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THE ENCENIAL ORATION. May it please your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen, and Students of the University.

INTRODUCTORY RETROSPECT. Thirty years, lacking three months, have glided away since I first entered these Halls as Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in King's College, Fredericton. Coming fresh from a not unsuccessful career at a time honoured University in my native land, full of hope and youthful ardour, and cheered with fair prospects of advancement at home, I little then thought that New Brunswick was destined to be the abiding place of my mature and declining years, that I should become so closely identified with its welfare and prosperity, and that I should be some so closely identified with its welfare and prosperity. rity, and that I should learn to regard it with

affectionate fondness as the country of my

Thirty years of the freshest and most vigorous portion of manhood form a long period to every individual. It is especially long in the case of Professors, to whom the power of continuing for such a length of time in the regular and active discharge of their duties is seldom vouchsafed. Some years ago, the last\* of the numerous staff of Professors that adorned my Alma Mater, during my undergraduate course, died full of years and honours; and been my fate to mourn the too early death of with his sure but noiseless tread, change and decay ever follow in his footsteps, and insta-

bility and uncertainty mark the lot of humanity. I feel assured that you will pardon these passing personal allusions, inasmuch as this ncessant mutation is full of warning to all of us, and the present occasion may be the last of the kind on which it will be permitted me to address you from this place.

THIRTY YEARS SHORT IN THE LIFE OF A UNI-

While thirty years are a long period in the life of an individual, they may and ought to be but a short span in the existence of a University intended by its Founders to shed its beneficent influence not only on one generation of men but on many. Let us hope that such is the destiny of the University of New Brunswick; and that shooting up with ever increasing vitality, the young and weaklyrooted sapling may grow into the strong and healthy tree to which our children's children and future generations will resort to gather and enjoy the sweet and abundant fruit of all the learning and knowledge of a more advanced civilization.

These thirty years, however, have not passed without their accompanying vicissitudes being felt by the Institution itself, nor without leaving a deep and lasting impress upon its condition and prospects. During their revolution, it has had its full share of trials and troubles. and has even undergone the painful throes of a death struggle.

GLANCE AT THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY. Without attempting a lengthened narrative offer a fitting opportunity for taking a retros- graduate." pective glance at the most prominent event of its past history.

A Royal Charter, bearing date the 15th December, 1828, was granted by the Crown, New and Fashionable incorporating King's College, Fredericton, and conferring upon it the privileges of a University. An Act for the endowment of the College was passed by the Provincial Legislature in the following February. On my arrival, in the Autumn of 1840, I found that much dissatisfaction existed in the House of Assembly and throughout the country on account of the exclusive and restrictive character of the Charter. As early as 1833, a deputation, consisting of Messrs. Simonds and Chandler, was sent by the Assembly to the Home Government with a list of grievances for which they were instructed to seek redress. Among these, they were charged to complain of the narrow and illiberal policy manifested in the Charter of King's College, and to ask for its amendment in several important particulars. They truly represented that, as by the Charter, the necessarily a Clergyman of the Church of bound to subscribe to the Thirty-nine Articles of the same Church, such exclusiveness was calculated to keep alive the jealousy which unhappily existed with regard to the College, among a great majority of the inhabitants of

> of England, and who naturally thought that as they contributed to the support of the Institution, they ought freely to participate in TRIMMINGS, its benefits. In a supplement to the Fredericton Sentinel of March 10th, 1841, I find that Mr. Wilmot, vy expense at which it was maintained; and to Her Majesty against the allowance of the the present honoured Visitor of the University, is reported to have said in his place in the Assembly:—" He would gently remove the garment of exclusiveness, if by gentle means to be expected in the future, and hence the Manners-Sutton, sent to the Colonial Secretait could be accomplished; but for his part he would not cease to 'cry aloud and spare not' until the spirit of exclusiveness was purged from the Institution. His object and his sole object was to extend its popularity and usefulness. He wished it to take a high stand among Collegiate establishments. He wished to see it supported and encouraged by every denomination of Christians, diffusing its light to the surrounding Colonies, and dispensing DOOR MATS, the riches of knowledge throughout the land. How far the aims and aspirations, so eloquently expressed by His Excellency twenty-nine of the charter granting £1,100 per annum for In 1859 the attack was again renewed by years ago, have been realized, and how far the University, as it now exists, with the last vesin the esteem and confidence of every denomi-

the Province, who did not belong to the Church

public to answer and decide. THE CHARTER AMENDED. In the year 1845, a Provincial Act was passed by the Legislature for the amendment

\* Sir David Brewster.

being, shall be Visitor, and the Chief Justice Legislative Council, it received the assent of enabled to carry it through the House. It seemed appropriate to such a lowly dwelling, of the Supreme Court Chancellor. The pro- His Excellency at the end of the session. visions of the Charter, "that the President of the said College shall be a Clergyman in Holy Orders of the United Church of England and Ireland, and that the Archdeacon of the Province for the time being shall by virtue of his office, be at all times President of the College," were abolished; and the President was in future to be appointed by Her Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, or by the Visitor on Her Majesty's behalf. The Chancellor, the Her Majesty's behalf. The Chancellor, the President of the College, the Master of the Rolls, the Speaker of the Assembly, the Secretary of the Province, and the Attorney General were made ex officio Members of the College Council, which was to be filled up by

of England and Ireland. DISCONTENT NOT ALLAYED, tation and discontent that had for years been not a few of the promising students who at- too long and been allowed to settle too deeply tended my own classes and graduated here to be cured by any but the most incisive opeof Members of the Church of England, and the preference shown to that Church by retaining its Professor of Theology, formed keep alive the feelings of dislike and hostility with which the Institution had come to be re- RECOMMENDATION OF COMMISSIONERS NOT garded by other denominations. The small number of students compared with the aggreand abuse were weapons freely resorted to. should cease to exist in New Brunswick. pirants to Legislative honours, who thought the Legislative Council.

entailed on the country. 9th April, 1851 :- "Cut the head off of King's time, prepared a bill to carry into effect the goom, if poor, is dressed in a simple white cot-College, -we mean the £1,000 per annum principles embodied in the report. These ton coat and very wide cotton trowsers, which of the trying ordeal to which the College has taken from the pockets of all denominations were adopted by the College Council, and it make him look as though he had on a skirt.

PETITION TO WITHHOLD THE GRANT. In the year last mentioned, an Address passed the House of Assembly, praying His taken upon it during the session. Excellency, Sir Edmund Walker Head, the then Lieutenant Governor, to withhold the warrant for £1,100, payable out of the Trea-College. His Excellency stated in reply that he was unable to comply with the prayer of secured by an Act up to that time unrepealed. Next year His Excellency sent a lengthy

communication to the Chancellor to be laid before the College Council, urging the pressing necessity of doing something to popularize the Institution, and pointing out what he conceived to be the best methods of making it more generally useful and acceptable to the Province at large. A Committee of the Council was appointed to consult with His Excellency on the subject; and several new statutes Governor, on the 6th of April, 1858. were enacted with the object of improving the discipline and giving a more practical east to would satisfy them than the complete subver- not be depended on for a single year. inexorable words—" delenda est Carthago."

1854—AMENDMENT. In the year 1854 a bill was introduced into paid. the House of Assembly to repeal the section

of the Charter, and received the Royal assent at the end of 1846. By this Act it was de-downent in the meantime for the educational and by every possible manœuvre. It was clared that the Lieutenant Governor, or Ad- purposes of the Province. This amendment amended in several particulars; and it was house in the suburbs of a country village. His ministrator of the Government for the time was carried, and being concurred in by the only by hard fighting that its supporters were threadbare dress was of finer texture than

COMMISSION APPOINTED. A Commission was accordingly appointed, and among its members were the eminent edueationalists, Dr. Dawson and Dr. Ryerson. They, as directed, submitted to His Excellency an able and exhaustive report, together with the draft of a bill for establishing a com-

ground work upon which the University, as now constituted, was finally established. REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS.

