

Twenty-two were admitted to the degree of B. A. Mr. D. L. Parker, whose name does not appear on the programme, also received the degree. Especial mention was made of Mr. Lew Wallace, whom a serious illness prevented from passing all his examinations, but who would be granted his diploma on completion of his work during the summer.

The orations were of a high order and did credit to the members of the class. The subjects were well chosen and equally well developed. It is clearly evident that Mr. Davison possesses a mind of strong philosophical turn. From the finite in nature and from man as a personal being, he reasoned to the Infinite and the personal as the source of all things. His arguments, thoroughly logical, were remarkably concise and carried much weight. Few treatises have ever been delivered at an Acadia anniversary which have equalled it in comprehensiveness and profundity. Miss Cook's essay was clearly and forcibly written, and shewed keen philosophical insight into Virgil's peculiar powers as a character painter. She first discussed the Roman poet's characteristics in this direction, and dealt separately with the two principal persons of his great poem, *Æneas* and *Dido*. The ruling element, which amounted to a passion in *Æneas*' character was his piety, his unflinching obedience to the Divine behests. He ever obeyed their commands, let the consequences be what they might. He was also a valiant warrior, a wise counsellor and a tender father. *Dido* was of a deeply passionate nature, and always loyal to the uttermost in her affections; and when deserted by *Æneas* and determined to end her own life, she invoked no external curses to descend upon her betrayer, but only asked that the remorse of his own conscience might be his sole punishment. From an elocutional standpoint this essay ranked first. Mr. Ferguson had a well written oration of great merit. In appropriate and expressive language he pointed out the value of education, and the necessity of the higher institutions of learning to the social and political advancement of a country. Mr. Ferguson is certainly a good writer. Miss Morton's paper was very interesting and instructive, as it touched on one of the greatly controverted questions of to-day. She examined thoroughly the two theories proposed by modern socialists for the reorganization of society: Collectivism and Individualism, and proved that neither theory of itself would provide a perfect system. She forcibly showed that education and Christianity were all-important factors in bringing about a more perfect social system. Miss Morton's delivery made it evident that elocution was not by any means an unknown art with her. Mr. Vincent's oration was certainly of a superior order. The conception and the arrangement of the thought showed no small genius on the part of the writer; and his general handling of the theme proved that he thoroughly understood his subject. He examined