

CANTERBURY COLLEGE. DIPLOMA DAY.

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The graduates and undergraduates of Canterbury College held yesterday a function, taking the place of the presentation of degrees. The gathering only differed from those of previous occasions in that the formal presentation to the successful students was absent. The College Hall was crowded with the students and their friends or ladies and gentlemen interested in the work of the College. The chair was occupied by Mr H. R. Webb (chairman of the Board), and on the platform were members of the College, Board of Governors, members of the professorial staff, the headmaster of Christ's College and the principal of the Boys' High School, his Honour Mr Justice Denniston, the Mayor of Christchurch, the Rev. W. Harper, the President of the Canterbury Chamber of Commerce, Sir Arthur Douglas, Lieut.-Colonel Gordon and Major Slater. As a prelude the students, conducted by Mr L. Watkiss and with piano, violin and drum accompaniments, sang several of their songs, and

When the occupants of the platform appeared they welcomed them with the popular chorus of "The animals came in, &c." Before any of the speeches were made they sang a composition, set to the air of "All doing a little bit," which deplored the absence of stout *esprit de corps* on the part of undergrads, respecting the manly games established in connection with the College.

The CHAIRMAN, who was received with applause and a chorus of noises, said the general public were perhaps not aware of the changes that had taken place with reference to diploma day; that it no longer received the sanction of the Senate of the University. He was not going to say whether the Senate had done right or wrong—(Loud "Ohs.")—in abolishing that ancient institution. (Hear, hear.) At all events the students of Canterbury College approached the Board of Governors through the Professorial Council, and asked if they would be allowed to hold some function to publicly acknowledge those who were the

happy recipients of degrees. (Very loud applause.) The Board were unanimous (loud applause and a deal of drum) in granting the request. The function had been got up under the direction and supervision of the Board of Governors, assisted by the Professorial Council. (Renewed applause.) They were not acting in opposition to the Senate, because in an unofficial manner the Chancellor had been communicated with, and in reply he had offered no objection, provided there was no re-presentation of diplomas. (Applause.) He (the Chairman) would like to refer to the fact that the institution attained its majority (hearty applause) on the 9th of July last. He hoped they would have very many happy returns of the day. (Loud applause.) The progress of the institution had been very satisfactory. They commenced of course with but a few students, and he well remembered the first gathering. It was held in the old Provincial Council Chamber and the late Mr John Tancred,

M. A.—First-class.—G. S. Robison,
Languages and Literature (Latin, French);
E. Rutherford, Mathematics and Mathe-
matical Physics, Physical Science (Elec-
tricity and Magnetism). Second-class—J. E.
Bannister, Languages and Literature (Latin,
Greek); E. S. Buchanan, ditto (Latin-
English); T. W. Cane, ditto, ditto; W. G.
Ivens, ditto (Latin, Greek). Third class.—
Florence Sheard, Languages and Literature
(English, French). Without Honours.—
Maria E. A. Marchant.

B. A.—**Esther Mary Baker, Myra Baldwin, Alice G. Banks, Emily Rose Broome, A. J. Buchanan, J. U. Collins, C. A. Craig, Barriett Davy, W. H. Dawson, Ruth G. Deck, A. Dunn, Annie E. Dykes, J. A. Erskine, H. H. Fooks, J. Hight, Marian A. Hookham, T. Hughes, Jessie W. Inglis, Kate Isherwood, Apirana Turupa Ngata, Beatrice P. Richmond, Ada M. Thompson, Margaret E. Todhunter.**

B. Sc.—**W. H. Dawson, W. G. Pye.**