before the House in 1855, and they form the

From the report of the Commissioners I beg nine other Members to be appointed by the to quote the following paragraph :- "New Visitor. No religious test was to be required Brunswick would be retrograding and would of any of the Members of the Council, or of stand out in unenviable contrast with every any Professor of the College, save and except civilized country in both Europe and America, the Professor of Theology, who was to be at did she continue to provide an institution in all times a Clergyman of the United Church which her own youth could acquire a collegiate education, such as would enable them to meet on equal terms, and hold intercourse This was undoubtedly a great and impor- with the liberally educated men of other tant step towards placing the Institution on a countries. New Brunswick would cease to be more liberal basis. It, however, failed to se- regarded with affection and pride by her offof those who were my early colleagues in this cure the public confidence and allay the irri- spring, should any of them be compelled to go broad in order to acquire a university educasedulously fomented. The sore had rankled tion. The idea, therefore, of abolishing or suspending the endowment of King's College cannot be entertained by the Commissioners with distinction. Thus, as time moves on ration. The fact that, too, even after the new for a moment. On the contrary, we think Council was filled up, the governing body still there should be an advance rather than a recontinued to be composed almost exclusively treat in this respect, and that the youth of New Brunswick, whether many or few, who aspire to the attainment of the best university education, as preparatory to professional or ground of continued complaint and served to active pursuits, should be able to secure that They are not now, however, as formerly to advantage in their native land."

PALATABLE TO MANY.

gate of the money that had been spent on the did not at all meet the views of many, who, establishment-carefully counted from its very | blind to the value and importance of institufoundation for the purpose of giving greater tions for the higher education, to the welfare to see the bride. The father, accompanied by effect to the statement-also furnished a fertile and prosperity of every country, and impatheme on which the enemies of the College did | tient for the prey now almost within their not fail to expatiate. The agitation against it, reach, were determined that King's College, therefore did not abate, and misrepresentation however changed in name and character, farther than to go into the apartment. He

that one of the easiest ways of making politi- In the beginning of 1857, as fresh storms This may be done by a judge, teacher, priest, cal capital was to denounce the utter useless- fraught with danger to the College, appeared or any other peaceable person. They then ness of the College, and the enormous cost it to be brooding in the political atmosphere, drink sherbet and chew betel nuts, and go home some members of the College Council, anxious | to tell the family what they think of the bride's As a sample, and by no means the worst for the fate of the institution and watchful father and friends. The marriage is performed sample that might be adduced, of the bitter- over its welfare, deemed it high time to move at the bride's house. A grand feast is preparness and unfairness of the attacks levelled in the matter. Accordingly, His Honor Jus- ed and the friends assemble, the men in the against the College, even after the important | tice Wilmot, then an active and useful mem- | main part of the house and the women in their modifications in the Charter already referred ber of the governing body, drew up a report own inner apartments. All are dressed in to, I quote the following sentence from a lead- on the condition of the College, and suggested | their best. Red is the favorite color for triming newspaper published in St. John, on the a plan for its improvement. He, at the same ming clothing worn at a wedding. The bridebeen subjected, the present occasion seems to | that the sons of a particular denomination may | was resolved that they be transmitted to the | On his head he wears a Turkey-red turban. It

> In 1858, Mr. Connell, with dogged persist- rings on his big toes. ency, again introduced a bill of even a more

