

POSITION OF QUEEN'S.

REV. DR. GRANT FREE TO DO HIS PROPER WORK.

He Spent Last Convocation Week at Oxford and Cambridge—The Way the Endowment Fund Has Been Sustained—Talking About Matriculation Examinations.

This afternoon convocation hall was crowded to listen to the valedictorians. After they had concluded their essays Rev. Principal Grant delivered the following address:

Mr. Chancellor, Members of Convocation, and Ladies and Gentlemen: In the programme of our "commencement" proceedings my address was put down for this afternoon, because features connected with tomorrow's convocation threatened to lengthen it, and it was felt desirable to divide the business even at the expense of encroaching on the time set apart for the valedictorians. A sense of duty and of courtesy therefore constrains me to be brief.

This time last year I was in Oxford, where I had the pleasure of addressing the students of Mansfield college, and of seeing, under the guidance of Principal Fairbairn, the wonders and some of the men of the university. Its heads and graduates, I may say, never speak of it as "this great university," and when a stranger ventures on a compliment they laughingly disclaim it or seriously acknowledge their short-comings. At this distance, however, I can venture to tell you that there can be only one Oxford and one Cambridge. We may have in Canada what will suit most of our young men better. No doubt of that. But we cannot have these. When I visit countries like the expanding states to the south, or the cities under the Southern Cross whose growth has been still more rapid, and guides point out to me some new stately college hall or richly endowed university, I always say to myself "there is no reason why we may not have as good as that in Canada, and we shall have it too as our country grows older." But different feelings come over one when he walks through the gardens of Magdalen, or hears the thunders of the Sheldonian, or worships in King's college chapel, Wordsworth's ode mingling with the music of the "scanty band of white-robed scholars." You cannot duplicate the Bodleian. You cannot give an order for the memories of a thousand years. The precious possessions of the British empire are stored there. They are there for us. They are our cradle, our birthright, our heirlooms. They are not to be bought or stolen. Barnum could buy Jumbo but not these, and as for stealing the world has pronounced righteous judgment on the carrying away to London of the Elgin marbles and Napoleon's pillage of museums, as it has on the looting of the Emperor of China's summer palace.

While in Oxford I did not forget the convocation of Queen's, and when the chancellor called me that it was a success I felt that I could leave England with a light heart. When, months afterwards I read in New Zealand the generous references that had been made by students and other speakers to the principal's efforts and services, my heart warmed within me and an old vow was re-sworn to dedicate all that I am, or have, to making this university worthy of its sons and of Canada. This vow, thanks to you and those whom you represent, is no longer a burden. It was indeed something terrible when it meant, in part at least, asking others for money. I tried to bear it then smilingly, for grumbling never yet helped any one, and people therefore thought that it was quite a pleasure to me—a pleasure which, however, few asked to share—proof, surely, that human nature is not as selfish as it is supposed to be. No; it was a yoke that pressed on me every moment, and galled. Now, thank God, I am free of it and free to devote myself to work formerly dreamed about. The success of the jubilee fund has made Queen's safe. Remember it has done nothing more. Extension is imperatively demanded in different directions, and I invite the attention of intelligent men and women to these opportunities for investment. Equipment that was considered adequate for a university on any part of this continent a quarter of a century ago, is now laughed at. Let there be no mistake on this point, and let our friends who have done little or nothing as yet for our last effort, make Dr. Smith's work as light as possible. They have an inducement now. They know that the future of Queen's is secured, and it is for them to determine whether it shall do its work on a small scale or on one commensurate with the time and with the efforts that some have made.

