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We wish to correct a statement of President Magill's, in a communication to the *Intelligence and Journal*, referring to the Provincial University, Toronto. The impression would be formed that women are not admitted to the lectures of the course. He was correct in saying that they are admitted to examinations. They are also allowed to attend lectures through the full course. It may be said, however, that this latter privilege was not granted until some time after Queen's and Victoria Universities opened their doors; and the attendance is small. One of the most distinguished graduates of the past year is a lady—a medalist in modern languages.

## GROWTH.

Keeping up our meetings means the perpetuation of our religious organization, and to a certain extent the promulgation of its blessed principles. Although the great work of our life is to promote the true development of our own souls, and of those around us everywhere; yet, so long as there is a necessity for a religious organization, there is also a necessity to work for its growth. This, it seems to us, has been too much overlooked by the Society of Friends. We lament the decline which, in too many cases, has taken place. Yet we have too often neglected to adopt means to check that decline, or to promote a growth in our numbers. We have looked too little to results. We look around us and see meetings seemingly under very favorable circumstances losing interest and then in numbers—always in interest first. On the other hand, meetings seemingly under unfavorable circumstances growing in numbers and spiritual activity. There is a cause for these results. It is the duty of every Friend, we believe, to inquire into their cause, and to be willing to adopt means which in so many cases have proved effectual. We are pleased to see the increased life and activity which is manifesting itself in many places throughout the length and breadth of our Society. We have heard so much in the past of the fear of "moving too fast"—of "running before the guide." But we must remember that we cannot move too fast so long as we move in the truth. The lack has been that we have moved too slow—too often we have not moved when the truth presented. Instead of "tarrying at Jerusalem" in life and activity, we have watched with the Master, as did the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane—asleep. We have placed too little confidence, too few trusts, in our younger members, hence have lost the activity and life, and, may we not add, the interest which their presence and help might have given, and which we are satisfied they do give where they have the proper encouragement. In a united effort on the part of old and young,—a loyalty to the truth,—a willingness to act, and to act promptly when the truth presents, depends our true growth and development.