PROFESSORS HELD IN SUSPENSE. During the weary times of trouble and con-Bishop was ex officio Visitor, the President the course of instruction. Little or no change, flict, the position of the Professors was far in public sentiment, for the better was effect from enviable. Harassed by suspense, and fil-England, and the members of the Council all ted. Long opposition had roused feelings of led with anxiety for the future of their familbitterness and exasperation in the breast of ies, it is not to be wondered at if their ardour those unfriendly to the College, and strong was damped and ther vigor and health so impassions and prejudices rather than principles paired as to render some of them prematurely henceforth influenced their actions. Moreo- aged. The College itself doubtless suffered ver, an extreme party-always dangerous be- from this as well as from the fact that most cause fierce and vindictive-had at length people were naturally unwilling to send their sprung up who declared that nothing less sons to an institution whose existence could

sion of the College. In terms not always Immediately after the passage of the bill either chaste or truthful they inveighed against | which was to deprive the College of the means the uselessness of the Institution and the hea- of support, the Council forwarded a petition triumphantly asked whether all attempts to bill, and the Professors addressed letters of reimprove it had not invariably ended in signal | monstrance to the Colonial Secretary. At a failure? The same result, they asserted, was later date, His Excellency the Hon. J. H. T. only sure and effectual remedy was its total ry a despatch reviewing in a comprehensive destruction. The cry now raised, if sadly and masterly way all the circumstances of the wanting in stern dignity and patriotism, re- case. The consequence was that Her Majesty, sembled in passionate and fanatical vindictive- by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, ness that of Cato of old, who at the close of declared Her disallowance of the Bill, simply every harangue against Carthage, made the on the ground that it annulled the pledged Senate-house resound with the ominous and faith of the Crown, so far as regards the sum granted out of the Civil List to the College, out of which the salaries of the Professors were

THE ATTACK RENEWED.

the endowment of the College. To this, an the introduction of a bill to suspend the grant amendment was moved by the Hon. J. A. to King's College, so far as relates to the sum tige of exclusiveness wiped out, has advanced Street, then Attorney General, to the effect of £1,100 paid out of the revenues of the Prothat a Commission be appointed to enquire vince, and not included in the Civil List. As nation in the Province, I leave you and the into the present state of King's College, its an amendment to this the Hon. Mr. Fisher management and utility, with a view of im- moved the substitution of a bill relating to proving the same, and rendering that Institu- King's College. This was, in effect, the bill tion more generally useful, and of suggesting which had been prepared by His Honor Justhe best mode of effecting that desirable ob- tice Wilmot, and which had been laid before pension of the present Charter desirable, then ment was carried; but the new bill was ve- his heart.

readily passed the Legislative Council, and and there was an easy gracefulness in the finally received the Royal assent.

of the history of King's College, I have pur- usually receive.

(To be concluded.)

THE WEDDING DAY IN INDIA.

The better educated among Hindoos and Mohammedans in India begin to see the evils of baby marriages. The custom did not formerly prevail among either class, nor does it at present among the Mohammedans of Ara-

bia, Persia, or Turkey. The Hindoos, however, claim that infant narriages were first introduced by Mohammedans; while they claim that they have adopted the custom in imitation of the Hindoos. It s thought by some that Hindoos first began to marry their children at an early age, to protect their daughters from the lawless desires of their Mohammedan conquerors, as they would be more likely to transfer a beautiful maiden to their Zenanas than to carry off a wife. Some of the ancient and leading Mohammedan law books allow parents to contract marriages for their children during their minority, but also provide, that when so married, they may, upon attaining majority, revoke the marriage. Custom has since made the early marriage of their children obligatory upon Mohammedans as well as upon Hindoos. annul the marriage upon becoming of age.

Mohammedan weddings are much simpler in form, and attended with much less unne-The recommendations of the Commissioners | cessary expense than the Hindoo marriages. Before marriage the father or any friend, male or female, of the bridegroom, is never allowed his male friends, go, as they express it, "To see the house and bride." He does not however, see the bride; nor does he enter the house takes with him a quantity of presents for the As few people in the Province were really in- In 1856, Mr. Connell brought in a bill to female members of the household he is to visit, terested in making themselves acquainted with suspend the grant to King's College; and all as he cannot see or consult with them, and it is the truth or falsehood of the stories so dili- though the bill prepared by the Commission- necessary that he should in some way favorgently propagated, it is little wonder that ers was moved in amendment, the former was ably impress them. After proposals have been many implicitly believed the unscrupulous as- finally carried in the House, but did not pass | made, and the dower arranged, the first chapter of the Koran, called the Fateeah, is read. Visitor, to be laid before the Legislature. he be rich, his clothing is finer, and trimmed with The paragraph is as follows :-The House ordered five hundred copies of the embroidering in gold and silver thread, more Did it never occur to you that the most bill to be printed, but no further action was or less elaborate according to his wealth. He beautiful scenery is off the great thorough-