I am thus led to give a brief report of the jubilee fund, and I can do so with peculiar pleasure. A year ago last month it was announced that the minimum sum required, viz., \$250,000, had been guaranteed and that, according to the terms of subscription, interest would be expected if the principal were not paid. Now the treasurer is able to report that \$96,000 has been sent in to him, and that of the nine or ten thousand of interest due on the balance, about \$8,000 has been paid, a sum more than equal to what we formerly got from the five years' scheme. In other words, nine-tenths of the whole amount subscribed has been paid in full or in the form of the first year's interest, and of part of the tenth still unpaid we by no means despair. The total cost of obtaining this quarter of a million was \$682! I make no comment in this report, and draw no moral. That may well be left to others. The graduates and friends of Queen's sacrifice willingly for a cause they deem of sufficient importance, but they have no desire to talk of their sacrifices. The cause is the highest possible development and enrichment of the life of the nation. They believe that no nation can be great except along the lines of education of the best type and free from bondage of every kind. No matter how good the native stock of a people may be, it requires the best kind of cultivation. To this end the wisdom of the past and the resources of the present must be laid under tribute. The best efforts of all are needed and should be welcomed. It is therefore matter of regret that there should be any lack of unity in this high work. Red-tape, doctrinaire conceptions, prejudices and pride are all out of place. The thing to be aimed at is the organization of our best educational forces so that there may be no schism in the body politic but harmonious action everywhere. This is what we long for, though we declined to have anything to do with a scheme that looked like organization, but that to us meant absorption. That it was so intended is indeed becoming evident to the people generally. They see now that we have always aimed at unity and rational development, but that our proposals, even for consultation, are declined. I must be allowed to express my disappointment at the language of the minister of education in bringing down the correspondence on matriculation at the close of the session. The charges against the department and the senate of the provincial university were tacitly admitted. All that was said, so far as reported, was to call attention from the point at issue, by an observation, which may or may not be correct, but which was irrelevant. The universities, the house was informed, would not be likely

to surrender their power of holding their own matriculation examinations. What steps, may I ask, have been taken to ascertain the mind of the universities? Is it proposed to surrender all power to the department, as at present constituted, or to a body that would represent the best educational thought and experience of the country? Everything would depend on that, and that could be ascertained only by a conference, like the one called to consider the question of federation, and which its promoters consider to have been useful, while it cost the department nothing. Another conference might well be called, on the same economical conditions, to consider the possibility of a rational and uniform matriculation examination. The crude conception of gathering all colleges into one place may, I think, now be dismissed. But the point the minister was called upon to refer to was something quite different from departmental centralization. He had years ago announced himself in favour of a common matriculation, and hoped that the four universities would accept this policy, promising that if they did the department would conduct the examination free of expense. Three of the universities did accept and the fourth refused. He, as an acknowledgment, now pays the expenses, not of the three, but of the fourth. The only explanation of this method of pressing a policy and keeping a promise is that chartered universities are to be treated with injustice unless they surrender their independence. Their money, it would seem, must also be surrendered. A little newspaper, supposed to voice the ruling policy, has recently declared that "Queen's must hand over her endowment to the government before she can be allowed to co-operate in improving public education." The sweet reasonableness of this doctrine every free man must admit. The regard for the educational interests of the province is manifest. It is enough, however, to say at present that any ministry that asserted it openly would not live long in a civilized country, and that the institution that preached it would be its own worst enemy. Fancy a newspaper in Massachusetts declaring that Harvard, Boston, Amherst and Williams must hand over their endowments to the government before they could be allowed to co-operate in improving public education? That Cornell, Columbia and the other universities in New York must also commit the happy despatch: That Oxford, Cambridge, London and the Scottish universities must go and do likewise? Enough on this subject. I apologize for the digression. More detailed treatment is needed, and I have promised to give that at a special meeting of the university council to be held next month.

One word more in acknowledgement of the liberality of our graduates and benefactors. Nothing binds men together so much as common action, of an unselfish kind, voluntarily undertaken towards the attainment of a high ideal. We being many have thus been made one. Other universities have received large sums from a few wealthy donors in one locality. Our friends are of every part of the country and of every religious denomination. Their action has consolidated them and us into an organism, closely united like a family. Into this family you gentlemen who are to be laureated to-morrow will enter. I can wish for you nothing better than the family spirit. The graduates and students are the strength of any university, and its best representatives to the general community. Let those who go from us, even for one short summer, remember that the reputation of their Alma Mater is entrusted to them.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Collegiate Institute.

