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Editorials.

THE annual reception given by the Alumnæ Association was held on the evening of Friday, June 19th. In spite of the very unfavorable weather the halls filled rapidly with a brilliant throng of guests. The reception rooms were beautifully decorated with bunting and bouquets of flowers were in profusion. Oil paintings—the work of the pupils—were hung on the walls. There have seldom been better or larger collections of water colors than this year. In the smaller rooms were hung Chinese lanterns, which added much to the pretty effect by their dim light of subdued coloring. From the lower hall the 13th Batt. band discoursed music throughout the evening. About nine o'clock all assembled in the collegiate to witness the reception of the graduating class into the association and the conferring of prizes.

The president, Mrs. Galbreath, read an address of welcome, after which the secretary, Miss Zealand, read the report of the work of the society during the year, and referred in touching terms to the death of Miss Mina Keayes, of Hamilton, who graduated but two years ago. The members of class

'87 were then welcomed by Mrs. Galbreath, who pinned upon each the society badge. The prize of \$25, given by the association to that member who writes the best essay upon a given subject, was presented by Dr. S. J. Hunter to Miss McIlwraith, of class '76, of Hamilton. The other prize of \$10, given to that member of the senior literary society who writes the best essay during the year, was presented to Miss Edith Robinson, of Hamilton, by Mrs. T. H. Pratt. The reception of '87 was acknowledged by all to be a great success in every respect. The visitors represented almost every city in the province. Quebec, Rochester and Lockport sent their quota, but Toronto, as usual, outdid them all. The college never looked so beautiful. The Alumnæ never showed a greater interest in their Alma Mater. We are told that the cost of the reception ran up into the hundreds. At the meeting of the Alumnæ over forty members were present, and there was so much business to be discussed that the meeting was adjourned until Monday afternoon.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON.

The services in Centenary church on Commencement Sunday were intensely interesting. The students occupied the centre pews of the church, the graduating class occupying the front seats, and wearing the cap and gown.

Dr. Dewart's subject was specially appropriate and was treated in a most interesting manner. His illustrations were striking and forcible, and the impression made will not soon pass away. The Baccalaureate sermon in the evening by our principal, Dr. Burns, was an exceedingly learned and eloquent exposition of the principles of liberty—intellectual, theological, political and religious, and was at once, as all his addresses are, both instructive and inspiring. The following is a brief synopsis of the sermon, taken from *The Times*: