

At the head table were the following invited guests:—President and Mrs. Loudon (Toronto), Chancellor and Mrs. Burwash (Victoria), Dr. Lorimer, Mrs. Holman, Principal Sheraton (Wycliffe), ex-Chancellor and Mrs. Rand, Prof. and Mrs. Bell, and Mrs. Wallace. Rev. Chancellor Wallace presided. Among others present were Messrs. J. Short McMaster, Rev. Jesse Gibson, Rev. D. E. Hutchinson (Brantford), Principal Bates (Woodstock), Hon. John Dryden and Mr. Holman. Shortly after 5 o'clock the toast list was entered upon with a toast to the Queen, which was honored by the national anthem. Next came the "Sister Universities," which was proposed by the Chancellor and responded to by Dr. Loudon, Chancellor Burwash, Principal Sheraton and Prof. Bell. All these gentlemen delivered excellent addresses, in all of which they emphasized especially the good feeling which exists between the different colleges, and the mutual advantages which are to be derived from their close connection. "The Graduating Class in Arts" was proposed by Mr. Linus Wolverton, M. A., representing the Senate of McMaster University, and replied to by Mr. J. C. Sycamore of the graduating class in an able and eloquent manner. "The Graduating Class in Theology" was proposed by Dr. Calvin Goodspeed and responded to by Mr. J. J. Reeve, '96, who made many well-pointed and humorous remarks. The other toasts were: "The Governors," proposed by Prof. McKay, responded to by Mr. Dryden, "The Alumni," proposed by Prof. Willmott, replied to by Rev. W. M. Walker, President of the Alumni Association; "Our Pastors," proposed by Mr. D. E. Thomson, Q. C., and responded to by Revs. D. B. Cohoe and A. C. Baker, and a toast to "The Preacher of the Baccalaureate Sermon," proposed by Rev. C. A. Eaton, and replied to by Rev. Dr. Lorimer in an address which was marked with humor and eloquence from beginning to end. During the afternoon many excellent college songs were rendered by the Glee Club and members of the graduating class of '96. "McMaster men" was an especial success.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS.—But the culmination of all things was on commencement night—Wednesday. Every McMaster man and woman turned out to the procession. The solemn, slow and majestic progress having been made, permission was asked of the Chancellor that the graduates might be admitted to their degrees. This given, each graduate mounted the platform, bowed profoundly and profusely, heard the mystic words pronounced, had the hood placed over his head, received his "sheep-skin" and marched down feeling himself not educated but a B. A. The one break in this programme was when '96's lady, Miss Dryden, received her degree. The applause testified to Miss Dryden's popularity, as the large number of bouquets she received testified to the esteem of her many friends.

The degrees and diplomas were awarded as follows :

*Ad eundem*—Master of Arts Degree—Rev. Charles Aubrey Eaton, Professor James Ten Broeke.

Bachelor of Arts Degree—Arthur Baker, William Hunter Piersol, Alexander Robertson McDonald.