

has done very much to elevate the standard of general education. In another direction, we have given the stamp of a University guarantee to the education communicated in the higher Schools, by our University School Examinations and Certificate. The High Schools of Montreal and Quebec have alone, as yet, received this benefit, but we are very desirous to extend it more widely; and probably could do so had we means to defray the necessary expenses of the examinations, and to hold forth adequate rewards to those boys who might attain the highest places and who desire to pass through the College. Within the past fourteen years, we have also sent forth from the College, a considerable number of young men, who have devoted themselves to teaching, either for a time or permanently. The influence of the College has thus been beneficially impressed on the schools; and if we could attract to the College a larger number of young men from the humbler ranks of society, this influence might be greatly increased.

Farther, I believe that similar benefits might be extended by the University to the education of young women. I have no doubt that the more elementary education is now carried on in our many excellent private schools for girls very efficiently, and I have no wish that the University should assume its responsibilities. But there seems no reason why the School Examinations of the University should not here, as in the case of Cambridge and Oxford, include the pupils of schools for young women; and I think it would be quite possible for the University to provide lecturers on scientific and literary subjects, whose classes should be open to the pupils of all Ladies' Schools in the city, and whose certificates of attendance and examination should be given to such pupils. I do not propose either that young women should attend the ordinary college classes, or that, except in special cases, the ordinary professors should lecture to them. I would have special class-rooms, and in many instances at least special lecturers appointed by the University. Of course this is a purpose for which the constitution of the University does not permit its funds to be used, even if they were sufficient for it, which they are not. I only wish to intimate my conviction, that an opening for usefulness lies in this direction, which I have often wished to have the means of cultivating, knowing that in this country very few young ladies enjoy to a sufficient ex-