

The departments of Music, Elocution and Fine Arts have maintained their efficiency and have been largely patronized.

The Business School has been greatly improved. The chapel of the former building, a room 50 x 50, has been fitted up with banking offices, merchants' emporiums; and lectures upon Commercial Law and other subjects have been appointed, and the College is now able to offer attractive courses in this department. (a) Book-keeping; (b) Shorthand and Type-writing; (c) Practical English. All graduates of the Business School receive the regular diploma from the Senate of the College.

During the year Dr. F. J. Livingstone, the chosen representative of the Missionary Society in the foreign field, has entered upon his work in Africa.

The Missionary societies, the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A., have been most active in their operations.

We desire to thank the ministry and laity of the Methodist Church for their hearty co-operation with us in the work of the College, and we rejoice greatly that the present year has been one of such marked success. We hope to ever merit your confidence and support.

(Signed)

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THE WESLEYAN LADIES' COLLEGE, HAMILTON.

To the President and Members of the Conference.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—One of the most striking sentences in Tertullian's Apology reads, "We are but of yesterday and by to-day are grown up, and overspread your empire; your cities, forts, towns, camps, palace, senate, all swarm with Christians." It is with something of the same pardonable pride that we recall the fact that our Church, one of the youngest, has given to this country the first university, the first ladies' college, the first religious journal, and the first publishing house. These facts are the more noticeable when put side by side with the notion hardly yet abandoned, that Methodism is more likely to emphasize the emotional than the intellectual. Buckle, in his "History of Civilization in England," wrote in 1857: "Since the death of their great leaders, they have not produced one man of original genius, and since the time of Adam Clarke they have not had among them even a single scholar who has enjoyed a European reputation." Buckle would hardly write that to-day. But if he did, we would modestly suggest that the chief function of the Church is not to produce men of original genius, but rather to sanctify and ennoble all genius. Neither would the possession of men of European reputation be a satisfactory guaranty that we were in the true succession. Church organizations have had men of original genius and world-wide reputation, and still have been utterly powerless to melt and mould society into diviner forms.

Nevertheless we freely and promptly admit that a system that awakes not the dormant intellect and secures not more rational conceptions of God and His relations to us could hardly claim the stamp divine. Here we have no apology to offer for our Church. She needs none. Illiteracy