

such speeches as the one delivered by President Loudon, on March 2nd, in London, as reported in the *Free Press* and the *Advertiser*, of the 4th? He speaks again and again of the amounts which the Government has given to Queen's University during the last few years, though he knows that they were given to a different institution altogether—"the School of Mining and Agriculture," and that Queen's has not received one dollar from the Government. He knows, too, that the House passed those votes unanimously, both sides supporting them on the merits, because they believed such a school to be a necessity and Kingston to be the best place for it, from the mineral deposits in the surrounding counties and because the existence of the University in Kingston would enable the students to get part of their education without cost to the public. He speaks, too, of the Principal pressing the claims of the school on the Government, though he ought to know that the deputations who did that necessary work consisted of citizens of Kingston and the surrounding district, and of the Board of Governors, on which Board he has not had a seat for years. Principal Grant has never once referred to President Loudon, but none the less the Principal seems to be a veritable King Charles' head to the bewildered President. He, a Presbyterian, has the astonishing bad taste, to use no stronger word, to declare that though Queen's has taken down the Presbyterian sign from its front entrance, it has put it up at the side door. According to him, the General Assembly is practising a fraud on the public!

The Principal is so resolved not to be drawn aside from the main question, into even the appearance of a dispute with Toronto, that he has declined to contribute an article which the editor of *Events* asked him to write, because it was to be side by side with another written by President Loudon. The heads of the two universities would in that case seem to be pitted against each other, and the claim of one appear to be in conflict with the claim of the other. His answer to the editor's request was as follows:—

KINGSTON, Feb. 27th, 1901.

Editor, Events:—

Sir,—Yours of the 25th received. It seems to me that were I to comply with your request the effect would be to strengthen the erroneous impression that the interests of Queen's and Toronto Universities are conflicting. This impression has been created by the attitude of men who have called Queen's appeal to the Government for justice an "aggression" on Toronto University. It shows an astonishing misconception of the work of universities and the needs of the Province, as these are revealed by the history and the present position of Queen's. But nothing should be done to deepen this unfortunate impression, for its effect on the public mind will be prejudicial to all higher education, whether in Toronto or Kingston or anywhere else. What we are thinking of is the good of the country as a whole, and we believe that that will be best served not by an arbitrary monopoly, maintained regardless of present facts, but by the British principle and practice of including within our system every great educational force, on condition that its government is absolutely free from sectarian restrictions. The Government has acknowledged that such is the position of Queen's, and we therefore ask for justice on the merits of the case. For Toronto University we have nothing but good wishes. We are workers together in a good cause; and it would be unbecoming in me to do anything which would suggest to anyone that we are opponents or that our claims are exclusive. Yours, etc.,

G. M. GRANT.

THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION.

THE Alumnae Association of Queen's University was organized a year ago, and this year on the 14th of February, the first annual meeting was held in the Levana room of the college.

This is the first time in the history of the college that the women graduates have gathered within her walls, and it is interesting to notice the increase in numbers since the doors of Queen's were first opened to women. Mrs.