

days when Tassie was King.

Great was the fame of Dr. Tassie, but it must not be forgotten that there were many who strengthened his arm and gave him noble service in the conduct and guidance of the school. Who of the ancients will forget such men as Chase, McGee, Kilpatrick, Scrimger, Woodruff, Murray, MacRae, Alex. Tassie and others, who toiled and very probably suffered in the great cause of education.

But the end was at hand. The old time methods of education were rapidly becoming revolutionized, and the Doctor, who was extremely conservative, and unwilling to change his methods, found himself facing conditions to which he was unable to adjust himself. The consequence was that with the introduction of yearly test examinations in which the school made a very poor showing, he found his students rapidly deserting him, so at the end of twenty-eight years of great service, he tendered his resignation, which was accepted by the trustees.

The vacancy was filled with but very little delay, by the appointment of Mr. John E. Bryant, principal of Pickering College. That the appointment was an especially fortunate one is shown by the fact that in little more than one year, Mr. Bryant had restored the prestige of the school—lost during the transition period—and had quite restored that popularity and confidence in the school which it had enjoyed in previous years. The abandonment of the boarding house feature and the inauguration of the system of co-education as at present in vogue, renders any definite comparison between the Tassie and the Bryant regimes impossible. Suffice it to say that each man in his day proved himself a giant in education, and laid a firm foundation upon which a superstructure of intellectual development is moving steadily upward to perfection.

Unfortunately Mr. Bryant's prin-

cipalship of the school was doomed to be very brief. An infirmity, deafness, which had been gradually creeping upon him, so interfered with his duties as to make it absolutely necessary for him to withdraw from the position and from the profession, and so, to the great regret of the school and the public, he retired in 1884, after three years of splendid work.

Mr. Carscadden, M. A., who had been English Master of the school during Mr. Bryant's time, was appointed to succeed him, and from that year, 1884, to the present, Mr. Carscadden has guided the destinies of the



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Collegiate, maintaining for it that high character which it has held through half a century.

It only remains to state that much of the success which the school has attained is undoubtedly due to the able support of the citizens and of the trustees, who have always given the school their best services and support, and have sought by every legitimate means to maintain the high position so long held by this, probably the most unique institution in secondary education in the Province of Ontario.