

received his early education in various schools of Western Ontario. He began his training in higher education in Victoria University, from which he graduated in 1881. Without delay he began his life's work, that of teaching. His ability as a teacher attracted the attention of Mount Allison University, New Brunswick, which called him in 1883 to the chair of physics and chemistry. With decided success he conducted this department until, in 1885, feeling the need of the most thorough training, he again entered the students' ranks. Taking his post-graduate course in natural science in Breslau, Germany, he obtained, in 1888, from this famous university, with honors, the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. In the fall of the same year Dr. Laird received the appointment to the chair of geology and experimental physics in Wesley college, which position he still holds with acceptance to the board of directors and profit to the students. Prof. Laird is one of Wesley's representatives on the University Council, also on the University Board of Studies, and is secretary of the faculty. From the days of "small things" in Wesley to the present in our more favorable situation in numbers and college halls, the students have ever been impressed with the fact, "the Dr. is our friend." He has been ready to assist the struggling student. He has the broad conception that a university course and a college training should prepare a student to engage in any honorable work in life. In the days of yore he has nobly defended Wesley's goal in the Intercollegiate football series, and in the new Wesley has been instrumental in introducing hand ball. For years Dr. Laird was president of the Literary society, and now holds the position of honorary president. He has devoted much of his time in directing and assisting the students, not only in the art of organizing, but of conducting this important department of college work. Dr. Laird early identified himself with the Manitoba Historical Society, of which he has been an energetic member. The society, wishing to express its appreciation of his services, has for the last two years elected him as their president, thereby having honored him and themselves.

PROFESSOR COCHRANE

Our mathematical professor, Robert Rutherford Cochrane, B. A., was engaged by the college authorities in 1888, the year in which the first active work of the college began. Professor Cochrane was born on August 9th, 1850, in Grey County, Ont. His parents, James and Susanna (Rutherford) Cochrane, emigrated from the North of Ireland about 1830. Mr. James Cochrane, a sturdy, honest Canadian pioneer, lent his best energies to the development of his new abode. When the community in which he had settled was sufficiently advanced to permit the establishment of a common school, it was on his farm, two acres of which were donated for the purpose, that the school was built. It was in this school that the Professor, together with his brother, now the well-known Rev. Dr. George Cochrane, the pioneer Methodist missionary in Japan, received their rudimentary education. By means of diligent home study, Professor Cochrane was enabled to qualify as a school teacher in 1866. Three years' teaching in Sullivan township furnished him with sufficient means to continue his studies for a term at Rockwood Academy, having completed which, he taught school in Wellington county for four years.

In 1875 he attended the Normal School at Ottawa, obtaining a first-class grade "A" certificate, after which he taught school in Ottawa for six years. He matriculated into Toronto University in 1879, graduating therefrom in 1885, taking first-class honors in mathematics and physics. In 1886 he was appointed principal of the Perth Collegiate Institute, which position he held until September, 1888, when he received his present appointment.

To the ability and energy of Professor Cochrane is due, in a large measure, the success of Wesley College. He is a born teacher and disciplinarian, with a love for his particular branch of learning, which makes his hardest work a pleasure. He is a man, whom but to know is to respect and honor. He is firmness itself, yet kind and painstaking with his students to the last degree. Although with little time at his command, he has published several valuable treatises on Mathematics and