

we hope that the institution of classes for women may be a source of strength rather than of weakness to the Faculty of Arts. In this, as in previous educational enterprises, the University is not basing its action on any dogma or preconceived idea, but is following the indications afforded to it by the nature of the demand for the education of women, by the means placed in its hands, and the conditions on which these are given, by the experience of older universities, and by the requirements of the work as it proceeds. We thus hope to make the special course for women a living and progressive branch of the University, and while ready to adopt any improvement suggested by experience, shall proceed in a cautious manner not likely to involve us in any serious failure. We may, I think, look forward with much hope to the effort, and may anticipate that where it will develop and extend the higher education of women in a healthy and legitimate manner, it will exercise a useful influence in the elevation and refinement of the education of men.

The principal also referred at some length to the importance of establishing a dining-hall for the students.

MORRIN COLLEGE CONVOCATION.—The closing exercises of the classes of Morrin College were held in the College hall, when a large number of ladies and gentlemen were present. The graduating class, robed in gown and hood, followed by the professors, took their places, and, after the reading of Scripture and the offering up of prayer by the Rev. Mr. Love, the Rev. Dr. Mathews, in room of Dr. Cook, who was in Montreal, addressed the meeting. He stated that there had been twenty-three regular students in the classes the past winter, and that their conduct and progress had been most satisfactory to the professors. He ventured to say that the strong point of Morrin College was its teaching, owing to the fact that the students were brought into such constant contact with the professors. Its weak point was its finances, a larger sum being required for current expenses than was forthcoming. During the last year the College had been bequeathed \$2,000 by the late Philip Peebles, Esq., while another friend had donated \$500, the interest of which sums would ultimately be of service to the institution.

The Rev. Dr. Weir followed, and alluded to the fact that a meeting of such a nature as the present was a new practice for Morrin, which he hoped would be kept up for the future. The College was now over twenty years in operation, during which time it had not been numerously attended and was not likely to be unless more amply endowed. The work, nevertheless, which had been accomplished was not in vain.

At this stage of the proceedings the graduating class, consisting of Messrs. Rolph, Fergusson, Silves, Walter, Home and Campbell, were presented with their certificates entitling them to receive the degree of B.A. from McGill University.

For the first time in the history of Morrin College the ceremony of conferring a degree took place. The recipient was the Rev. John Bennett, of Almonte, a former student of Morrin College, who received the degree of D.D.