KINGSTON, April 23.—(To the Editor): "A Lover of Humanity" writes to last night's News to lodge a complaint against the collegiate institute. He gives an interesting, because entirely original, version of the "initiation ceremonies." Now, he has certainly never attended the school. This is manifest, not only on account of his first form style of composition, but because no ex-pupil could write such an extravagant series of misstatements. "Love of Humanity" makes charges against the management of the school. He states that the headmaster is a party to cruelty and oppression. Serious charges, these! But this brave exposé of wrongdoing is afraid to sign his own name, and substitutes therefor a time-honoured phrase. The "love" he bears for humanity is shown by the fact that he refers to the boys of our school as "young barbarians."

He hints that the K. C. I. is a training school, not for Queen's, but for a well known Portsmouth institution. And yet: from our school have gone forth Sir John Macdonald, the Hon. Oliver Mowat, Sir Richard Cartwright, Mr. Grant Allen and many other great and good men. Do any of these, I wonder, bear the "scars" to which such feeling reference is made?

If "Lover of Humanity" really believes all the absurd yarns to which he has given publicity, then he is himself a fit subject for the ceremonies he describes. Perhaps he is some "young man from the country," who, wishing and yet fearing to enter the K.C.I., has poured out his woes in print. His letter, if unanswered, would do far more harm than the supposed "rowdiness" he describes.—Yours, &c., A.D.S.M.

Nerviline. What is it?

Nerviline is a combination of the most powerful pain relieving substances known. Nerviline is not a nostrum, but a preparation which has received from members of the medical profession, clergymen, the press, and others most enthusiastic endorsement. Suffering from pain of any kind, external or local, give Nerviline a trial. Nerviline cures toothache, cramps, neuralgia, and almost instantly. Trial bottles 10 cents, large bottles 25 cents, at drugists and dealers everywhere.

The Work Completed.

The last volume of Appleton's cyclopaedia of American biography, No. 6, has been issued and the completed work is most valuable. It is the only continental biography that has done justice to Canada, and deserves well of the people in this respect, as well as being a grand work in literary and typographical excellence. The biographies are thorough and judicious and the portraits uncommonly fine. The Canadian portion of the book is no mean one. All of our public men, past and present, are included.

Struck by a Plank.

A serious accident occurred at Deseronto on Sunday afternoon at the Salvation army barracks, now being erected, by which a young man named Wagar received injuries which may prove fatal. He was sitting under a scaffold, when a man stepped on the same and it gave way, and a large plank struck Wagar on the head. The man who fell was not hurt as the scaffold was not very high.

A Fine Display.

Prevost has a fine display in his window of Scotch tweeds for suitings, and a large variety of patterns for pantings, also a line of worsted for overcoats, ranging from \$10. Made to order. A fit guaranteed.

Beacham's Pills act like magic on a weak stomach.

THE VESTRY MEETINGS.

THE ANGLICAN CONGREGATIONS GATHERED IN COUNCIL.

Opposition to the Introduction of a Reredos in St. Paul's—Probability of St. George's Cathedral Being Enlarged—The Business Performed at Other Churches.

The annual vestry meeting in connection with St. Paul's church was held last evening, Rev. Mr. Carey presided. The financial statement showed that the monies received during the year were not sufficient to pay expenses and that the church was about \$300 in debt. The collections for the steam heating apparatus totalled \$390. The receipts of the Sunday school were \$95.89, and expenditure \$81.73. There is a balance on hand of \$14.16.

