

dered a more severe test of the candidate's attainments, than that by which he has procured his degree, and acts as a salutary check upon the universities. When graduates of Bonn, Heidelberg, Goettingen, and Vienna submit to a second trial, our graduates cannot complain if we exact the same. We trust, therefore, that this important question will meet with attention from our Upper Canada brethren, and that some decision will be arrived at.

ST. PATRICK'S HOSPITAL.

Since our last notice of this Institution, the splendid building, known as the Baptist College, with the ground attached to it, have been purchased for the uses of the Hospital, and at this moment, the necessary alterations are going on with great rapidity. The building is one of the most beautiful and capacious in the city, and when the internal arrangements are completed, will be capable of containing from 300 to 400 patients, though, at present, it is not intended to admit more than 160. The nuns of the Hotel-Dieu will act as nurses. One peculiarity of this hospital is, the large accommodation for *pay patients*: being originally intended for a College, 32 bed rooms were situated on the second flat, the greater portion of these will be retained unaltered, and will be neatly and comfortably furnished, for private patients, who will be charged from \$2 to \$7 per week, for board, lodging, &c., the medical attendant's fees being, of course, a separate charge. This will be a great accommodation to patients resorting to Montreal for advice, for here they can retire from the bustle and confusion of an hotel, and being under the constant surveillance of the sisters of the hospital, their every want will be attended to, not by those who expect pecuniary reward for the smallest act of civility, but by those who have devoted their lives to the care of the sick. How often has the merchant's clerk, or the young student, been obliged to leave his boarding house or hotel, when attacked with sickness, to seek admission to the residence of some friend or relative, because his illness might be injurious to the interests of the house or hotel in which he resided?—now, he can apply for a private ward in St. Patrick's Hospital, he can make his selection of a physician from the medical staff, and is sure of being watched and tended throughout his illness with more than a mother's care, he can command a visit from his medical man as often as he pleases, and when necessary to take exercise, he can do so on the grounds connected with the establishment. It may be supposed by some, and, no doubt, will be urged by others, that protestants will not be admitted to these advantages, but such is