

was made to the Majesty the grant-degrees in the Arts with success. The College, was organized, of Quebec, one of the Hon. Mr. of Chancellor and

ocation first met on conferring of degrees, on, 1855. On the the number of members in Lower Canada, "adum" in order that should include as experience of, those such distinctive M. A., was also conferred on other gentlemen, province, or for the ion.

e. Hellmuth retired summer 1854, Professor. On his retirement offices of Principal after being arduous undivided energies al's services were Classics, and the College, Cambridge, shire, succeeded to brew, and entered

Professors of the College rank, who pay is presided over by are the conferring of ing of subjects and miners, &c. been organized.

The meeting of the Convocation which should have been held at Midsummer 1856, was from necessity, deferred till September. The Hon. W. Walker, having retired from the Chancellorship, the Hon. Chief Justice Bowen was elected in his stead. At the same time the Honorary Degree of M. A. was conferred upon a large number of Clergymen who had been Students of the College before the Royal Charter was obtained, and the College now become an University, was enabled to resume a connection with her Alumni, which otherwise would have been totally severed.

It has been already mentioned that a Preparatory School was commenced simultaneously with the College. But no sufficient provision was made for its permanency. When therefore, in 1853, it appeared that it was necessary either to place the Grammar School on a different footing or to discontinue it, the latter course was adopted, under the impression that it would be more to the interest of the College to affiliate and encourage Grammar Schools in other parts of the country. The following Rule was adopted by the Corporation under this impression :

"In order to encourage education generally in the Dioceses of Quebec and Montreal, the Corporation shall, as their means admit, assist in the establishment of Grammar and Commercial Schools, and also receive any existing schools into connection with the College upon such terms and for such purposes, as the Corporation shall from time to time determine.

"And with this view one or more exhibitions at the College shall annually be given (open to all the scholars of such schools) by examination—it being provided that at such examinations persons appointed by the College Council shall be allowed to be present and take part in the same, and report to the College upon the general state of such schools, and the nature of the instruction given therein."

The rule still remains in force,\* and it is thought that the principle of it is a sound and practical one, but it has been found impossible hitherto to establish any such connection with existing schools. As, however, it appears to be necessary that the College should bring its influence to bear upon, and do its best to promote the work of preparatory education, the determination has been adopted, (supported from without by friends of the Institution) to open a Junior Department and Grammar School,

\* See Appendix B.