

**BACCALAUREATE SERMON.**—The main audience room of the Walmer Road Church was crowded with students and friends of the University, on Tuesday evening, May 9th, when the Baccalaureate Sermon was preached by Rev. Thomas J. Villers, M.A., of the First Baptist Church, Indianapolis. The subject of the sermon was, "Religion the chief business of life," from Matthew vi : 33, "Seek ye *first* the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." Religion was a business, not a recreation, with Christ : but most men to-day have reversed the order. The commands of the Bible can be summed up in three short words, "Be like God," but the colossal mistake of man has been to take the fool's motto, "Eat, drink and be merry." The Holy Book presents a deep question in spiritual economics, "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" "What shall we eat and wherewithal shall we be clothed?" are questions which may and must be rightly considered, but are not of first importance. We must make God and His righteousness our first business and "all other things shall be added."

**THE COLLATION.**—A large number of guests were present at the annual collation, which was held in the lecture room of Walmer Road Church, Wednesday afternoon, May 10th. Hon. Mr. Dryden was chairman, and after a short address proposed the toast to the Queen, which was responded to in true Canadian style. Rev. Mr. Villers spoke a few words of farewell and the enthusiasm with which they were received showed how much his visit had been appreciated. Prof. Farmer proposed the toast to Sister Institutions, to which Rev. Chancellor Burwash, of Victoria University, responded. D. E. Thomson, Esq., proposed the toast to the University, replies being made by Rev. H. P. Whidden, B.A., for the Alumni Association, Rev. Elmore Harris representing Senate and Board of Governors, Principal McCrimmon for Woodstock, and Miss Thrall for Moulton. The toast to the Graduates of '99 in Arts and Theology was proposed by Dr. Welton, and responded to by Miss Newman, Mr. L. H. Thomas and Mr. W. J. Pady, B.A. The speeches were interspersed with music by the Quartette and College songs.

**CONFERRING OF DEGREES.**—The annual Convocation for the conferring of degrees and granting of diplomas was held in the main audience room of the Walmer road Church, on Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock. A large assembly was present to witness the exercises. The degrees of M.A., B.D., B.Th, were conferred on some sixteen persons ; that of B.A. on a class of twenty. The degree of LL.D. was conferred upon Prof. J. H. Farmer, and that of D.D. granted Rev. Elmore Harris and Rev. A. P. McDiarmid. Dr. Newman delivered the address to the graduating class, his theme being "Truth-Speaking." The Chancellor's address was very full of encouragement and inspiration. He spoke of the needs of the University and the way in which these needs are being met. The sum of \$35,000 is required for a new chapel, a new library, and a campus, over a third of that amount