

# The Church.

degree of B. A. in October last, those University distinctions. Most of the students attended to sit for the procession were present, but owing to the changes of the notice, and the early hour at which the ceremonies were to take place, none of the inhabitants had an opportunity of being spectators. The proceedings commenced by the admission of Dr. Hodder, as a member of Convocation. The "medal-men" were next called up to the dais, and His Lordship, the Bishop of Toronto, as President of the Institution, made a few remarks, in which he said that it afforded him the most unfeigned pleasure to be able to confer the rewards, which had been so well earned at the last examination. He always looked upon University honors as most beneficial to an institution. This was illustrated by the Alumnus to study and reflect, for without hard study, and many weary hours in the dead of night in elaborate application, no really sound learning could be acquired. Those who attended on such occasions as the present, always felt a sort of sympathy with the successful, as well as a great degree of pleasure. They felt a sympathy; for they looked forward to the time when the young men would realize all those bright expectations which had been formed of them from their early career.

His Lordship then called up Mr. Helliwell, and presented him with the "gold medal," for Classical Literature. Mr. Stennett obtained the silver medal for Metaphysics and Divinity, and Mr. Rodger, son of the late Rev. Congregationalist Faculty, the third medal for Chemistry. The eloquent and accomplished Vice-President, then took occasion to offer a few words of advice to the young men who had day earned so much distinction. He desired them ever to recollect that their *alma mater* looked upon them as those who were to build up the pillars of her fame; and that she had given to them her assistance, she desired that they should always deserve to merit the same. The Convocation was then prorogued, —*Toronto Herald*, Feb. 5.

**PETERBOROUGH SCHOOL.**—It affords us much satisfaction to copy the subjoined notice of the result of a public examination, recently held, of the pupils attending the Coborne District Grammar School. The examination was chiefly conducted by the Trustees, of whom the Chairman is a son of Scholastic having graduated with honours at Oxford. The *Peterborough Gazette* paid a competent authority speaks in the following laudatory manner—which we are sure is no more than merited—of the Head of the School, and the successful result of his labours:—[*Toronto Herald*].

"We have, before, borne testimony to the Rev. Principal's peculiar fitness for the important situation he fills; and we have now, after a public examination, in which, as one of the Trustees, we took a leading part, the pleasure of congratulating the District of Coborne on possessing within its limits a school where sound and practical knowledge can be acquired; where the Latin Humaniores can be read and studied with pleasure and advantage, and where the wide and varied range of the Mathematics is open to all who desire to profit by the advantage. The proficiency attained in this latter department was such, as to surprise and gratify all present on the occasion, and rendered the decision on the relative merits of the candidates, a task of no ordinary difficulty."

**CORBORNE DISTRICT GRAMMAR SCHOOL.**—At the public examination, held on Wednesday the 21st instant, and two following days, the undernamed pupils were classed according to their answering, and will receive a premium or premiums, in proportion to the number of distinctions obtained.

*Eighth*, 6th and 2d Books.—1. Robinson, 2. E. C. Barber, 3rd Book, &c., and Dedicables therefrom.—1. O'Connor, La. Dow (equates). 2. Stewart (George).

*Algebra*—1. W. C. Barber. *Valpe's* *Arithmetical*—La. Dow, 2. Benson, J. and T. (equates). *Prosody*, *Alcarus*, 1st class—1. Brophy, 2. O'Connor.

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*Latin Grammar*—1. Stewart, Chas. 2. E. and M. Taylor, (equates).

*Decisions*—1. Taylor, E. 2. Griffith, H. and C. (equates).

*Greek* *Delectus*—1. E. C. Barber.

*Greek Grammar*—1. Benson, Thos. 2. O'Connor, La. Dow (equates).

*Use of the Globes and Geography*, 1st class—1. LaDow, and Wilson, 2. Brophy, (equates).

*Geography*, 2nd class—1. Stewart, C. 2. Taylor, M.

*Geometric Arithmetic*—1. Trailing, T. C. 2. Winch.

*Junior Writing Class*—1. Wrighton, W. 2. Taylor, M.

*Connor* *Morrisson's* *Book Keeping*—1. O'Connor. Principal's Prize for courage and good conduct—1. Wilson. 2. Wrighton, W.

By the rules laid down previously to the Examination, no pupil was allowed to be a candidate who had not been in attendance for a period of three months, at least. The next examination will take place prior to the summer vacation.

**ROBERT J. C. TAYLOR, M.A.**  
Principal.  
Peterborough, Jan. 26, 1846.

**NOVA SCOTIA.**

**THE GARRISON CHAPEL.**—Yesterday morning the new Garrison Chapel was opened for Divine Service for the first time. The pews on the lower floor were occupied by officers of the Garrison, ladies, and a few gentlemen of the city. The gallery contained the non-commissioned officers, privates, and a number of civilians. Public worship was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Twining, who read the usual Services of the Established Church for the day—and the singing and organ playing by the choir were executed with singular effect. The service, (preached by the Lord Bishop) was appropriate to the occasion. Some inconvenience was experienced from the smoke issuing from one of the stoves; this drawback, however, will not likely recur. It was not publicly known that the Garrison Church was to have been opened. From this circumstance, and owing to the severity of the weather, the attendance of civilians was not so general as might have been expected from the previous manifestations of public interest.

