

CLOSING THE SCHOOLS.

**Sweet Faces, White Gowns and
the Perfume of Flowers.**

BRYN MAWR'S FIRST DIPLOMA DAY.

**Mr. Paul Du Chaillu Tells How He
Escaped Marrying 853 African Dam-
sels—Exercises in Other Training In-
stitutions—Private Academies.**

For the first time in its history Bryn Mawr school conferred diplomas on its graduates yesterday morning. The passing of the examinations for matriculation in Bryn Mawr College has heretofore been the only mark of graduation, but having decided this year to make public recognition of their work the board of managers recalled the former graduates of the school and they, with this year's graduates, received their diplomas. The candidates were presented by Mrs. Mary Noyes Colvin, secretary of the school. Miss M. Carey Thomas, of Bryn Mawr College, president of the board of managers, conferred the diplomas.

The recipients were as follows: Elizabeth Maxwell Carroll and Helen Whitall Thomas, of the class of '88, both of whom have since taken the degree of bachelor of arts at Bryn Mawr College; Eva Constantia Glenn and Elizabeth Reynolds Williams, of the class of '90; Mary S. Clendennin Boude and Carrie McCormick, of the class of '92, both of whom are now in the sophomore class of Bryn Mawr College, and Juliet Baldwin, Florence Miffin Hood, Margaret Armstrong Levering and Elizabeth Taylor Roberts, of the class of '98. Honorable mention was made of Margaret Kellum, now an A. B. at Bryn Mawr College, and Mary Brown, who successfully passed the matriculation examination, but not having spent the required number of years in the school could not receive diplomas.

Paul Du Chaillu, talked to the pupils and their friends from a stage erected in the gymnasium and ornamented with superb tropical plants that raised their green branches almost to its roof. A thick daisy chain was festooned about the stage and galleries and divided the portion of the hall set apart for the pupils from that reserved for the visitors, and masses of daisies, and roses bordered the platform. On the stage were Miss Thomas, Miss Mary Garrett, Miss Gwinn and other members of the board of managers and the faculty of the school.

Mr. Du Chaillu talked for nearly three-quarters of an hour in so entertaining a fashion that the girls would have been content to listen to him as long again, particularly as the African traveler stopped just as he had reached, in his word-journey, the borders of the pygmy country. Du Chaillu is a little, bald-headed, gray-haired Frenchman, with a delightful fluency of speech and power of description, which are made only the more entertaining by his strong French accent and vivacious Parisian manner. He gave a thrilling description of his discovery of the gorilla, of his visit to the land of the cannibals and his experiences with the various tribes of Africa—incidents and scenes which he has made familiar to readers in his fascinating books. On one occasion, he said, he struck up such a friendship with a dusky King that the monarch assembled 853 women from whom the "white-faced spirit" was to choose a wife. He escaped from this by suggesting that the remaining 852 might get jealous, whereupon the King called a council of his wise men, with the result that the unhappy traveler was told he might have the whole 853. "The spirit" made another narrow escape by an excusable fib, declaring that in the land of spirits there were no women. He described his first introduction to an-

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At the close of Mr. Du Chaillu's lecture, Miss Thomas made a statement of the school and said that the number of girls going and the girls not going was the same, and therefore a comparative course was advisable. She stated that the course of Hryn was not materially different, as studies, from that outlined in the prospectus, with the exception of the stress on the study of Latin, which, she thought, was the foundation of many of the important studies and should be taught in schools, whether the student expected to go to college or not.

Prizes were conferred on Levering for the best work of the gymnastic department, Maria Groome for drawing.

The following changes will be made in the staff of the school: Mrs. Buckingham, a graduate of Dr. Kate Campbell Hurd, who died in June, will be succeeded as director of the gymnasium by Dr. Elsie Howe, a graduate of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania and a student in Paris, Berlin and Stockholm. Miss Jackson, assistant director of the gymnasium, will be succeeded by Miss Farrington, a graduate of the Boston School of Gymnastics.

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