

*THE SESSION CLOSED.**The Ceremonies on Wednesday, April 2nd, 1884.*

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE A. M. S.

The Alma Mater Society met in the afternoon at half past two o'clock, the president, Rev. W. M. McKibbin, M.A., '75, in the chair. Sixteen members were present, among whom were the following graduates: Rev. W. J. Dey, M.A., '75; Rev. M. F. Boudreau, '77; Rev. A. B. Cruchet, '78; Rev. C. E. Amaron, M.A., B.D., '79; Rev. G. T. Bayne, '81; Rev. R. McKibbin, B.A., '81; and Rev. R. Hyde, '82. The meeting was opened with prayer; and the secretary read the minutes of last annual meeting and of all the numerous meetings held during the session, which minutes were severally sustained. The annual report, of a somewhat discouraging nature, was then read, discussed and adopted, and the society proceeded to deliberate on new means of promoting its constitutional object. A committee consisting of Messrs. Lee, McCrae and W. M. McKibbin, was instructed to take the necessary steps toward placing the funds of the Alumni Scholarship on a definite basis. Messrs. Cruchet, Munro and W. M. McKibbin were nominated as three members of the college senate, subject to the approval of the General Assembly; and it was decided that hereafter all members of the society who have paid their fee shall be entitled to vote in the nomination of members for the senate, absent members to cast their votes by ballot. The following new officers of the society were elected by acclamation: Rev. A. B. Cruchet, president; Rev. G. T. Bayne, first vice-president; G. Whillans, B.A., second vice-president; R. Stewart, B.A., secretary-treasurer; J. H. Macvicar, J. McDougall, and G. J. A. Thompson, executive committee. Mr. W. Fraser, B.A., presented the report from the JOURNAL staff, which was adopted with a vote of thanks to the retiring editors for their services. The following gentlemen were appointed to control the paper next session, with power to fill any vacancies that may occur; J. H. Graham, B.A., editor in chief; Rev. R. McKibbin, B.A., and J. H. Macvicar, assistant editors; A. Currie, local and exchange editor; J. L. Morin, B.A., and S. Rondeau, French editors; M. L. Leitch, J. McDougall and R. Johnston, business managers. The executive committee were instructed to revise the constitution. The meeting was brought to a close at about five o'clock.

THE SUPPER.

Half an hour later the dining room was filled with undergraduates, professors, lecturers and their wives, and a number of alumni, when a supper was partaken under the auspices of the Alma Mater Society. Several speeches were made of a colloquial and more or less personal character, and a few songs were interspersed through the programme of toasts.

IN THE HALL AT 8 P.M.

Principal Macvicar presided. The Rev. J. McCaul, B.A., read a portion of Scripture, and the Rev. J. Barclay, M.A., led in prayer. The prizes were then presented in the order of the appended list, and Mr. W. A. McKenzie, B.A., read the following valedictory:—

It will, perhaps, be in order to remark that this momentous occasion has not been looked forward to with stoical indifference. During all the years of a student's course, the closing convocation which pronounces him a graduate forms a goal towards which he gazes with impatient expectation. It is not to be understood that he finds the tutelage of professors and the companionship of fellow-students irksome—No; But he desires to be free from the dreadful trepidation which steals over the most courageous at the prospect of examinations. Yes! ladies and gentlemen, oftentimes when we would be pleasantly located in the corridors discussing topics of varied interest, the fear-inspiring apprehension of examinations would dissolve the company, and then would begin the task of endeavoring to unearth the elusive points of Pelagianism, Gnosticism and Metaphysical speculations of all sorts, many of which seem to have been evolved for the express purpose of inflicting dire torments upon the theological students of all generations. Then from the vantage ground we have this night attained, we can contemplate with grim satisfaction the decimated papers that opposed our progress, and we can also peer eagerly into the future, knowing that in good earnest we shall have to encounter the sterner realities of life. It may not be uninteresting to know that a goodly proportion of this present graduating class have already had important fields of labor assigned them. A part, mindful of cosmopolitan principles which embrace the wide earth, will seek the peaceful heritage of the adjoining Republic. A part, unable to remove very far from this charming metropolis of culture, wealth and beauty, will settle down within the boundaries of the far-famed Montreal Presbytery. A part will seek the classic regions of Manitoba, where boundless expanses of prairie meet the eye, where the wild floweret blooms, where the red man is moving till nearer the setting sun, impelled by the advancing tides of colonization. But I have been strictly warned not to enter upon any elaborate theological disquisition. Whilst mindful of the fact that this is supposed to be a valedictory, no efforts will be put forth to elicit tears from the unyielding eyes of anyone. When the Class of '84 disappear and become absorbed in the mighty army of preachers, no tears will be shed by the students who are following in the onward-progressing classes, because the greatest griefs are tearless. But, gentlemen, in the midst of unutterable grief at the thought of parting from us, rest assured that you have our earnest sympathy and most ardent affection. Quite a number of the