

attained to a safe and progressive position in this important matter; and that, by continuing its work in the direction already pursued, it has an

assured prospect of taking a leading place among Canadian universities in the great enterprise of providing for the higher education of women.

LETTERS TO YOUNG MEN AT COLLEGE.

Introductory.

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IF I were to die to-morrow, a large share of the anxiety about temporal matters natural to me as a father would be about the future of my children. With the best of mothers remaining there would be still the fact that boys will be boys, and that they require the counsels and the guidance of both parents, and not unfrequently the authority of the one capable of exercising it. It is with them that I shall have chiefly to do in these letters. It would be rude, however, to omit any reference to the gentler sex, and I shall presently make amends. There is a French saying *place aux dames*, but the politest of peoples are accustomed to be addressed by their orators with a total disregard of their own sayings. And so here it will be *Messieurs*, and in good time, *Mesdames* or *Mamselles* rather.

The unprotected boy is hard to contemplate; but there are darker pictures which however we will not refer to at present. Every one puts aside the gloomy picture and hopes for the better things. *Spero meliora* we have heard; and some one is now saying through the press *pet altiora*. The wisest of Fathers remains to every unprotected child; but He remains along with the legacy of good and evil inseparable from the human parents. My anxiety, therefore, in the event re-

ferred to as possible to-morrow would be proportioned to my sense of responsibility as a parent. What bequests of fortune or character or temper naturally come to my children? As to the fortune, that could be arranged in short time, as well for the simplicity that befits small possessions, as for the fact that I have already instructed the rising generation of my profession and others dabbling therein in the secrets of drawing a "simple" will. We will not concern ourselves here as to what disposition a father should make of his property or the son when it comes into his hands, it will be rather what is to be done with such gifts of mind and character as we are all variously endowed with. It will be such remarks as a man might make to the proposed guardian of his children, and whoever wishes to avail himself of it in his will can do so if he pleases. There will be charge for legal advice and no offence taken if the reader prefer his own.

Most people who write on these matters forget that they were ever children themselves, or were ever at College, and they write from the horseback and whip-in-hand style. The old writer who thought nothing human to be foreign to him was in a more suitable mood. I can take a hand in yet with my college chums