

DALHOUSIE DEGREE DAY.

Bright speeches, enthusiastic applause and good natured chaff were the characteristics of the Dalhousie convocation of Thursday. The Academy was full to overflowing with students and their friends, and on the stage were the anything but victims who were to receive the degrees, the faculty and some distinguished personages. The stage looked somewhat sombre, owing to the rest of the house being light and the stage somewhat dark, and the utter absence of flowers could not but be noticed. However, the bright coloured hoods, the white of the B. A., the blue of the B. L., the scarlet and white of the M. D., and the scarlet of the M. A. not to mention the gorgeous scarlet and orange of the D. Sc. Lond., made many a bright spot in the somewhat dark-hued stage.

Principal Forrest opened the proceedings with an address which was short and to the point. We hope that his official position is not as insecure as his somewhat elevated position on the stage looked. When the graduates came forth and received those mystic letters for which they have been striving for so long, the three lady bachelors, if that is what they are to be called, looking remarkable well in their long, flowing robes and graceful hoods, came in for a large share of the applause, especially Miss Baxter who took a gold medal. All honour to the sex of which they were the representatives.

A goodly number of B. A.'s., a smaller number of L. L. B.'s. and a still smaller number of M. D.'s., they all looked pleasant and happy but somewhat shattered by the recent ordeal of examinations that they have passed through. Mr. Weldon the dean of the law school, addressed the graduates and gave them much fatherly and friendly advice. What a wonderful and glorious place this would be if the advice that students receive on graduation were carried out. The prizes and medals were then presented and the ceremony was greatly assisted by our students in the audience, who indulged in horrible and diabolical noises.

Then Mr. McLean stepped forward and read the valedictory address to the arts graduates. There is one thing about Mr. McLean and that is that he has no mean opinion about the abilities of the class of '91. Long may they continue to merit that opinion. He regretted that they had taken no interest in athletics during their course, and this is a subject of great regret, for a B. A. ought to mean a bachelor of athletics as well as a bachelor of arts.

Mr. McNeil who is a brother of the Hon. D. McNeil, one of the members of the govt, gave a powerful and eloquent valedictory to the L. L. B's. He showed considerable oratorical powers and also wit of a high order, his references to the Legislators were capital, and we hope at no distant day to see Mr. McNeil in that chamber and to hear him once again. He was somewhat severe on the Faculty as regards dancing at the "at home" and brought in a quotation from this paper that was much appreciated by the students.

Mr. John F. Stairs was next called upon and addressed the students on the subject of the advantage of a college training. The Rev. Dyson Hague gave what was undoubtedly the finest effort of the afternoon, in a stirring and spirited lecture one might say to the graduates. He spoke of the great advantages of athletics in college training and hit the graduating class somewhat hard on that subject. After a few remarks by the Lieut-Governor the proceedings ended.

Altogether it was most successful, but wanted a little more life and a little more collegiate surroundings. It seems a pity that the convocation could not be held in the college, but I suppose there are good reasons for it not being so. And it seems a pity that there could not be more ceremony and state about a function of this kind. Altogether what there was was most stately and impressive. All the speakers urged the necessity of Halifax people taking more interest in Dalhousie, so they ought to, but then Dalhousie ought to be more of a university and less of a high school; this could be accomplished if there were established a residential college and university ideas and customs were carried to their full extent.

Degrees were conferred on the following students.

B. A.	
Baxter, Miss A.	McMillen, F. A.
Brehaut, J. W.	McNaughton, Miss E.
Cox, G. H.	Magee, W. H.

Goodwin, Miss E.
Grierson, J. A.
Hugh, D. D.
Jordan, E. J.
Kennedy, J. S.
McCurdy, J. F.
McGlashan, J. A.
McLean, J. B.
McMillan, C. E.

Moore, C. L.
Morash, A. V.
Munro, C.
Oliver, A. C. L.
Robinson, C. B.
Stairs, H. B.
Thompson, F. W.
Tupper, J. W.
West, T. F.

L. L. B.

Allison, E. P., B. A.
Caballane, T.
Congdon, F. H.
Davidson, J. McG., B. A.
Fairweather, S. L.
Logan, H. J.
McDonald, A. J., B. A.

McDonald, J.
McNeil, A., B. A.
Paton, V., B. A.
Ruggles, N. C.
Shaw, A. E., B. A.
Wickwire, H. H., B. A.
White.

M. D., C. M.

Hamilton, C. A.

Johnson, J. W.

M. A.

Grant, D. K., B. A.

Crowell, Rev. E., B. A.

B. L.

Muir, Miss Ethel.

Montgomery, John.

The following students have taken their Degrees with Honours;

Classics.—First Rank, J. W. Brehaut.

Mathematics and Mathematical Physics.—First Rank, Miss Agnes Baxter.

Mental and Moral Philosophy.—First Rank, D. D. Hugh. Second Rank, E. J. Jordan.

English and English History.—First Rank, J. W. Tupper.

The following were awarded Degrees with General Distinction:

First Rank—C. B. Robinson.

Second Rank—C. L. Moore, A. C. L. Oliver.

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