R. Elliott was elected the people's churchwarden, and Mr. Gostearle will act as warden for the minister.

Rev. Mr. Carey contended that the renting of the pews in the church should be discontinued. He maintained that if St. Paul's church were free there would be no difficulty in filling it every Sunday. The revenue would also be greater than it is now. The scheme was not a popular one and did not carry. It was opposed by Capt. Gaskin, R. M. Horsey, J. Marshall and Mr. Armour. Rev. Mr. Spencer thought that if the rent system was discontinued the church would be greatly benefited.

The sidesmen elected were: Messrs. Major Davidson, Sutherland, Brown, Bunt, Gaskin, Thompson, Armour, Youlden, Crawford, Rutan, J. Davis, Jr., Horsey, Corbett, Rowan, Deer and Daley.

The matter of fixing the stipends of the officers of the church was left to a special committee, to report at a subsequent meeting to be held next Monday.

Votes of thanks were tendered to the rector for his gift to the church of a handsome reredos, to Mr. Barker, of London, for a valuable alms dish, and to the members of the choir for valuable services.

Mr. Marshall voted "nay," when it was moved that the rector receive the thanks of the vestry for his gift of the reredos. He said that the placing of such a piece of furniture in the church was illegal. The ecclesiastical courts of the church would bear him out in this matter. He had read the rubric from beginning to end, and he could not find the word reredos or altar in it. He knew what he was talking about, for he had made a special study of church matters since his youth. "There were only thirteen men who had the courage to vote against the Jesuit bill in the house of commons, and there is only one, and I am that one, in this vestry, who is opposed to the introduction into the church of Mr. Carey's altar."

Rev. Mr. Carey was very indignant that any person in the vestry should vote "nay," when the thanks of it were being tendered to him by the majority. If Mr. Marshall did not like to see the altar put in the church he should have objected before.

After some further conversation the mayor drew the attention of the vestry to the disgraceful condition of the old burying ground at the head of Sydenham street. Rev. Mr. Carey was in favor of the grounds being made into a park. It was moved and carried, that in the opinion of the vestry the burying ground should be handed over to the city corporation for the purposes of a park, provided that a plan of the grounds be prepared, and that gravestones be buried over the graves. The rector and church wardens were instructed to act in the matter.

Capt. Gaskin was elected lay delegate to synod for three years.

St. George's Cathedral.

The annual vestry meeting of St. George's cathedral was held last evening. Rev. B. B. Smith, rector, occupied the chair. The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved. Mr. J. Muckleston presented the financial statement thus:

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, and Balance, cash on hand. Total receipts: \$7,809.83. Total disbursements: \$7,809.83. Balance, cash on hand: \$1.92.

The auditors reported that they had inspected the financial statement and found it correct.

Dr. Smythe and Mr. Henry Wilkinson were appointed church wardens for the coming year.

Dr. Henderson read the report of the Baker's bequest fund, which showed that the curate had been paid \$311.90; repairs, \$8.98; taxes and commissions, \$25.64; insurances, \$16.30.

R. T. Walkem moved a resolution, authorizing the church wardens to obtain power from the legislature to sell or mortgage the property on Bagot street, between Brock and Johnston streets.

Dr. Henderson presented the report of the Kingston rectory lands' fund. Rents received for the year amounted to \$2,249.91. The clerical secretary was paid \$1,571.61; new leases and expenses, \$100; insurances, \$142.40; repairs, \$322.05; commissions, \$98.90; taxes, \$14.95.

A motion fixing the pew rents the same as last year was passed.

Ald. Muckleston moved that the old burying ground be given over to the city to make a public park on conditions to be agreed upon. It was at present only a resort for roughs. Much discussion followed the reading of the motion, after which it was adopted.

A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring church wardens.

Ald. Gildersleeve moved that owing to the want of room in St. George's cathedral the edifice be enlarged. The proposition is to add transepts and chancel and the raising of a dome, the side galleries to be removed, the organ to be placed in the chancel. The total cost is not to be over \$92,000. The finance committee were asked to report on the ways and means by May 23rd.

