

Governors of the College. The great mass of the members of the College reside in the country parts, and they complain that although nominally they vote for the representative Governors of their District, yet that vote is counteracted by the large number of the city practitioners, who also have the right to vote for the entire Board. These members, many of them, are connected with Schools, and by the influence among their graduates secure a large number of proxies. In this way these gentlemen are able to run a ticket, and by their own votes and that of their proxies elect the entire Board. In this way it is complained that a District has now and then thrust upon it men who are distasteful to them, and who in no way can be looked upon as representative men. We believe that there is much ground for these complaints, and that it is time that the College set about rectifying them by placing the election for each District in the hands of those who reside in the District. The matter was brought forward at the last tri-annual meeting of the College, and elicited a considerable amount of discussion. It was evident from the remarks which fell from the members who were present that there is a strong desire for a change. The matter was finally referred to the present Board of Governors, who are desired to report on the subject at the Tri-Annual meeting in 1886. There is ample time for the matter to be fully considered. In the meantime we invite correspondence from our subscribers, who feel interested in the proposed change.

REVIEWS.

THE POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY FOR JANUARY, 1884.

The Popular Science Monthly commences the new year in great force. It has a varied list of practical articles—"Catching Cold," "The Chemistry of Cookery," "Defective Eye-sight," and "Female Education from a Medical Point of View," while its more theoretical papers are "The Morality of Happiness," "The Control of Circumstances," "The Source of Muscular Energy," and "Idiosyncrasy," a brilliant article by Professor Grant Allen. But the two discussions that will attract most attention are "The Classical Question in Germany," by Professor E. J. James, which opens the number, and "Religious

Retrospect and Prospect," by Herbert Spencer. Professor James having just returned from Germany, where he has thoroughly investigated the subject, takes up the now famous "Berlin Report," which has been recently so freely quoted, to show that, according to the experience of the German universities, the classics afford a better preparation than the sciences. Herodotus's article on the Past and Future of Religion is one of the most original and profound pieces of work which that powerful thinker has contributed to the philosophical thought of the present age. It is a clear and forcible statement of the ultimate ground that science must occupy on the relation of evolution to religion. The religious element is demonstrated to be indestructible in human nature; but, as it has hitherto undergone extensive development and purification in the long course of human unfolding, it is destined to be still further purified and exalted by the progress of science and enlargement of the human intellect until all conflict disappears, and religion and science are completely harmonized.

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PERSONAL.

Dr. James Bell has tendered his resignation as Medical Superintendent of the Montreal General Hospital. His intention is to resume practice in Montreal.

Dr. W. H. Burland (M.D., McGill, 1876) has removed from Montreal to Florida, where he intends to locate.

Dr. Smillie, of Gaspe Basin (M.D., Bishop's, 1882), was in Montreal early in November on his wedding tour.

Dr. W. D. M. Bell (M.D., Bishop's, 1882), of Bear Brook, Ont., became a Benedict in Ottawa, early in December.

Dr. Tetrault (M.D., Bishop's, 1880), of Orange-N. J., U. S., visited Montreal the end of November on his marriage tour.

Dr. Playter, Editor of the Sanitary Journal, has removed with his Journal from Toronto to Ottawa.

Dr. Kennedy, Professor of Obstetrics in Bishop's College, has recovered so far as to be able to resume day work.