

pointed and work commenced. The Presbyterians of Ulster at once accepted of the work done in the Queen's Colleges as what was required by them in the training of their ministers. Soon another measure was carried, founding the Queen's University, in connection with which degrees were conferred on the students of the Colleges. Ere long a cry was got up that the Colleges were Godless. From that time onward there has been a constant demand on the part of the R. C. Hierarchy to hand over to them the Colleges in Cork and Galway, while that in Belfast may be given to the Presbyterians. The Presbyterians have steadily refused to consent to such a step and so far they have succeeded in preventing such a perversion of the design of the founders, that is, to make the Colleges available for all classes and creeds of her Majesties subjects. With experience of nearly half a century, more than that in the case of schools, less than that in the case of Colleges, the intelligent classes of Ireland dread the giving of Home Rule in the sense in which Parnell and Company want it. Can any one doubt that an early result would be that Education Higher and Lower would be handed over to the control of the Churches, and the main part of it to the Church of Rome? If anybody thinks otherwise, let him study the state of things in the Province of Quebec at the present time, and it has been the same all along in that Province.

"HONOR TO A GRADUATE."

WE take the following from the Sydney *Presbyterian*. Rev. S. Grant is an uncle of the late revered Prof. McKerras, and an honorary graduate of Queen's. The jubilee was held at Shoalhaven, New South Wales: "Wednesday, 15th inst., was a *fete* day in Shoalhaven, being the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of Rev. Dr. Grant. He has been 33 years a minister in the colony and for over 30 years he has been the pastor of the church here, where he is in entire harmony with his people. When it became known that his jubilee was approaching, a committee was organized to prepare to suitably mark the event. Mr. John Aldcorn, as Secretary, worked assiduously, and contributions came freely in, not only locally, but from brother ministers and people not of Dr. Grant's church. The gathering was the largest of the kind seen in these parts, and was also unique on account of the number of venerable pioneers in different walks of life that were present to honor the Doctor. After the tea the people repaired to the church—the largest in the district. Dr. Kinross, Principal of St. Andrew's College, presided, and there were beside him Drs. Steel and Cameron, Very Rev. A. Gardiner, Moderator of Assembly, Revs. J. M. Ross, General Secretary; T. J. Curtis, J. W. Dymock, R. Waugh, J. Cosh, J. Best (C. E.), and C. Jones (Wes.) Many of the Church of England and Wesleyan Church of the district were present. After devotional exercises, the chairman read congratulatory letters and telegrams from Revs. J. Wilson,

Kiama; A. M. Jarvis, R. S. Paterson, R. Collie, Sydney; J. Walker, Germanton; J. MacNeil, Waverley, W. Hough (C.E.), J. Hargrave (C.E.), of Sydney, but formerly of Shoalhaven. Mr. W. Neil, manager of the City Bank, and his Honor Judge McFarland, also sent their congratulations. Dr. Kinross, in introducing the proceedings, referred to the leading traits of Dr. Grant's character, and the lessons which were taught by his habits as a man and a minister. Mr. John Aldcorn, one of the elders of the church, then presented Dr. Grant with an address, which was engrossed at Mr. John Sands' establishment, and was entwined in a border of hand-painted native flowers. A massive and costly silver tea and coffee service in oaken case, a purse of sovereigns, and picture representing a noted pass in the Doctor's first parish, formed the articles of presentation on Wednesday; but a silver-mounted set of double harness had been given on Saturday. Rev. J. W. Dymock read the following:—"To the Rev. Wm. Grant, M.A., D.D.—Reverend and Dear Sir,—We the members of the Presbytery of Illawarra desire most heartily to congratulate you on having completed the jubilee year of your ministry. Since we have become associated with you as co-presbyters we have experienced the utmost kindness at your hands, and we are sure that our predecessors, now laboring in other spheres, would willingly bear similar testimony as to the father of the Presbytery; we naturally looked to you for advice, and we have always found you a wise councillor and faithful friend. By your distinguished ability as a preacher and theologian, by your devotedness, energy, and earnestness as a pastor, and by your active benevolence and courteous demeanour as a citizen in the ordinary walks of life, you have won the affection of a wide circle of acquaintances. We acknowledge with gratitude the goodness of the Lord in prospering your way hitherto, and we earnestly pray that He will still vouchsafe His aid and long spare you to preside over our Councils, and when the hour of your departure comes, you may enjoy the blessed assurance that to depart is to be with Christ, which is far better." Rev. A. Gardiner read a resolution of Sydney Presbytery, and Rev. J. M. Ross read a resolution of Wagga Wagga Presbytery, both referring in congratulatory words to the jubilee. Dr. Grant made a short but characteristic speech, depreciating himself as unworthy of such a demonstration. It was entirely unsought by him, but his good friends had so far proceeded with the arrangements that it would have been ungracious on his part to have declined to entertain it. Speaking of his personal work as a minister, Dr. Grant said he considered his work as a young minister his best work. When he set out in life he laid out for himself a high standing, one which he and others he knew of, had not reached and could not attain to; but, having aimed high, perhaps that enabled him to maintain a respectable mediocrity as a preacher. That was how he would describe his work; but when a young minister started in his work free from heresies or errors of creed,