

changed to meet the new conditions. Tuesday and Wednesday, May 18th and 19th, were largely given to the Committee for its celebration. On the afternoon of Tuesday the University students repeated to a good house the play given earlier in the term, "Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream." In the evening a reunion reception was held in the Art Gallery. Wednesday morning was given over to the meeting of the Alumni Society and class reunions. In the afternoon a reunion gathering was held in the Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall, when interesting addresses were given by Judge W. B. Jonah, '82, and Col. Allison H. Borden, '03. The latter dealt specially with the relation of the Universities to post-war conditions and expectations. At the University Convocation twenty-five received their degree of Bachelor of Arts, seven of whom were young ladies. Several of the men were returned soldiers, who would normally have graduated with earlier classes. Two received the degree of B. Sc. Four proceeded to the degree of Master of Arts and eleven received Engineering Certificates. An admirable address and valedictory on behalf of the graduates was delivered by Reginald Barraclough, of Moncton, N. B. Two honorary degrees of L.L.D. were conferred, on Prof. F. W. Nicolson, '83, of Middleton, Conn., and George J. Oulton, '93, Principal of the Moncton High School. Dr. Oulton was present and made a bright speech. Two received the degree of D.D. The address at Convocation was given by Winthrop P. Bell, '03, of Halifax, N. S., who had just received his Ph. D. in Gottingen University, Germany, as the war broke out, and was imprisoned for the duration of the war in Ruhleben Camp. Prof. Crowell, of the Engineering School, was forced, by ill health, to retire during the year. His place was filled by the appointment of Frank L. West, '12, a graduate in Applied Science of McGill, who had considerable practical experience at home and who recently returned from overseas. Prof. P. B. Perkins, head of the Physics Department, who has had wide experience as a teacher, is retiring from educational work.

Some interesting announcements were made at Convocation. Dr. T. C. Lockwood, '81, of Lockeport, N. S., is founding a scholarship of \$50.00 a year in memory of his son, Terence, who enlisted at the close of his Freshman year and gave his life for his country. W. G. Guy, of the graduating class, who took his B. Sc. a year ago, had been awarded the Rhodes Scholarship for Newfoundland, and will take up his residence at Christ Church, Oxford, in October, to pursue courses in Chemistry. The leaders of both the third and fourth year's work in Applied Science at McGill this year were men who had taken their engineering certificates at Mount Allison. The leader of the class in the N. S. Technical College

was also a Mount Allison man, W. R. Clarke, of Joggins, N. S.

At the meeting of the Board of Regents it was decided to remodel the Science Building to meet present needs and to inaugurate a campaign for \$500,000.00 to provide further equipment and endowment. The Ladies' College is also to proceed during the summer with a stone enlargement of Hart Hall, which will give accommodation for thirty to forty more students and somewhat relieve the congested condition. The registration in all branches of the Institution has been large, the total for the year amounting to over 800.

COMMENCEMENT DAY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S COLLEGE ANTIGONISH, N. S.

The Commencement Exercises of the University were held in Immaculata Hall on the afternoon of May 11. In his address, the President, Rev. H. P. McPherson, D. D., D. C. L., after extending to the graduating class the welcome and congratulations of the faculty, announced the decision of the Board of Governors to appeal to the public for a fund of \$500,000. The demands upon the institutions were never greater, and it was urgently necessary that the campaign to increase the endowments of the University, projected in 1914 but abandoned on the outbreak of war, should be launched without delay. He was confident of a generous response to this appeal. The Catholic community recognized that its own interests were bound up with the interests of the University; that every benefaction to the University bore fruit in which the community itself shared; that to give generously in this case involved no sacrifice, for it purchased something that contributed to the general happiness.

St. Francis Xavier's was proud of its record of public service. But it could not pretend to have done all that an institution of learning could do for a people; for its work in every direction had been hampered by the poverty of its endowments. In launching this campaign the University was seeking to free itself from that handicap, preparing itself to enter new fields of usefulness and to place itself abreast, or rather ahead of, competing institutions.

He appealed to the Catholics of Eastern Nova Scotia not to allow parochial interests and needs, however urgent, to distract them from supporting the University at this critical moment of its history. He quoted the words of Bishop Shahan, Rector of the Catholic University: "It is in vain that you build schools and raise proud cathedrals, if the men who perish in them are not most effectually formed to combat every bad form in modern doctrine and language. It is in vain that you