

It is, however, most creditable to those students who did compete that, without exception, they should have obtained so enviable a position in this department of historical science.

I have the honor to remain, dear Madam,
Your obedient servant,

JOHN CAMPBELL.

During the last session, there has been, in connection with, and under the auspices of the Association, a French class, which Professor Darey volunteered to conduct, in the hope of encouraging the study of French. This is a development of the work which has been much desired, and to arrange for which, a sub-committee was formed, consisting of Mrs. Clark Murray, the Hon. Mrs. Waud, and Mrs. S. E. Dawson. Professor Darey's letter is given:—

MONTREAL, April 16th, 1883.

DEAR MADAM,—In presenting a report, according to your wishes, on the French classes held this winter, under the auspices of the Ladies' Educational Association, I beg to say that my courses were somewhat tentative. I endeavoured to make my lessons, they could only be called *lectures* by courtesy, as practical as possible. The course before Christmas, consisted of studying a subject, such as a period of Canadian History, the City of Montreal, a journey to New York, &c., and then speaking in French exclusively on that subject. About 20 ladies joined those classes.

I am very happy to say that those *entretiens* were satisfactory to the ladies; so much so, that they were desirous to continue them after Christmas, which we did. We changed our rooms, much to our convenience and benefit. The tables in our new *locale* enabled us to give a great variety to our lessons. We had dictation, composition, reading, tasks to do at home, and as much French conversation as possible. During the whole of the time a great deal of enthusiasm was manifested. We did not attempt any lectures on French literature, for we did not think the class sufficiently prepared to do so. There was a great