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THE examinations are over, books are laid aside, and everyone is busily engaged in packing. We cannot close this without referring to the pleasant school year just past. Under our new Principal, Dr. Burns, much that is disagreeable in college life has been removed, and Mrs. Burns, by her extreme kindness and the warm interest she has taken in the students, has endeared herself to every heart. The routine of school life has been pleasantly varied by concerts and lectures, the best of which the students are always allowed to attend. Then the Friday evening reunions held by Mrs. Burns and the Faculty, were greatly enjoyed. There have also been other entertainments, but the audiences were always so exclusive and select that even our reporter was unable to obtain admission.

Viewed from every standpoint the year has been a success. Before leaving this report we have specially to thank Mr. and Mrs. Sandford for their kindness displayed

to the students all the year, and also for the decorations they supplied for the Commencement exercises. For the latter kindly act we have also to thank Messrs. Evans, Murray, Wanzer, Townsend and Silvington.

THE first of the commencement exercises in connection with the W. F. College took place on Friday evening, when we had the pleasure of listening to that gifted lecturer, Dr. Tiffany, of New York. Great praise is due the Alumnae in connection with this institution for the selection of the eminent men whom they give the City of Hamilton an opportunity of hearing. But it is a noticeable fact that all really good lectures are but poorly attended, and it does not speak highly for the literary taste and culture of the city. The lecture was one of the best we have had the pleasure of hearing for some time, and the style and talents of Dr. Tiffany are too well known to admit of an enlargement upon them. We regret that want of space will not permit us to give the lecture.

ON Saturday morning, the Alumnae held their annual meeting in the College library. The number of members was not so large as in former years. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—Mrs. Pratt; President; Miss Walton and Mrs. Bierley, Vice-Presidents; Miss Lister, Corresponding Secretary; Miss M. White, Treasurer. A large amount of business was discussed and transacted.

WE thank those of our subscribers who so promptly responded to the *little notice* in our last issue. Some evidently did not see it, as from a few we have received no communication to the effect that they *did*. Will those who have not had the pleasure of reading that short but excellent literary composition, please do so at once and act upon an idea suggested there?