

## OTTAWA LADIES' COLLEGE.

## Commencement Exercises.

Condensed from Evening Journal.

Another year of marked progress in the work of the Ottawa Ladies' College was registered last Thursday when the commencement exercises of 1909 were held in the hall of that worthy educational institution. Rev. Dr. W. D. Armstrong, president of the College, occupied the chair, and seated on the platform with him were Miss Boyd, the lady principal, Mayor Hopewell, Rev. J. H. Turnbull, and the young girl graduates daintily dressed in white, nineteen of whom received academic diplomas, one an art diploma, and two completed a course in elocution.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong addressed the large gathering of parents and friends, presenting the report of the past session of the school, stating that in every respect the term had been most successful. There had been a full attendance and the curriculum was varied and extensive. Also the order and conduct of the school had been all, or nearly all, that could be desired. In this connection Dr. Armstrong paid a tribute of esteem to Miss Boyd, the lady principal, her efficient staff of teachers, and to the tact and skill of the superintendent of domestic affairs, Miss Gallup. He also referred to his intention of shortly devoting his undivided attention to the interests of the school, which change will come into effect at the beginning of the next session in September. Dr. Armstrong announced that this step involves no real change in his official relation to the College or change in the staff, excepting in the department of elocution. Miss Ruby de la Ronde retiring after a number of years of faithful and successful service, and carrying with her the esteem and goodwill of pupils and faculty alike. This vacancy will be filled by Mrs. Alexander Fraser.

That the Ottawa Ladies' College should take on even more of a national tone than it has in the past was strongly emphasized. During the past session pupils were enrolled from nearly every part of Canada, from British Columbia to Cape Breton. In conclusion the chairman presented the aim of the College, that of developing true womanhood—strong, intelligent, cultured, Christian, efficient in the home, the social circle, and the church, and all forms of education of the College's work was only a means to this end.

Mayor Hopewell was the next speaker, who congratulated the College on its excellent report, commending it as an institution of which the city is justly proud.

The pleasing feature of the afternoon's programme, the presentation of diplomas and prizes, was then carried out. Dr. Armstrong and Miss Boyd doing the honors. Miss Edna Gladys Williams, of Three Rivers, Que., who made the highest standing in the academic subjects, was awarded a gold emblem by the junior alumnae of the school, Miss Isabel Garland, a member of that body, making the presentation. The winner of the prize for the best essay was Miss Susan B. McGiffin, of Ottawa, whose composition on "The Land of the Leal" was read to the attending friends and enthusiastically received.

Those to receive academic diplomas were: Margaret Johnston Armstrong, Ottawa; Pearl Brooks, Ottawa; Margaret Evelyn Brownlee, Ottawa; Margaret Cameron-Smith, Nipissing; Sarah Ethel Campbell, Perth; Harriett Bell Davidson, Ottawa; Jessie Katherine Davis, Brockville; Joy Ennerdale Hopewell, Ottawa; Claire Lillian Ingersoll, Ottawa; Margaret Hope MacRae, Carleton Place; Margaret Agnes MacComan, Inverness, Que.; Susan Bownan McGiffin, Ottawa; Lillian Gordon Nolan, Calgary; Elizabeth Emily Perry, Ottawa; Alva Blair Pritchard, Kazabazua; Mabel Louise Sheppard,

Sorel, Que.; Marion Isabel Smith, Ottawa; Edna Gladys Williams, Three Rivers; Gladys Helen Williams, Ottawa.

An art diploma was awarded to Anna Elizabeth McBeath, of Madoc, Ont., and elocution diplomas to Ada Claire Beckstead, of Lisbon, N.Y., and Jean Isabel Loggie, Chatham, N.B.

To the pupils of the respective forms who came first in the study of the Bible and its literature Bibles were presented as follows:—Third form, Sadie Campbell, Perth; 2nd form, Mabel Shaver, South India; 1st form, Mary McLean, Ottawa; senior, Helen Fowler, Ottawa; intermediate, Lois Johnson, Ottawa. These prizes were donated by the following friends of the college: Mr. James Hope, Mr. Walter Paul, Montreal; Mr. Hiram Robinson, Mr. George Hay, and Mrs. Graham McLaurin.

Silver medals were presented for neatness in rooms and won by S. E. Campbell, Perth; Gladys Williams, Three Rivers; Marion Cleary, Shawbridge; Fanny Barclay, Inkerman; Pearl Blair, Maple Creek, Sask.; Annie Raphael, Wakefield; Lucy Beer, Ottawa; Florence and Marjorie Moodie, Terrebonne, Que.; Isabel and Sadie Jaslow, Montreal.

The valedictory was read by Miss M. H. MacRae, Carleton Place, following which Rev. J. H. Turnbull, moderator of the Presbytery, addressed the graduates, admonishing them to strive to attain to those high ideals as set forth by their alma mater.

At the conclusion of the formal programme the graduates were each presented with large bouquets of roses.

The afternoon's festivities were concluded by a reception on the lawn. Miss Boyd and Mrs. Armstrong welcoming the guests of the afternoon, and the sweet girl graduates serving refreshments from a large marquee.

