

at various places in the different Provinces—the change to come into effect in 1883. The latter step is a commendable one, and will merit the approbation of all concerned. The Trustees have also adopted a scheme for enlarging the revenue of the college—a step rendered imperative by the rapidly increasing number of students in attendance, and the inadequacy of the present teaching staff to overtake all departments of the work in an efficient manner.

THE system of co-education in colleges has received a practical endorsement in the stand taken this session by the young-lady students of Queen's in their respective classes. The best answer to those whose prejudices lead them to oppose the admission of ladies into colleges is to point to the attainments of members of the gentler sex, when allowed to enter into full competition for academic honors. As far as their ability to keep pace with, and in some instances surpass, their sterner competitors goes, the results of the recent examinations are amply conclusive. One young lady carried off the first prize in the largest class in college, while the other young ladies in attendance were also ranked well up on the list of those who were successful at the Finals. The honors were fairly won in each instance, and the JOURNAL tenders its hearty congratulations.

WE are confident that the Alumni and friends of the University will be gratified to learn that the esteemed Vice-Principal, Dr. Williamson, although no longer occupying the Chair of Natural Philosophy, will remain a member of the Senate. At the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees Dr. Williamson's resignation as Professor of Physics was accepted, but as he placed his services at the disposal of the Board he was elected Astronomer and Ob-

server of the University, with the status of a Professor. Dr. Williamson was also re-elected Vice-Principal, and remains a member of the Senate, so that although relieved of much laborious work, the College will retain the benefit of his counsel and long experience.

After forty years' active connection with the teaching staff of the College the Vice-Principal still retains much of the buoyancy and vigor of youth, and, while enjoying the rest to which he is so fairly entitled, we are glad to have the assurance that the deep interest which he has always taken in the welfare of the University is not to be withdrawn. We trust that the Vice-Principal may long enjoy the well-earned rewards of a successful life, an honor to the University, and a sterling example to the rising generation of students.

WE referred in a previous issue of the JOURNAL to the decision of the Privy Council, that the Provincial Legislatures had no jurisdiction in the matter of the Temporalities Fund of the Presbyterian Church, and that consequently legislation would have to be sought from the Dominion Parliament. The College Board felt that, by inference, the Ontario Act, under which it exists, might also be declared unconstitutional. The Trustees of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund saw that they, too, would probably be affected by the same decision. All those bodies, therefore, applied to the Dominion Parliament for Bills that were in substance reproductions of the Provincial Acts. These were discussed before the Private Bills' Committee of the House of Commons, the non-unionists opposing them with much animation, and passed by large majorities.

On March 27th the House of Commons in Committee passed the various clauses of the Temporalities Bill and reported it. On