

Alumni.

Queen's Graduates at Peterboro.

A characteristic Queen's gathering took place at Peterboro on the evening of December 3rd, when about forty-five of the Alumni and friends of the University from that city and vicinity dined together at the National Hotel. Their object was threefold—to make and renew acquaintances with one another, to listen to addresses from representatives of the University, and to organize an Alumni Association. The venture was a decided success. It could not easily be otherwise, for through the whole evening there was felt that unique regard for Alma Mater which gives zest to every gathering of Queen's graduates. Then, too, a touch of brightness was added through the presence of a goodly number of ladies. Mr. Richard Lees, M.A., was in the chair, and right happily did he guide the proceedings.

The feature of the evening was the address of Professor Dyde, in responding to the toast to "Canada." Dr. Dyde was in his best vein, and after a brief review of men and events that have helped to make Canada what she is to-day, pointed out that the ideal of our people should be to become "a united Canada in a united Empire for a united race." Stimulating thought and accurate knowledge of conditions, breadth of view and noble public spirit, made his address in every way worthy of the occasion. It was calculated throughout to impress University men with their special responsibility in the building up of a Canadian nation that would take her true place beside the other daughter nations and the Motherland in their service to all mankind.

In replying to the toast to "Queen's" Professor R. Laird, General Secretary of the University, spoke of the growing feeling of fellowship among university men, and how much their co-operation might accomplish in making Canada a strong and united country. He also sketched the remarkable expansion of Queen's in the past decade, gave some very interesting figures and emphasized the service that the University was rendering by her resourcefulness, and her loyalty to the broad conception of education that inspired her founders. Brief addresses were also given by the chairman, Revs. J. G. Potter and S. S. Burns, and Messrs. G. W. Hofferd and R. F. Downey.

Business was the next order. With speed and hearty unanimity the "Queen's University Alumni Association of Central Ontario" was formed. Hugh Waddell, Esq., of Peterboro, one of Queen's most generous benefactors, was most fittingly made honorary president. The other officers were chosen as follows:—President, E. L. Goodwill, B.A., Peterboro, vice-presidents, Mrs. S. S. Burns, B.A., Lakefield; Rev. Jas. Wallace, M.A., Lindsay; Dr. Andrew Haig, M.A., Campbellford; R. Lees, Esq., M.A., Peterboro; secretary-treasurer, L. J. Petitt, B.A., Peterboro; committee: Miss M. L. Williams, B.A., Port Hope; Mrs. G. A. Brown, B.A., Campbellford; T. A. Kirkconnell, B.A., Lindsay; Dr. F. Nicolle, Hastings; Rev. D. W. Best, Beaverton; J. F. Harvey, B.A., Peterboro, and R. G. Lawlor, B.A., Norwood. Thus did the Association for Central Ontario become number fourteen among existing Queen's Alumni Associations. All success to the sturdy youngster!