But, at least, the services in this Church are likely to be attended by many of our citizens—particularly the lovers of good music; for the performance of the Choir is sufficient alone to excite general admiration.

**Colonial.**

**OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE TORONTO AND LAKE HURON RAILROAD DIRECTORS.**

The President and Directors of the City of Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Company feel that the time has now arrived when they may, without prejudice to the interests of the Company, state publicly, for the information of the shareholders, the present position of this Company. Shortly after entering upon their duties, the Directors determined upon calling in an instalment of ten per cent, on each share subscribed in this Province, amounting in all to £2,147 10s.; and as there were about £426,854 to be taken, they resolved to send Mr. W. H. Kittson, their member, to England, for the purpose of getting the same confirmed by Mr. W. W. Weller accepted the mission, and although he had the able and powerful assistance of the Governor of the Canadas, and the English, he has not had it in his power till now to communicate any information, as, in the opinion of the Directors, warranted them in making any official announcement of the progress he had made.

On Saturday morning, about 2 o'clock, this town was surprised by an alarm of fire, which proceeded from the house occupied by Mr. Cowles, Dentist, west of the Globe Hotel. Notwithstanding the utmost efforts of the two Fire Companies, the flames destroyed the houses of Mr. Cowles and Turner Boyd, and, in order to arrest their progress, it was found necessary to pull down the dwelling of Mr. Cuthbert Shoemaker; this proceeding, happily, had the desired effect. The greatest credit is due to the Fire Companies, for doubtless, to their exertions, the town is indebted for its protection from the spread of a conflagration which at one period threatened destruction to the entire row of buildings.—*Star*.

On Saturday various Despatches were laid before the House by command of his Excellency, on the subject of the Civil List. Mr. Stanley recognises the right of the Assembly to regulate the salaries on the Civil List, subject to Her Majesty's approval, in its fullest extent—but the negotiations for an exchange of the casual and territorial revenues not having been ratified, the arrears of salaries which the Province is bound to pay, are accumulating, and with holding these places our Legislature in a very disreputable position, and the public officers depending upon them, in a very awkward predicament.—*Halifax Times*.

Her Majesty's Mandamus having arrived on Tuesday, by the Hibernia, W. A. Black, Esq., was sworn and took his seat in the Legislative Council on Wednesday.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Samuel P. Fairbanks, Esq., to be Provincial Treasurer for the Province of Nova Scotia.

By order of the Directors,  
W. ALLAN, President.  
Toronto, 29th January, 1846.

**GREAT WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY.**

(To the Editor of the *Hamilton Gazette*)

Dundurn, February 6, 1846.

SIR.—Certain articles having appeared in the London *Times* and *Morning Chronicle*, in which various misstatements are made and false assumptions as to our intentions; you may contradict all these statements as distinctly as you like. No resolution has ever been come to, to break up the concern, nor has such a resolution ever been contemplated, unless as consequent upon a war with the United States, arising out of the Question. We feel as soon as the goddess of the concern as ever, and are determined to give no exertion to complete the operation so soon as the effect of the late panic and the danger of a rupture with the United States has blown over, and we see no reason to despair of success."

The *Morning Chronicle* of the 2nd January, has also been transmitted to me, in which it was stated, that the Attorney and Solicitor Generals of Canada had given it as their opinion,

that the proceedings of the Agents in London were illegal—improper, and a violation of that paper, I addressed a letter to Mr. Att'y General at Montreal, and the Solicitor General at Toronto. I have not yet received a reply from the Attorney General, but the Solicitor General, Mr. Sherwood, states—"I saw the paragraph to which you allude, and, so far as I am concerned, it is incorrect. I have not been called on for an opinion of your proceedings, and I have no reason to suppose that Mr. Att'y General Draper has been."

I will thank you, Mr. Editor, to insert this letter in the next number of your paper with a request that such papers as have published the articles alluded to, will also give this an insertion.

I am, Mr. Editor,  
Your ob't humble servant,  
ALLAN N. MAGNAN,  
President, G.W.R.R. Co.

KING'S COLLEGE.—The grand demonstration—17th Dec. 1845.

King's College.—The grand demonstration—as it will be styled—in favour of the erection of a new-fangled Infidels University on the ruins of the noble Institution, which is now in such successful operation, came off on Tuesday last, in the Congregational Chapel, Adelaide street. Although great exertions were made to get up an excitement in the subject—the names of the learned patrons of the movement detailed in the papers, the preliminary arrangements were made, the resolutions drafted, and the invited speakers to place themselves in the hall to speak to Mr. Slidell, except, perhaps, the statement that the officers of the Mexican government had given to his assistance, and he had in fact returned to support by the Mexican government. Nothing can be more probable than that our naval officers within reach of his call should resolve not to leave him to the perils of the journey alone. Letters of the 13th, however, only make mention of the fact that Mr. Slidell had demanded his passport, "having failed in the objects of his mission."

**BRADLEY AND THE RIVER PLATE.**

(From the *Baltimore American*.)

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