

A Successful Institution.

There is no work more intimately related to the well-being of a community or country than the intellectual and moral training of the young for the duties of citizenship. In past times this truth has been too commonly restricted to the education of boys. But it is one of the most gratifying signs of the times that, side by side, with the opening of new spheres of usefulness for women, there is a recognition of the duty and necessity of educating them so that they meet the responsibility of this new state of things with higher qualifications.

Not to speak of what other churches have done, under the auspices of the Methodist Church in Canada, an educational work has been accomplished in this department whose value cannot easily be over-estimated. From our different ladies' colleges have gone forth a goodly host of educated young ladies to brighten and bless Canadian homes, and be centres of refinement and intelligence in the communities through which they are scattered. It is of one of these institutions and its worthy principal that we desire to say a few words in this connection.

The chief part in securing the Reynolds' property for the establishing of a ladies' college at Whitby, was taken by the Rev. Joseph E. Sanderson, M.A. In September, 1874, the college was opened by the Earl of Dufferin, Governor-General of Canada, with Rev. J. J. Hare, B.A., as principal, and Rev. J. E. Sanderson, as moral governor. In 1878 the building was enlarged by the addition of Ryerson Hall, 60 x 60 feet; also by a private detached residence for the governor. In 1879, on the resignation of Mr. Sanderson, Dr. Hare was appointed governor as well as principal. From this it will be seen, that Principal Hare has nearly completed a quarter of a century of faithful and effective educational work, whose value, as a moulding and inspiring influence in the lives of those who have attended the college, cannot be expressed by any tabular statement or commercial currency.

Though Ontario Ladies' College has had to grapple with difficulties common to all similar institutions, its educational history has been one of continued progress and eminent success. The provision of ample accommodation has been justified by increased attendance. It has been the ambition of Dr. Hare from the beginning to build up a solid college, capable of doing work in every department of a higher grade than is usually attempted in a ladies' college; and the marked success of his students in

examinations through two years of a university course, amply proves that he has succeeded in accomplishing this object.

The same thoroughness and efficiency characterize the departments of music, art, elocution, and commercial and domestic science. The college is in no sense sectarian. The students attend the churches to which they belong. But it has been the constant aim of Dr. Hare to make the institution a centre of religious influence. In this object, as well as in all others, Mrs. Hare has faithfully co-operated with her husband; for, like him, she lives for the college. Mrs. Hare is the grand-daughter of the late Rev. Franklin Metcalf, one of the most honoured of the pioneer fathers of Canadian

The growth of the Epworth League has been steady and constant. The figures do not reveal any evidences of a "boom," and the oft prophesied "reaction" seems to have been delayed *en route*.

The other day we received a note from a minister in England, asking us to look after a young man from his charge, who had gone to America, and had found work in New York. We immediately wrote to a prominent League worker in New York, who found that the young Englishman was living near Dr. Cadman's church, and one of the young people of that congregation was immediately put upon the stranger's track. Something of this kind should always be done when a young man removes from one city to another.

We are pleased to announce that, commencing with our next number, Rev. S. T. Bartlett, of Madoc, will take charge of the Junior page. Mr. Bartlett is one of the most competent Junior workers in our Church, and the Junior department under his direction will bristle with helpful hints for both superintendents and juniors. All correspondence regarding the Junior page should be sent direct to Bro. Bartlett.

REV. G. M. MILLIGAN, of Toronto, while conducting a service in Kingston recently, prayed for the members of the House of Commons, one of the petitions being that they might "talk less, and do more." When it is remembered that the Legislature was in session for over a month without doing a stroke of work—nothing but talk, talk, talk—there was considerable appropriateness in the prayer. There are some Leagues and churches for which this would form a most appropriate motto: "Talk less, and do more."

PRIZE ESSAY.—The editor of this paper will give a prize of \$15.00 for the best essay on Bishop Simpson's motto: "We live to make our own Church a power in the land, while we live to love every other Church that exalts our Christ." The following are the conditions:

1. The essay must be written by a member of the Epworth League in Canada, outside of the ministry.
2. It must not be less than 800 nor more than 1,500 words in length.
3. Manuscripts must be sent to this office not later than August 1st, 1899.
4. The prize will be payable \$10.00 in books, and \$5.00 in money.



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FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS PRINCIPAL ONTARIO LADIES' COLLEGE.

Methodism, and the slaughter of the late Rev. D. C. McDowell, whose death during the last year, removed one of the best friends of the College.

The efficiency of the teaching staff, as evinced by past success, and the ample facilities afforded since the building of Frances Hall, place Ontario Ladies' College in the front rank of such institutions in America, and give it strong claims to a good share of the patronage and support of those who have daughters to educate.

The next issue of this paper will be the Convention Number, which will have four extra pages, and will be profusely illustrated.