The bride, if poor, is dressed in dark blue that the Creator had scattered abroad only sweeping and summary nature than had hither- trowsers, made very wide at the top, and so those common and garish splendors of sky sury of the Province for the endowment of the to been attempted. The first section of it narrow at the bottom she can scarcely put her and landscape which the common eye could read as follows :- All sums of money payable foot though. She has on some kind of gay appreciate; but packed away in nooks and corto the Chancellor, President, and Scholars of jacket, and a vail thrown about her head and ners, sheltered ravines and mountain tops, the petition, because the grant in question was King's College, Fredericton, and their succession was shoulders. The vail is sometimes of a dark blue those richer and finer beauties which it resors by any law and usage, shall from the first | cloth, ornamented with tiny looking-glasses, | quires a poetic or cultivated mind to perceive day of November next be discontinued, and and sometimes of thin, bright-colored muslin. and enjoy. So, did you never notice that all acts relating thereto shall be suspended." Her hair is all combed up to the top of her | there are out-of-the-way people in the world This bill was strenuously opposed; but having head, and from thence braided with strips of whose names do not figure in the public prints, been amended so as to extend the term of ex- red and yellow cotton. Her numerous orna- and are not down in the guide-book, but who, istence of the College to the first day of Feb- ments for neck, ears, arms, fingers, thumbs, nevertheless, are so full of beauty, wisdom, reruary, 1859, the friends of the institution were ankles, and toes, which make a tinkling as she | finement and virtue that we count their friendobliged to allow it to pass. It afterwards re- walks along, are made of brass, pewter, and ship a special privilege, and keep the anniverceived the concurrence of the Legislative Coun- | shellae. If the bride be wealthy, her clothing | sary of our acquaintance with them with relicil, and was assented to by the Lieutenant is of silk, richly trimmed with gold and silver gious sacredness, and wonder that the dull ribbon. Her trowsers are made comparative- multitudes have never found them out and ly narrow at the top, and are two or three | made pilgrimages to their firesides as to holy yards wide at the bottom. Her ornaments, shrines? How vulgar and cheap seem the are of gold and silver, and real jewels.

At the marriage the bridegroom repeats worthies of the earth! fter the priest or teacher certain chapters of the Koran, with the five creeds, the articles of belief, and the prayer of praise, after which he joins hands with the proxy for the bride, and their mutual faith is plighted in a prescribed formula. The bridegroom, probably, has not understood half a dozen sentences of all he has said. Prayers are then offered by the priest, who concludes the ceremony by sending some sugar candy to the bride, with a message that she is married to such a person. Her presence at the ceremony would be contrary to Mohammedan ideas of delicacy. The bride is conducted to her husband's house in a closely covered palanquin, the bridegroom his wits, which generally came at his bidding, usually riding on horseback. Their friends accompany them in carriages or on foot, and at the bridegroom's house have another feast. he will take it kindly to have you preach to On arriving at his door, the bridegroom carries his bride into the house in his arms. What must be their feelings as for the first time they behold each other's faces? Whether beauty or deformity, amiability or ill-temper, be stamped upon the face of either, for better or for worse, their fate is sealed. Though divorce is possible, it is hedged about with great difficulties, and they have no Indiana to which to flee. - The Index.

opened on the 1st of April for the season. The they heard in the morning. They understood first victim was a young Portuguese, aged 23, the joke, however, and said they would never who lost his entire fortune of 100,000 francs undertake to run away from Strong again. during the day, together with his senses. He became insane, and was taken to the city

A child may get to heaven without a penny

THE DRUNKARD'S SON.

