

man, has had a most distinguished course. He received his preparatory training in University College, Toronto, where he took a gold medal for classics and his B.A., in 1872. For the next three years he occupied the position of Principal of the Yarmouth Academy, Nova Scotia. He then proceeded to the classic precincts of Balliol College, Oxford, and studied for four years under the renowned Jowett, who gives him the most flattering testimonials. He took high honours there and his degree in 1879. He was immediately afterwards appointed Professor of Classics in the Provincial University at Fredericton, N.B. He comes now to Queen's in the full vigor of life, and the Trustees have high accounts of his excellence as a Professor and the enthusiasm with which his students regard him. Then again he is a Canadian and adds to his knowledge of Canada and sympathy with Canadian young men, the highest Oxford culture. The study of classics in Queen's, conducted as it will be under Professors Fletcher and Nicholson, should bear the highest possible fruit.

The Trustees received a letter from Dr. Williamson, announcing his desire to resign the Professorship of Natural Physics, he having filled a position in Queen's for forty years and desiring rest. The letter was heard with profound sorrow by every member of the Board, and while it was necessary to appoint a committee to look out a successor it was unanimously resolved that Dr. Williamson should continue for at least another session so that sufficient time might be given to look for a man in all respects qualified for so important a chair.

With the contemplated retirement of Prof. Williamson a great college light seems suddenly to be dimmed. From the cradling of the institution, forty years ago, to the present time he has been the faithful friend, teacher and guardian of the institution, struggling for it in prosperity and adversity, bearing the labors and discomforts without a murmur, and modestly carrying the fame and honor it has given him. But for his fidelity to Queen's in her earlier life it is doubtful if she would now fill a place in the college world. He is, indeed, her foster father, and with a parent's love must view her great and growing prosperity with pride. Having helped her over the rough places it is now no selfish or ungenerous act to ask for the rest which age and long service have entitled him to. But it is by no means necessary that the beloved Doctor should sever his connection with the University. He will doubtless be spared for many years to sit in the Senate as Emeritus Professor of Physics, and Professor of Astronomy in his capacity of Director of Observatory, of which he has been the controlling spirit for so many years.

Among other business it was reported to the Board that the deficit of revenue for the past year was \$1500.

The retiring Trustees were re-elected, viz.:

Rev. William Bain, D.D., Perth,  
 Rev. Thomas G. Smith, D.D., Kingston,  
 Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., Toronto,  
 James McLennan, M.A., Q.C., Toronto,  
 Hon. Alex. Morris, M.A., D.C.L., Toronto,  
 George Davidson, Esq., Kingston,  
 George M. Kinghorn, Esq., Montreal.

The Revs. R. Campbell, M.A., and T. F. Fotheringham, M.A., were re-appointed lecturers for next session in the Faculty of Theology, and the Rev. James Carmichael, M.A., of King, lecturer on Church History for the session of 1882-83.

The Principal was authorized to secure assistance for Professor Dupuis in the junior classes.

### QUEEN'S COLLEGE JOURNAL.

REPORT 1880-81.

THE staff submitted their annual report to the Alma Mater Society, on Saturday, April 23. The report said (1) that Chancellor Fleming had generously undertaken the publication of 1500 copies of the first number for the year, which had been despatched to subscribers to the College endowment; (2) that fifty students in Arts did not take the JOURNAL; (3) that the circulation was 725 numbers, and that of 550 outside subscribers only 220 had paid up; (4) that the JOURNAL would have to cease publication unless more encouragement were given to the staff in the matter of finances, and also in "copy;" (5) that the JOURNAL had received the usual number of flattering notices; and that the following gentlemen compose the staff for 1881-82:

H. M. Mowat, Law.	F. I. Bamford.
W. Meikle, Theology.	A. J. Stephenson.
J. M. Stewart, Medicine.	C. J. Cameron.
W. J. Shanks, Sec.-Treas.	

The Alumni will be represented by Messrs. Meikle and Mowat.

The report was adopted with enthusiasm. It is very gratifying to the staff to receive such encouragement from the Society, and the new staff hope that the same confidence may be placed in them, which was merited by their predecessors. Nothing but the warmest praise was bestowed on the conduct of the JOURNAL for the last year.

### THE MEDICAL COUNCIL.

THE Faculty of the Royal College must feel gratified at the success of their students before the Medical Council of Ontario at the recent examination. The examinations were severe. But only three of the Final class in Medicine failed to pass the examination. The total number of final students who went up was over 90, and as only 30 succeeded passing, it will be seen to what advantage our students show when compared to those of other colleges.

Of the Trinity and Toronto students only fifteen got through. This created weeping and gnashing of teeth, and a mass meeting of the plucked ones was held in Toronto at which a charge was made against Dr. Sullivan, of this city, examiner in Anatomy, for partizanship, and spite against Toronto students. The hollowness of this charge will be seen at once when we consider that the names of students were not attached to the papers examined, and also that Dr. Sullivan's examination was concurred in by the other examiners, who were Toronto men. The real