

REPORT.

In presenting the Second Annual Report of this Association, the Council beg respectfully to state that the transactions of the past year have deepened and confirmed their impression of its value. Although its proceedings may be recorded in a few sentences, yet these they feel to be pregnant with important results, containing the embryo of a power which shall yet be wisely and energetically exercised in the accomplishment of our object—the elevation of the youth of our communities by the elevation of its preceptors.

The regular monthly meetings have been held, but it is to be regretted that they were not so numerously attended as is desirable or as the importance of the object demands, yet the opportunities which have been afforded for the interchange of friendly feeling, and the conversations which have taken place upon the various subjects submitted to the notice of members by the contribution of papers, have afforded much pleasure, and it is to be hoped a considerable amount of profit.

The first paper of the Session was read by Dr. Dawson, being, "The Reminiscences of a visit made to some schools in the United States." The striking feature of which seemed to be the liberal provision made for the physical comfort, convenience, and health of the pupils in the construction and arrangements of their School rooms: the means to secure and almost enforce attendance; and in general the quiet manner in which the Teachers engaged in their important vocations, as contrasted with the more noisy but energetic method pursued in Britain and in this Province.

The nature of catechising was introduced by Mr. Williamson, who gave a short exposition of Gall's verbal, general, connecting, and indirect methods. The subject was acknowledged to be important, and a hope was expressed by the President that some member would resume it and point out the kind of catechising suited for various lessons, and the accom-