A little boy stood in the door of a dilapidated child's manner that bespoke an early training In the preceding brief and imperfect sketch | more refined than the children of poverty

posely abstained from enquiring how far the | Eight summers only had the boy seen; but internal management by its then responsible there was an unnatural thoughtfulness on his head tended to affect the popularity and gene- brow, and as he stood absorbed in the contemral usefulness of the institution, and check the | plation of a subject evidently painful, his eye gradual increase of students. The motives gleamed with a strange light, his bosom which restrained me will be readily under- heaved, the blue veins in his fair young brow grew swollen and rigid, and the deep flush of

anger spread over those beautiful features. "Mother!" exclaimed he, turning suddenly toward a pale woman who sat busily plying her needle, "I shall run away, I can't live in this old house and be half-starved, and see you work day and night, and all because my father will get drunk. Yesterday the boys got angry with me, and called me a 'son of a drunkard.'

I can't bear it, mother-I will run away." The mother gazed on her boy as he stood there with clenched fists and gleaming eye, and the hot tears rained down her cheeks; for she knew how it must be for her sensitive boy to meet the cold scorn of the world. "And leave your mother?" was her only answer. It was

"I will never leave my poor mother," said bosom. "They may call names, if they will; and, mother, if we starve, we will starve together," he added, sinking his voice almost to

"We shall not starve, my son," said the mother, kissing him fondly. "He who said. 'Ye are of more value than many sparrows,' will take care of us. Can you trust God, my

"Yes, mother,—and I will never leave my dear, good mother." And the child forgot alike his anger and its cause, and with a light heart, bounded away to join his playmates.

Day after day passed, and the high spirit of the boy was often chafed by the scorn and taunts of his companions. The cruelty of an nebriate father and the wretchedness of a drunkard's home imparted no healing balm, no soothing influence. Yet he loved his mother; for her sake he was willing to endure; and the strong restraints of her love kept him from the vices to which he was constantly and fearfully exposed.

We cannot tell his heart-struggles; cannot tell how those aspirations to be and to do, rising as they do in every noble soul, did often gild his future with their radiance, only to be shrouded in darkness by the one reflection, the one withering blight-the aspiring boy a drunkard's child. Hard indeed is the heart of a drunkard. But we can tell how nobly he clung to that mother in all those years, and how honorably and successfully he fills one of the best pulpits in the land, aided in every good work by that wise, loving, and pious mother.—National Temperance Society Tract.

A GREAT TRUTH ILLUSTRATED.

A contemporary contains an editorial paragraph which is a gem. The truth involved is important, and the illustration so pertinent that we cannot refrain from its reproduction.

seldom wears any jewelry, unless it be silver fares and lines of travel-hid, as it were, in out-of-the-way places? It would almost seem made in the same fashion as the poorer bride's, notorieties of the street and market and platform, beside the out-of-the-way and unknown

> AGAINST RUNNING AWAY. Old Dr. Strong, of Hartford, Conn., was

not often outwitted by his people. On one occasion, he had invited a young minister to preach for him, who proved rather a dull peaker, and whose sermon was unusually long. The people became wearied; and, as Dr. Strong lived near the bridge, near the commencement of the afternoon service he saw his people flocking across the river to the other church. He readily understood that they feared they should have to hear the same young man in the afternoon. Gathering up he said to the young minister, "My brother across the river is rather feeble, and I know his people; and if you will do so, I will give you a note to him, and will be as much obliged to you as I would to have you preach for me. And I want you to preach the same sermon that you preached to my people this morning." The young minister, supposing this to be a commendation of his sermon, started off in good spirits, delivered his note, and was invited to preach most cordially. He saw before him one-half of Dr. Strong's people; and they had to listen one hour and a The gambling tables at Wiesbaden were half to the same dull, humdrum sermon that

Intemperance is the cause of nearly all the trouble in the world; beware of strong drink. "A Sanday given to the soul is the best of ject; and should such Commission deem a sus- the House two years previously. The amend- in his pocket, but not without love to Jesus in all means of refreshment to the mere intellect." -Isaac Taylor.