleasing and effective way with the Mental Social and Spiritual aspects of life.

The Rev. Dr. Armstrong in closing the proceedings made some important statements affecting the work and welfare of the College. He said:—

"It was gratifying to the friends of the college to know that its progress was steadily onward. He believed it would continue to be so. The work done by the teachers was worthy of all praise. Mrs. Needham, who had given four years of energetic and faithful service to the college, was retiring, but it was a matter of satisfaction that all the teachers were remaining. Their faithfulness and efficiency had been fully proved. An additional teacher, holding a first class certificate and with some experience, has been added to the staff. Miss Boyd, who for the past nine years has been the inspiration of the academic life of the college, will discharge the duties of lady principal. Miss Boyd has the confidence of her fellow teachers and the affection of the pupils. Her experience, tact and devotion to the interests of the college are sufficient guarantee that the duties devolving upon her will be wisely, efficiently and lovingly discharged.

"She will be greatly helped in this by Miss Gallup, who is the teacher in household science. Miss Gallup will come into residence and take active superintendence of the cuisine and domestic arrangements. She is a graduate of the Macdonald institute, Guelph, and this professional superintendence will add greatly to the harmonious management of the school."

A new feature will appear in the calendar for the coming session. A post graduate course will be offered, covering the first year of university work. It is hoped that not a few graduates and other young ladies desiring to continue their studies will take advantage of this course. Dr. Armstrong said it would be his aim to expand the English course and make it for variety, thoroughness, and adaptation the best in this country.

Some day he hoped to see a Woman's college developed here. "There is none in Canada," said Dr. Armstrong. "We need a W. C. Macdonald—or some one of the hundred college benefactors they have in the United States. Who will rise to the occasion? The college is not a joint stock company. It is run in no private interest. Its sole aim is to provide an education for young women deemed higher and more appropriate than can be furnished in Government schools. It deserves well of the citizens of Ottawa if for no other reason than that it spends a large sum of money in the city."

Dr. Armstrong for ten years has given attention to the management of the school and will continue as Regent to give it even more attention and personal supervision than in the past.

The young lady graduates, in fact all the students, were bright and attractive in their summery gowns, and their good spirits seemed to be infectious. Parents, relatives and friends of the pupils, or friends of the institution, were unanimous in pronouncing the commencement an enjoyable and unqualified success.

The night gives visions which the garish day withholds.

It takes a small man to be satisfied with his own attainments.

The best safeguard against sin is repentance in advance.

It is not by the doing brilliant things once in a while, but the doing ordinary things every day, in the best way possible, that the world's work gets itself done.

There is an idea abroad amongst most people that they should make their neighbours good. One person I have to make good—myself. But my duty to my neighbour is much more nearly expressed by saying that I have to make him happy—if I may.—R. L. Stevenson.