

tee who had undertaken its management, owing to causes apart from its special object, to which it is not necessary to refer. But during the whole of that period I delivered regular courses of lectures to large classes of ladies, embracing the same subjects as were taught by me in University College. Similar courses were given on their respective subjects by Professors Croft, Cherriman, Loudon, Young and Nicholson, along with Professor Geldwin Smith, Mr. Buchan, now Principal of Upper Canada College, and others. The Report of the sixth Session, which I happen to have preserved, shows that regular examinations continued to be held at the close of each session. In the first year the number of lady students amounted to upwards of 150. In subsequent years they increased till the hall of the Canadian Institute proved inadequate to accommodate their growing numbers; and the late Minister of Education granted the use of the large lecture room of the Technological College for the purpose. These, let me repeat, were not popular lectures; but of a strictly academic character, corresponding to those given to the College students. That I did not undervalue the influence of educated women, is shown in the following brief extract from "the same inaugural address: "I see in this bright hopes for the future. A class of highly-educated women in our midst would do more to elevate the tone of feeling, and to awaken nobler aspirations in the intellectual manhood of this young country, than anything else I can conceive of. I see no other means in any degree equally calculated to wean our young men of high promise from the enslavement of professional pursuits; the mere trading drudgery, whether it be of commerce or medicine, of the counting-house or the bar, which seems now their highest goal."

The success which attended the movement in Toronto for the Higher Education of Women led to our example being followed in Kingston and Montreal. On two occasions I visited Montreal and delivered the opening lecture of the Ladies' Association for their Winter Session. The scheme thus inaugurated there has been carried on with uninterrupted success, and has been crowned by the liberal bequest of a wealthy citizen for the purpose of founding a Ladies' College.