

Reading, The Chariot Race, Ben Hur, Lew Wallace.  
Miss Maud Sprague.  
Reading, Hanging a Picture,..... James K. Jerome.  
William Wynne Hatfield.  
Vocal Solo, Fleeting Days ..... Bailey.  
Miss Mabel Murray.  
Reading, A Tale of Sweethearts,..... Anon.  
Miss Annie McDonald.  
Piano Solo, Rondo Capriccioso,..... Lichner.  
Miss Bessie O'Brien.  
Chorus.....

The competitors were so nearly equally matched, and rendered their several readings with so much feeling and naturalness that it became very difficult for the judges to decide as to who was entitled to the prize, but their decision to award it to Miss Annie McDonald met with general approval. Miss McDonald, who is the daughter of Mont. McDonald, of this City, was then called to the platform by Rev. Mr. Lockwood, who, in a few well chosen words, presented her with the medal. The thundering applause with which Miss McDonald was greeted testified to the popularity of the judges' decision.

The evening's entertainment, both in its musical and literary performance, was of a very high order, and reflects great credit on Prof. Robinson, who is evidently an enthusiast in his department, also on the students, who have evidently given close attention to their studies in this department. One cannot mingle with the students in this institution without being convinced that the strongest bond of sympathy exists between the professors and students, and that the moral, social, mental and religious influences exerted by the former over the latter are of a very high order.

All previous exercises dwindled into insignificance, however, when compared with the closing exercises of yesterday. The day was delightfully fine, a trifle warm if anything, and the institution and its surroundings looked their best. The seminary flag, as well as the Ensign and the Stars and Stripes floated at the peak and yard of the fine flag-staff erected last year. Hundreds of people flocked to the place to witness the graduation exercises. The large assembly hall, which was beautifully decorated with bunting and flowers for the occasion, was crowded long before the time set for the event. Among the many prominent friends of the seminary who were to be seen were: Rev. C. W. Williams, Rev. J. W. Clarke, Rev. G. O. Gates, Dr. McFarlane, Dr. Jonah, of Eastport, A. C. Smith, M. P. P., James Rourke, J. J. Bostwick, G. W. Titus, Rev. A. J. Kempton, Rev. A. E. Ingram, Rev. S. McC. Black, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Purdy, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cowan, Mr. and Mrs. B. Vanwart, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Hay, C. B. Pidgeon, Miss

Pidgeon, Miss Weldon, Mr. and Mrs. Mont. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Forbes, W. H. Fowler, A. A. Wilson, W. H. Rourke, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sheldon, A. Rowan, Rev. J. W. Manning, Rev. C. T. Phillips, of Woodstock, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harding, Mrs. Armstrong, and Mrs. Allan.

Principal DeBlois occupied the chair, and the members of the teaching staff and several of the gentlemen named above had seats on the platform.

The programme is appended:

Music—Processional march.  
Prayer by Rev. J. W. Clarke.  
Essays by members of the graduating class.  
The Medical Profession, by W. E. Jonah.  
Egyptian Architecture, by F. W. Titus.  
Phillips Brooks, by Frank Patterson.  
The Future of Canada, by H. H. Reid.  
Valedictory, by R. E. White.

The essays of Messrs. Jonah, Titus and Patterson were exceedingly good, being well thought out and nicely put together.

Mr. Reid's essay on the Future of Canada was enthusiastically received, all present applauding his views as to the future of our country. Canada, he said, was a country which had no superior in any respect. It was rich in resources, and contained a people who were well fitted to make it great. He said it was open to us to choose one of four things: 1st. A continuation of our colonial connexion with the mother country; 2nd, political union with the United States; 3rd, independence; 4th, political alliance with the empire of which we formed a part. He then began an investigation with a view to ascertaining which of these four courses it would be best for us to pursue. A radical change he considered necessary—it was sure to come. While it was true times were dull here in Canada, it was equally true of every country. If our progress had not been rapid it had been sure. Political union with the United States he condemned as out of the question. If we wanted to be a great agricultural country why unite with a nation that was worse off than we are? England was better off than the neighboring republic. Canadians would never submit to a policy that had for its chief aim the injury of Great Britain, the country that had stood by us so nobly. It was patriotism that Canada wanted. Independence, he contended, was an impossibility. Canada was too weak to start out alone. As we were now we had England to protect us. There only remained for us imperial federation. The United Kingdom was our best market. The people of England consumed annually \$600,000,000 worth of goods such as we exported to the States. We were British, and let us determine to remain Bri-