The following were appointed sidesmen: Messrs. Joyner, Sutherland, Sears, Perry, Day, Campbell, Pogue, Spriggs, Stroud and Mahar.

Dr. Henderson was unanimously re-elected lay delegate for the next three years.

St. James' Church.

The meeting was well attended, Rev. J. K. McMorine in the chair as incumbent. The audited churchwardens' accounts showed total receipts for the year of \$11,749, in-

cluding \$7,000 borrowed for church improvements. The ordinary revenues showed increases over last year, in a total of \$3,018. The congregation had paid \$1,717 on church improvement and accounts to about \$1,000 were yet to be opened. The pew rents as a result of the opening had been increased from \$726 to \$1,447 yearly. The elections followed the adoption of the accounts.

R. V. Rogers, minister's warden; Edw. J. B. Pense, people's warden; J. S. R. McCann, assistant to the wardens; H. C. Voigt, G. E. Hague, auditors.

Sidesmen—J. A. B. Smith, G. Bonny, S. Low, J. Asselstine, W. Ada, George Hewitt, W. J. Woollard; G. W. H. Comer, Alfred Shannon, W. Dean, C. W. Wright.

Chancel guild—Mrs. McMorine, Mrs. Cryslar, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. T. C. Wilson, Miss Wade, Miss C. Voigt.

The vestry declined to take action on a resolution regarding the conversion of the burial grounds into a park, not desiring to act unless in sympathy with St. George's vestry. Votes of thanks were cordially passed to the various officers of the church.

St. Mark's, Barrielfield.

The annual vestry meeting was held in St. Mark's church Monday evening. There was a large attendance, and the proceedings were most harmonious. The churchwardens accounts showed the largest revenue that the parish has known for many years, sufficient to leave a credit balance, after meeting the debentures and paying all current expenses for the year. The church is now quite free from debt. The Ladies' guild reported \$131.73 received since last Easter, and made it over to the vestry for painting the church.

Votes of thanks were moved to the retiring wardens, and also to Mrs. Nash for her generous gift. The resolutions expressed regret at Major and Mrs. Nash's removal from the parish, where they have, in many ways, been warm friends to St. Mark's.

The rector re-appointed John Baxter warden, and the people elected Archie Medley. The following sidesmen were appointed: Arthur Hora, John Patterson, Edward Libbet and Sergt. Major Birtles. At a subsequent meeting James Shannon and John A. Wilmut were elected delegates to the diocesan synod.

St. John's Church, Portsmouth.

The annual Easter vestry meeting was held in the school house. Rev. F. W. Dobbs opened the meeting by prayer at 7:30 o'clock. Thomas Evans, jr., acted as clerk. The rector, owing to the resignation of Dr. Millman, appointed A. McLean as his warden and Thomas Evans was appointed people's warden. The sidesmen re-elected are A. Thompson, S. Watts, jr., T. Evans, jr.

The warden reported a total debt of \$141 on the church. The rector, on behalf of the congregation, presented Dr. T. Millman with an address and a fine "Baxter" bible, as a small token of the respect they had for him. He made a suitable reply. The delegates to the synod are J. B. Walkem, three years, J. W. Henstridge, two years, and A. McLean, one year. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Miss Dobbs for the great interest she had taken in the choir and for her efficient services as organist. Messrs. A. McLean and R. Graham were requested to audit the accounts for the past year. The meeting then adjourned for one week.

All Saints' Church.

At the vestry meeting held in All Saints' church, last evening, the church-wardens report showed that the total offering during the year amounted to \$951.38. Of this \$73.65 had been given to various objects outside the parish, \$60 to the rector, and the remainder to the organist's salary and other expenses. Mr. Waterbury was appointed people's church warden, and the rector appointed Capt. Wurtelle.

