

We append the following letter which explains itself.—
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To the Editor of the Queen's College Journal.

DEAR SIR,—Will you insert in the next number of the JOURNAL a notice to the effect that members of Council and graduates wishing to attend the closing ceremonies of the College can obtain certificates entitling them to return tickets per Grand Trunk Railroad at one fare and a third by applying to.

Yours truly,

CHAS. F. IRELAND, Secretary.

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REV. JOHN R. THOMPSON, M.A., '68, is doing a grand work in Olympia, Washington Territory, U.S. He is making a name for himself as a bold defender of Christianity, against the attacks of modern agnostics.

REV. W. C. HERDMAN, B.A., is at Stellarton.

REV. PROFESSOR NICHOLSON, B.A., intends crossing the Atlantic this spring. He will spend the summer in making philological researches in the old world.

CHAM. A. IRWIN, M.D., '63, Professor of Medical Jurisprudence, has resigned his seat in the Medical Council for the Quinte district. H. W. Day, M.D., '59, of Trenton, Dr. Irwin's late opponent, is a candidate for the vacancy, as is also Robert Tracey, M.D., '62, of Belleville.

THOSE interesting descriptions of ranche life which appeared in recent numbers of the JOURNAL, are from the pen of Hugh B. Walkem, formerly of the Class of '79. Owing to a weakness of the chest, Mr. Walkem was reluctantly compelled to leave College before graduating. He is now in the Nicola Valley, British Columbia, and his health has been greatly benefitted by the change of climate. He has taken to agricultural pursuits, and we find him figuring as Secretary of the Agricultural Society. Two more of the Walkems are in that Province, W. W. Walkem, M.D., '73, and the Hon. Geo. A. Walkem, Premier, while another brother, R. T. Walkem, Q.C., is lecturer on Equity in the Faculty of Law.

IF all our Alumni took as much interest in the JOURNAL, as Hugh Walkem, we would never need to cry out about a lack of support.

THE Rev. Dr. Jardine has accepted a call to St. John's, Brockville. That congregation considers itself fortunate in having secured him.

WM. DONALD, B.A., '73, practices law in Alliston, Ont.

W. J. GIBSON, B.A., '74, one of this year's graduating Class, will hang out his shingle in Belleville.

W. A. LAVELL, M.D., '80, has just begun the practice of his profession in Newburgh.

HENRY LUNAM, B.A., '77, has just graduated as M.D., from McGill College.

JOHN M. MACDONNELL, B.A., '68, Barrister, of Winnipeg, is recovering from a serious illness. He will visit Kingston at the sitting of the General Assembly.

REV. M. MCGILLIVRAY, M.A., '74, Scarborough, notes some ludicrous mistakes in the report of his University sermon by one of the city papers. We hope he will have no fault to find with our report.

MR. J. B. MCLAREN, M.A., of Smith's Falls, is meeting with success in the practice of law. At the recent Perth Assizes he won his first suit.—*Whig*.

IT gives us pleasure to note one of the most surprising records with which we are acquainted: Mr. Donald McCannell, B.A., on Friday last finished a course of seven years hard study in the College. During the whole of that time he never missed a single lecture or Class recitation, and as far as he remembers was never once late for roll call. This must have necessitated his answering *Adsum* over 2,000 times, or in other words, attending as many lectures. Can any other man in America show a record equal to this.

MR. D. A. JOHNSTON, one of the graduating class in medicine at Queen's, has picked out Kincardine as the scene of his future labours. Mr. A. W. Herrington, another of the same class, has gone to Manitoba.—*News*.

DR. CLARKE, who graduated last spring from Queen's and has since been attending Bellevue Hospital, N.Y., arrived back yesterday afternoon. He had to walk from the Cape.—*News*.

THE Ottawa *Free Press* says that John Thorburn, LL.D., '80, is an applicant for the vacant chair of Classics in this College.

ANOTHER break in the Alumni is occasioned by the death of Charles Legge, C.E., a member of the University Council. Mr. Legge was born at Silver Springs, near Gananoque, in 1829. From his youth up he showed a great aptitude for mathematical studies, and entering Queen's College at an early age he distinguished himself in this branch under Dr. Williamson. Choosing engineering for his profession he soon placed himself in the front rank of Canadian Engineers. He took a leading part in the construction of the Grand Trunk Railway, and was second Engineer for the Victoria Bridge, Montreal. He was also the author of numerous engineering pamphlets. A few years ago he submitted plans for the construction of the Albert Bridge, which was to be on the same stupendous plan as the Victoria. This was thought to be too great an undertaking and the proposal was rejected. But the mental strain which was occasioned on account of this, combined with a sunstroke he received, shattered his health, and a stroke of paralysis, brought a brilliant and useful career to an end last week. He was buried at Gananoque with Masonic honours.

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SOME two or three weeks ago some Freshman bubbling over with the then fresh intelligence, wrote on one of the blackboards: "The Czar is assassinated." Some radical person wrote after it: "Serves him right." Some one else soon cancelled this and wrote: "He was a martyr." The first student seeing this, crossed it out also, and with Communistic lack of elegance and display of force, added: "You lie!" We doubt if in any College paper this question has been so tersely argued as this.

"YES," said the Professor dreamily, "it is the silent forces of nature that are the most potent; it is the silent powers of gravity that binds the world together; it is the silent influence of light that gives life and beauty to all things; it is the silent stream that is the deepest; it is —" and as he paused for another illustration a sympathizing junior suggested, "it is the still sow that gets the most swill." Grunts from the Class.