## HAMILTON.

The heat wave has at last struck Hamilton, and short services will now be the order of the day—at least, that is the hope of the man in the pew.

Rev. John Young preached anniversary services at Auburn on Sunday. Rev. Mr. Mann taking his place at St. John's Church.

Communion services were held at St. Giles and Westminster churches on Sunday morning last.

A reception was recently tendered to Rev. F. W. K. Harris, the newly-inducted pastor of Chalmers' Church, and felicitous addresses were delivered by several of the other clergymen of the city.

We bid adieu this week to five of our Methodist brethren, and we at the same time extend the glad hand to their successors. May the latter be to us what the former were—brothers in the truest sense.

Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Galt, was the speaker at a garden party held last week under the auspices of the W.F.M.S. of Knox Church.

Rev. H. B. Ketchen, of MacNab Street Church, was pleasingly remembered by the men of his congregation in a social evening and presentation tendered him prior to his vacation.

Of the \$150,000 to be raised by the Presbyterians of Toronto toward the Knox College fund, \$87,500 has already been subscribed.

The will of the late Professor Gregg, D.D., of Knox College, has been filed for probate. The estate amounts to \$114,833. After an income for the widow is provided, the residue goes to the three sons and two daughters.

The congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Jarvis St., has decided upon a uniform dress for its choir, the pattern being the same as adopted in St. Andrew's Church, King street. The ladies will wear college or "mortar-board" caps in addition to their gowns. Mr. Jeffreys, organist, will be gowned also. The change is to take place on the first Sunday in September, and the cost will not exceed \$600 or \$800. The choir numbers 35, and the beadle of the church will also be gowned.

## MONTREAL.

Mrs. Bieler, wife of Prof. Bieler, of the Presbyterian College, has gone to spend the summer months in Vermont with her family.

Rev. Robert Campbell, D.D., for so many years member of St. Gabriel Church, has formally tendered his resignation to take effect next September.

The induction of the Rev. Dr. Ross, at St. Andrew's Que., will take place on July 16. The Rev. A. J. Ross will preside. The Rev. J. A. Montgomery will preach, the Rev. Jas. Fraser will address the minister, and the Rev. Thos. Mitchell, the congregation.

Mr. Shelley has accepted the call to Valleyfield, and his induction will take place on 16th July. The moderator of session, Rev. J. D. Anderson, will preside; Rev. Mr. McLean will preach; Rev. Mr. Ballantyne, of Howick, will address the people, and Rev. W. D. Reid, of Montreal, the minister.

In the report of the French Evangelization Committee to Montreal Presbytery it was stated that two young men of the Pointe aux Trembles schools had done copierage work in the Ste. Therese district, where they sold 18 Testaments and 61 portions of the Scriptures. Two other young men were arrested in Northern Ontario for selling Bibles, although they had licenses. They were released.

In the death of Mr. David Yulle the church lost an earnest and devoted worker. Rev. Dr. Mowatt, the pastor of Erskine Church, in speaking of Mr. Yulle, said: "Mr. Yulle was greatly beloved by us all. He was for many years one of our most active workers, but his energies were not confined to Erskine Church. He was always doing outside work. It did not matter where it was, or what it was, if he could help in Christian work of any kind he was always ready to do so. For instance, he would go down to the gaol, and preach to the prisoners there—anything so long as he could help forward the Kingdom of God. He was too far for a long time a teacher in the Sunday school at the Westmount Church, at water avenue. Then he was a most active supporter of missionary work. What he contributed to this work I never knew, and probably nobody ever will know. It is within my knowledge, however, that for eighteen years he has supported our senior missionary in Honan, China, the Rev. Dr. Mackenzie. I know, too, that he supported others, but who they are I cannot say, nor do I know how many. We have lost an active and inspiring Christian gentleman."

On June 26, 1859, the Rev. R. P. Duclos was formally set apart for the Christian ministry, and the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination was celebrated in his church (Lacroix) on Poupart street last Sunday. Mr. Duclos is now the oldest minister in active service in the Presbyterian Church. His jubilee takes one back in the history of French-Canadian missions. In 1847, as a boy of twelve years, he commenced to attend the Pointe-aux-Trembles school. In 1852 he came to Montreal and studied under Dr. Wilkes and the Rev. P. Wolff. In 1854 he left for Geneva, where he completed his classical studies, and took a full course in theology. After successful examination he took the degree then granted by the faculty, equal to the "B.D." of today. On returning to Canada at the pressing call of the committee of the French-Canadian Missionary Society, Mr. Duclos went to Point-aux-Trembles, as director. He has since occupied the fields of Joliette, Montreal, Ste. Hyacinthe, Quebec and Montreal again, since 1881. During his long career, Mr. Duclos has been instrumental in building and organizing five churches, the best of which is Lacroix. The Montreal Presbytery, which authorized the jubilee celebration has also granted Mr. Duclos four months' holidays. Accompanied by his daughter, he will leave on the first of July for England, France, Belgium, Italy and Switzerland, where he expects to get sufficiently rested to resume his work on his return, very effectively.