A motion was passed expressing sorrow at the disgraceful state of the old burial ground, and the dreadful events that take place there. It was hoped that the portion of the grounds belonging to the Church of England would be handed over to the city.

A committee to act in conjunction with the rector and church-wardens was appointed to consider the matter of improving and enlarging the church.

Capt. Wurtelle was appointed lay delegate to the synod.

Arrivals: Str. Hiram A. Calvin, Clayton; schr. Annie Falconer, Oswego; Prop. J. Rugee, Milwaukee, 50,000 bushels wheat; str. Rhoda Emily, Chicago, 36,502 bushels corn; Sgt. Seymour, Ogdenburg, five barges, light.

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Marine Intelligence.

Paragraphs Picked Up About the Wharves.

Notices of General Interest.

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The Hotel Arrivals.

Arrivals at the British American Hotel—D. Munro, M.D., Mrs. J. Munro, Miss Munro, E. G. Mallock, Perth; W. King, W. R. Wynn, J. Seigden, R. L. Brereton, W. R. Menberg, F. Drevery, R. Rogers, H. Goodman, W. H. Croft, W. St. Croix, W. R. Masey, F. J. Gibson, Toronto; B. B. Fairbairn, R. Leslie, J. F. Higginson, A. E. Morris, J. M. Tees, D. S. Stewart, J. D. G. Shaw, Montreal; W. Elvin, New York; R. L. Roe, Erie, Pa.; J. Hay, Campbellford; E. G. Ferris, Watertown, N.Y.; S. Childers, Madoc; J. A. Phinn, Brantford; J. A. Brennan, Ottawa; C. J. Kelly, Dundas; F. Giddin, Oshawa; G. W. Marks, Port Arthur; Dr. V. H. Moore, Miss Braniff, Brockville; D. M. Irwin, Oswego, N.Y.; D. B. MacLennan and two sons, Cornwall; J. Craig, Hamilton.

Easter Services.

The Easter services at St. Mark's, Barrielfield, were of a bright and joyous character. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, and the chancel appeared to more than usual advantage with its arched hangings and mural decorations, the Easter offerings of Mrs. Nash. The rector and Mrs. Jones had also made a gift to the church of a pair of burnished brass altar vases, and these stood in the super-altar filled with flowers. The congregations were large, and the number of communicants (58) was the highest reached in this parish in the last twenty years. The singing was very good, and the Easter carols were much appreciated by the congregation.

A Parent's Pointer.

On hearing a progeny-thrashing parent quote Solomon in defence of his position: In very truthfulness, I may assert, That since I first drew breath, I've never

A parent with his rod his children hurt. Except to gratify a foolish spleen. The man must be "as ignorant as dirt." Who thinks the whip the spirit won't demean.

Much fault lies with the author of the "Can-Holes." Whom daddy quote when he his little man tickles.

E. J. COLEBROOKE HARVEY.

Reckless.

Rumors a cry, but the Grand Union keeps on selling at low prices and is happy. Competition has collapsed and we are masters of the situation. For fine clothing at low prices call on The Grand Union, 122 Princess street.

Weather Probabilities.

Winds mostly east and south, fair weather followed by light local rains in western Ontario, stationary or a little higher temperatures.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

PARAGRAPHS PICKED UP BY OUR BUSY REPORTERS.

The Spice of Every Day Life—What the Public are Talking About—Nothing Escapes the Attention of Those Who are Taking Notes.

Gas stoves from \$2 upwards at the gas works.

A large number of the students left for their homes this afternoon.

Flags were flying on the city buildings to-day. This is St. George's day.

Creighton intends to have his first ramble on Monday, May 13th, to Picton.

Dr. Allen will remove his surgery from Brock to Johnson streets to-morrow.

Twelve shillings for all work trousers, made to order at Lambert & Walsh's, Princess street.

Border Brothers, of Portland, have caught, near Fourteen Island lake, five bears within five months.

The ladies should call at the Gas company's office and see the gas cooking stoves in operation.

