

Annual Report

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Dr. Johnson
report as
President
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To the Board of Trustees
of
Ottawa University.

Since your last meeting great changes have taken place in our University, for which we should be devoutly thankful to Almighty God.

The ~~the~~ American Baptist Education Society had ^{then} offered us \$10,000 on condition that we raise ~~\$25,500~~.

We had much hope; but we were not sure of success; and we felt the strain of the suspense. Since that time God has given us more than we dared to anticipate, and this amount which we report to the Education Society as subscribed and partly paid is \$7,000 in excess of its demand. Then we were in

the old building, and were cramped ⁽²⁾
~~for room~~ without sufficient room
for our work, and amidst surround-
ings not ^{entirely} ~~wholly~~ congenial; but
during the whole of the present
school-year we have occupied
the new building and commodious
building, and have not ceased to
rejoice in our possession of it.

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The effect of these changes on both instructors and students has been wholesome. A new college spirit has been developed. All the classes, ~~have~~ even in the preparatory department, have organized by the election of officers, and have manifested ~~in a large~~ much of the class-pride and class-ambition which, when held within due limits, is so valuable in college life. The instruction in all departments has been as good as it ever was in the past, and in some departments it has been better. I do not know of a single instance in which an instructor has been late in his class-room, or in which a class has disappeared ~~from~~ without reciting on account of such tardiness. I

think I am the only college ~~Pres~~ President
in the United States who can say
this.

At your last meeting Prof. F. S. (5)
Dietrich ~~Prescott~~ presented his resignation.
I had already taken steps to secure a
man for the place, ~~but~~ and supposed
that he was to come to me, though
his formal consent had not been
given. A few days after your
adjournment he declined, and it
was necessary for me to look
further. I had exhausted such
sources of information in the
West as were open to me, and
I therefore determined to try in the
East, which I was about to
visit in the interests of the
University. A short time after
my arrival in the East Prof.
O. C. Charlton sent me his
resignation, so that I had two
positions to fill. The best opportu-
-nities for securing capable teachers

are in the spring, for it is then that
the majority of engagements are
made, and I had great difficulty in
~~fulfilling~~ my search at so late a period.
I saw numerous candidates, and
consulted the papers of many more.

Almost
At length, knowing that Prof. Sutherland
was willing to take the chair of
History and Political Economy
made vacant by Prof. Dietrich's
resignation, I recommended his
transfer to it. I secured Prof. Jas.
R. Emwing for the chair of Greek,
whose recommendations were
excellent, and Mr. W. H. Isely as
Instructor in Science.

I regret to say that we are
confronted by two vacancies at present.
Prof. W. E. Castle resigns, to pursue
post-graduate studies at Harvard
University, and Mr. Isely's engagement
is terminated, as it was but for the
year, his intention being to study
law. Both these gentlemen have
shown themselves industrious,
accomplished, and capable in
their work, and they will be
greatly missed both by Professors
and students.

To fill these vacancies I have
secured two men of very high
promise. One is Mr. C. J. Herrick, a
graduate of Dartmouth University, and
an instructor in Science there
during the past year. The other is
Mr. Frank H. Potter, who is about
to graduate this year from Colgate
University, and who has had
several years of successful
experience as a teacher. The papers
in reference to both these
gentlemen are of the ~~strongest~~
~~kind~~ most gratifying character,
and I submit them to you
herewith.

My work in the East was not [9]
limited to the search for teachers. At
your last meeting I was notified that
the ~~finances of the col~~ ~~un~~ income
of the University was less than its
expenditures by ~~about~~ the amount
of my salary, and that it would be
desirable for me to find ~~two~~ \$2,000.
if I could. I secured ^{on subscription} ~~something~~ nearly
~~amount~~ in New England, and
about \$1,000 have been paid during
the past year. \$

The traveling in the East necessary
to accomplish my work there
cost me something; but I kept no
record of my expenses, and
have not charged them to the
University.

It was impossible to canvass the (10)
State for ~~the~~ students last summer. My
duty to the University called me to
the East; Professors Dietrich and
Castle resigned; Prof. Sutherland was
busy in canvassing the town
for money to complete the new
building, and Prof. Ward in caring
for the farm; and thus there was
no one left who could labor in the
State at large. This summer, however,
a thorough and systematic effort
will be made to secure students,
and Professors Sutherland, Ward,
and Erving will spend considerable
time in this way. The two new
Professors whom I have
engaged also promise cheerfully
to enter into this work next
summer.