

be specially considered, decided upon for the next meeting to be held (D.V.) on Wednesday, the 8th January; when it is intended that there shall be two public services—in the morning, at St. Peter's, Eastern Passage, in the evening, at Christ Church, Dartmouth.

O. M. GRINDON, *Secretary*.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CHURCH CHRONICLE.

*Dear Sir*,—Although I cannot claim King's College, Windsor, as my *alma mater*, and am not even an associated *alumnus*, yet, being deeply interested in the welfare of the University, I have been much troubled at the statements, (made too frequently of late) that the number of students is falling off.

I have been looking at the Calendar for 1866—and I arrive at the following conclusions which any one can test at the expense of a little trouble.

1.—The annual average number of matriculations for the years 1857 to 1866, is more than double the annual average for the years 1803 to 1856.

I believe, moreover, that two names are omitted from the list of matriculants for 1866.

2.—The average number of gentlemen who proceeded to B. A. degree during the years 1863 to 1866 is more than three times the average number of those who received that degree from 1807 to 1862.

Yours,

"SEMPER FLOREAT."

THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

*Mr. Editor*,—The evidence taken before the Royal Commission has issued from the Press, and its publication has excited the most intense interest in England. It is the evidence of representative men of every phase of thought and every mode of practice; and being the development of facts rather than the expression of opinion, it affords a fair specimen of either party. As such I hope you will commend it to the churchmen of Nova Scotia, and I am quite satisfied that they must arrive at only one conclusion, as to who are the most earnest worshippers and the most hearty workmen of the Lord, and when a fair and unbiassed comparison is made, although we may not seek the distinction, no one has reason to be offended in being numbered with those who are charged with disloyalty and are reproachfully called High Churchmen.

SIGMA.

Church News.

ENGLAND.—On Sunday, Aug. 25th, at St. Matthew's Church, Croydon, the Archbishop of Canterbury consecrated the Rev. Archdeacon Kelly, Coadjutor Bishop of Newfoundland. The newly-consecrated Bishop was formerly Vicar of Kirk-Michael in the diocese of Sodor and Man, and for many years Chaplain to the Bishop of that See. The present Bishop of Newfoundland gives up nearly half his income to his Coadjutor, in order to provide more effectually for the Episcopal ministrations required in his extensive diocese.

The Earl of Shaftesbury's Clerical Vestments Bill, admitting the present legality of the Ritualistic Vestments, has passed away, still-born, owing to the prorogation of Parliament. Its author, in laying it finally on the table, laid the blame of its miscarriage on the intentional delay of the Royal Commissioners in making up their report. This was at once repudiated by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of London.

Church Congresses are now a fixed institution in England. The Congress for this year will meet at Wolverhampton on the first day of this month. With respect