The Collegiate Institute baseball club played a team from Newburgh high school this afternoon.

The billiard table, at the police station, has been removed to Mr. Tuttle's hotel, at the High Banks.

Flowers were very scarce on the market this morning. Two dollars a dozen were asked for roses.

R. G. Brackenbush, of Denbigh, to-day shipped a part of a bear to W. Hansem, Hanover, Germany.

You are looking for The Grand Union Clothing Co's store, if you are looking for the cheapest place in town.

The city clerk received a box this morning containing orange blossoms and roses, sent from Riverside, Cal., by Mr. Irving.

Messrs. L. E. Percy, Newburgh, and W. A. Caton, late of Australia, have formed a partnership and opened a first-class store.

Breck & Booth have the best slabs, hard wood and dry blocks. You can get just what you want in the line in at their yard.

Success results from merit. Hall's Vegetable Serrilian Hair Renewer is placed before the public solely on its merits. Its success is indisputable.

Harsn purgative remedies are fast giving way to the gentle action and mild effects of Carter's Little Liver Pills. If you try them, they will certainly please you.

Remember New York cheap excursion, leaving Folger's wharf, 27th, 2:30 p.m., 29th, 6 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and 30th, 2:30 p.m. Fare \$10.90 for the round trip.

About 11 o'clock this morning, while men were working on the excavations on Brock street the water main broke. The flow of water was so great that work had to be suspended.

The policemen are collecting the names of boys who swing catapults. A window in Mr. Franklin's house, Sydenham street, was smashed by one of these dangerous instruments.

A bear caught in a trap at Verona was for sale on the market this morning. There was also two cubs caught with her. The price asked for the bear was \$30 and \$10 each for the cubs.

Women with pale, colorless faces, who feel weak and discouraged; will receive both mental and bodily vigor by using Carter's Iron Pills, which are made for the blood, nerves and complexion.

At a meeting of Queen's college graduates, Toronto, a resolution was adopted urging the minister of education to call a conference for the purpose of securing a high and uniform standard of matriculation in Ontario universities.

To-day Dr. Knight, rector of the Collegiate Institute, through advice of his legal adviser, demanded names and dates in connection with the charges, or a retraction of the libel, contained in a correspondent's letter in the News of yesterday.

The Alma Mater society of Queen's has had souvenirs, hand painted programmes with local scenes on them, prepared for the ladies who take part in to-night's conversation. They were done by Mr. W. B. Waterbury, in a most artistic way.

For nearly half a century Ayer's Cherry Pectoral has been the most popular cough remedy in the world. The constantly increasing demand for this remedy proves it to be the very best specific for colds, coughs, and diseases of the throat and lungs.

For the delicate and aged and all in whom the vital current is impoverished and sluggish, Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the very best tonic. It restores the wasted tissues, and imparts to the system surprising elasticity and vigor. Price \$1. Worth \$5 a bottle.

Another old house is being torn down on Barrie street to make way for Mr. Strange's new brick tenements. Kingston has passed the stage of filling up vacant lots. It is improving the old places, and in time may reach Montreal park boulevard or the houses opposite St. George's.

COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKETS.

Table with columns: STOCKS, MONTREAL, APRIL 23-12 noon, and various stock prices.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

MONTREAL, APRIL 23. Flour—Receipts, 700 bbls. Sales, 600 sacks. Market quiet and without change.

Patents winter, 5.35 to 5.75; patent spring, 5.30 to 6.00; straight roller, 5.10 to 5.35; extra, 4.50 to 5.00; superfine, 3.75 to 4.50; Ontario Eagle, 2.00 to 2.75; City bags, 5.35 to 5.50 for strong Bakers.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

LIVERPOOL, APRIL 23-5 p.m. Cheese—White and Colored 32s. 0d.

Winds mostly east and south, fair weather followed by light local rains in western Ontario, stationary or a little higher temperatures.