

build churches and cathedrals if you have not in them an intelligent and instructed laity." Without flourishing and efficient institutions of higher education, churches could not have pastors, schools teachers, of the calibre demanded today. Indeed, if they were to have a God-fearing and law-abiding community, they must have men of ability, character and training in every calling. These they could not have without their University.

The governing body of the University was not so sanguine as to hope that the success of the proposed campaign would transform it into an ideal institution of higher learning. That would require a far larger sum than \$500,000. But the contribution of that amount would relieve many pressing emergencies. During the war, while students dwindled and prices soared, St. Francis Xavier's, with its meagre endowments, had had to face large deficits from year to year; and at the present moment, it was doubtful whether the University, even with its fees very substantially raised, could subsist without an increase of its endowments. To name more particular needs, \$50,000 alone was required to cover the offer of the Carnegie co-operation to endow a chair of French and provide scholarships for students of French Acadia origin. The foundation of other scholarships, unconnected with the Carnegie gift, was an urgent necessity. Repairs and improvements in the central building of the University, at present in an unsatisfactory condition, must be undertaken forthwith and would entail heavy expenditure.

Were they to say that this appeal must fail? Surely the achievements of the past, the history of their University, its foundation in days of poverty, its expansion and progress in the face of every difficulty, conveyed no such lesson.

The President's address was followed by the distribution of prizes and the conferring of degrees. Among the awards were cash prizes to the total amount of \$100, presented by the Knights of Columbus, for essays by soldier-students on "The Responsibilities of the Returned Man." The honorary degree of LL. D. was conferred upon Miss Margaret McDonald, Matron-in-chief of the Overseas Nursing Service, and upon Colonel H. A. Chisholm, C. M. G., D. S. C., second-in-command of the C. A. M. C. in the Expeditionary Force, an old Xavierian. The following regular degrees were bestowed: M. A., E. P. Dolan, B. A., Mrs. Agnes McL. Hay, B.A.; B. A., Rev. Sister St. Veronica, Miss Mary Anderson, R. V. Bannon, A. J. A. Campbell, L. D. Currie, W. S. Daly, T. G. Foran, J. J. R. Hughes, A. A. Johnston, J. E. McArthur, J. P. McCarthy, C. F. McIsaac, L. G. McKenna, C. A. Raiche, W. Roberts, T. D. Sullivan, R. Walsh; B. Sc., T. H. Hay. The salutatory and valedictory speeches were delivered by T. D. Sullivan and L. D. Currie respectively. T. G. Foran was the

class essayist and read an excellent paper on "The Early History of Antigonish."

The exercises closed with Solemn Benediction in the Cathedral, at which the Baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. J. B. O'Reilly, Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Holy Heart Seminary, Halifax, who exhorted the new graduates to carry into the world Catholic ideals of character and conduct and to order their whole lives according to the motto of the University, "Quaecunque Vera."

N. B. NORMAL SCHOOL CLOSING.

The N. B. Normal School held its closing exercises on Friday morning, June 4th, with a large attendance of visitors, who represented all sections of the province.

A feature of the exercises was the presentation of a silver mounted cane to Prof. Belliveau, of the French department of the school, who has retired from teaching after forty years' service in the Normal School. The presentation was made by Dr. Bridges, Principal of the School, on behalf of the Normal School staff.

The program included demonstrations in teaching by Miss Mary Harold of Centreville, Miss Lillian Machum of Devon and Miss Hilda Baxter of Harcourt.

The Governor General's Silver Medal for highest standing in professional work among students of Class I., was presented to Eldon McDiarmid of Chatham; the Governor General's Bronze Medal, for highest professional standing in Class II., to Miss Kathleen Wemp of Notre Dame, Kent Co., and the City of Fredericton Silver Medal for highest academic standing to Miss Lillian Machum of Devon, York Co.

Chief Supt. of Education, Dr. W. S. Carter, made the presentation to Mr. McDiarmid; Dr. C. C. Jones, Chancellor of the University of N. B., to Miss Wemp, and Deputy Mayor Wilkinson to Miss Lillian Machum.

In the evening the students of the institution entertained their friends in the Normal School Gymnasium. Several hundred of the students and their friends gathered and spent a most enjoyable evening. The Valedictory was delivered by W. Stuart McFarlane of Nashwaaksis, York Co.

The program included the following:

Orchestra Selection.

Class Prophecy, Class A 1, Miss Rovene Downey, Centreville.

Solo, Mrs. F. A. Good.

Reading, Miss Edna Giberson.

Duet, Miss Amanda Allain and Miss Evangeline LeBlanc.

Class Prophecy, Class A 2, Miss Stella Skidd, Chatham.

Orchestra Selection.

Valedictory, W. Stuart McFarlane.