

ment would cancel the Order-in-Council so far as it has been referred to in this petition.

I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant,
 GEORGE BELL, LL.D.,
 Registrar.

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 TORONTO, December 13th, 1882.

SIR:—I am directed by the Hon. the Minister of Education to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst., enclosing a communication from the Senate of the University of Queen's College respecting the regulations of the 31st July, 1882, on the subject of the qualifications and training of teachers for the Collegiate Institutes and High Schools.

The communication will receive the Minister's careful consideration. In the mean time I am to inform you that the operation of the regulations in question has been deferred till 1st January, 1884.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,
 ALEX. MARLING,
 Secretary.

GEORGE BELL, ESQ., LL.D.,
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COLLEGE SOCIETIES.

THE MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

A REGULAR meeting of the Association was held in the Principal's class room on 9th Dec. The President occupied the chair, and conducted the opening exercises. It was agreed to pay any students sent out by the Association to do service during the Xmas holidays, the same remuneration as those employed in the summer season. It was also agreed to change the hour of meeting from 10 a. m., to 11 a. m., in order to allow several arts students who have classes then, to attend the meetings. Interesting reports were read by Messrs. Grant, Campbell and Steele. Mr. Grant's station last summer was Eden's Mills, a little settlement near Guelph. From his report the work seems to have flourished under his care, and from outside sources we learn, that the people were much attached to him, and properly appreciate his services. Mr. Smith of Guelph, dispensed the communion, when 11 new members were added to the church. Mr. Campbell met with much success at Bentwick and Crawford, the two preaching stations to which he ministered, in the Owen Sound Presbytery. There were three different denominations existing in the district, but our student reports the greatest harmony as prevailing among the people, a somewhat unusual state of affairs in the country, and no doubt attributable to the good offices of Mr. Campbell himself, and those with whom he laboured in the work. Mr. Scott, of Owen Sound, an old graduate of Queen's, dispensed the sacrament, and congratulated the congregations on their very satisfactory condition. There is one feature, in the reports of men from the West, to the Society which of late years has been painfully apparent, and that is the antagonistic feeling displayed to our college by the eldership and laity in many places. We have, during the past five or six years, continually heard such accounts as these:—"The people looked with sus-

picion on us when they heard that we came from "Queen's." Another tells us, "that the Session threatened to lock the door on our student when they heard "from whence he came." Another! "Can any good "thing come out of Queen's." Another: "They moderate fræe Queen's."

Now, Mr. Editor, the question naturally arises, from what influence springs these mutterings? Can you or any of your readers inform us? It was always the opinion of the Society, that we were a united church in feeling, as well as work; have we been mistaken? That it does not arise from any action of the students, is manifest from the fact that wherever we have sent a man there is always a request for another from the same source, and very often a petition for the same individual, and in nine cases out of ten a frank confession of the change of opinion of the people, and regret at the expressions regarding Queen's, to which they formerly gave vent. Again we ask, whence this undercurrent of feeling? and what is it? Is it jealousy? groundless prejudice? or what? We ought to know, so that whatever is wrong should be rectified. There is no doubt that such a feeling exists; that it is widespread and carefully fostered, and we should like to know who does it.

[We are sorry that want of space prevents us from giving the report in full in this number.—ED.]

APOLLONIAN SCHOOL.

THE present session has so far been marked by the organization of many clubs and societies for the prosecution of particular studies, or the accomplishment of peculiar aims. One of the foremost in origin and design is that organized by the "theologs" with the above name—Apollonian School. Many graduates in theology on leaving college—though they have gone through a careful and thorough course of training—feel incapable, for instance, of speaking freely and readily upon a passage of scripture, if called upon to do so, without previous preparation. In this way many have become such slaves to M.S.S. Notes, Briefs, &c., that when without these they are—like young Walter Scott without the famous button—completely "at sea." How can this evil—for it evidently is an evil—be remedied? This is one of the questions which the above named school sets before itself to solve. At its regular weekly meeting the chairman gives to some member present a text of Scripture, and without any time for preparation, that member is required to speak (as to a popular audience) upon that text for at least ten or fifteen minutes. When this is done the other members of the school are allowed from two to five minutes each for criticizing the speakers's remarks, elocution, attitude, and in fact everything that a popular audience might find fault with, as well as suggesting additional thoughts on the passage to those brought forward by the speaker. The members already say that this is the severest training to which they have ever been subjected. Dr. Cuyler of New York, one of America's leading pulpit