

they are more so. The success of your experiment may therefore be regarded, I trust, as not doubtful."

This course was followed by one of fifteen lectures on Physiology, by Dr. Wright, and on Mental Philosophy, by Prof. Clark Murray. Both courses of lectures were very well attended; so well, that some disappointment was felt by Dr. Wright when only seven students came up for examination. Several of these ladies passed with brilliant success. Dr. Wright concludes his report by saying:—"My report would be incomplete were it to end without an expression of surprise from me at the high degree of excellence exhibited in many of the answers. Several of them were so perfect as to receive the full number of marks, and others so close to these as to fall short by a very small deficiency. The Ladies' Association may therefore be congratulated upon the success of its enterprise as shown in such fruits of proficiency, ripening under its endeavors to advance the accomplishments and learning of its members."

In January the lectures were resumed, and Dr. Dawson commenced a course on "Historical Geology," in compliance with a very strongly expressed wish due to the interest felt in the lectures given in 1871, on "Useful and Ornamental Stones." The students were again small in number in comparison with the auditors.

The different lecturers regretted that out of the large number of auditors, so few should present themselves for examination. It is hoped that next year the number of students examined will be very much increased. In the course on "Physiology" only eight candidates came forward, although the attendance showed 150 persons present. In "Mental Philosophy," the proportion was larger: eighteen out of forty. Dr. Dawson in his report says:—"I was somewhat disappointed that so small a number came up for the examination. It is, I think, much to be regretted that so few of the students can be induced to come up for the examinations, as it is certain that in the future the ordinary pass certificates of the Association will be highly valued by those who may be so fortunate as to possess them."

The thanks of the Association are given to Dr. Dawson for his assistance and advice, also for his liberality in having returned \$330 of the Lecture fees, having disbursed \$70 for expenses. This sum has been devoted to a testimonial to Principal Dawson, with the unanimous concurrence of the present Committee. The thanks of the Association are also due to Professor Goldwin Smith, who delivered the inaugural lecture, to a large and interested audience, on October 1st, 1872. Thirty-five students came up for the different examinations during the session. Miss Carrie Cordern alone fulfilled the conditions under which students are allowed to compete for the "Hannah W. Lyman Memorial Prize," and having passed all the examinations before Christmas, and taken first class rank in both Historical Geology and Mental Philosophy at the close of the session, both prizes have been awarded to her.

The financial condition of the Association is not quite satisfactory, several subscribers having withdrawn, and the desirability of a steady number of annual subscribers is much felt. The sum received from subscribers is \$1716; from sale of students' tickets, \$241.25. The balance from last session, \$665.52. The expenditure of the present year amounts to \$2,192.92.

The Synod Hall has been secured as a Lecture Room for the session of 1874-75. It has also been decided that each member will have the privilege of receiving with her member's ticket, either a student's ticket, not transferable, or a visitor's ticket, which can be transferred at pleasure. Arrangements have been made for a Course of Lectures on "Optics," one on "English Literature,"

and one on "Hygiene." A Course of Lectures on French Literature is also proposed. The number of lectures has been reduced to sixty. The committee suggest for the session of 1875-76, History, one Modern Language and Literature or Moral Philosophy, and some scientific subject.

Rev. Canon Baldwin moved—"That the Report now read be received and adopted, and printed for circulation." In speaking to his motion, the Canon dwelt on the wonderful influence of educated women on the national prosperity, on the status of women among the ancients, the change effected by Christianity, and illustrated by historical references his remarks on the high cultivation of ladies in different ages. He expressed deep interest in the success of the Association.

Rev. Dr. CORDNER seconded the motion, and was glad of the opportunity of testifying his interest in so laudable an undertaking as that of the Association. He considered it was doing quiet but valuable work in the community, and highly approved of its objects. He referred to the efforts of the Professors and Ladies on behalf of the cause and paid a deserved compliment to the chairman for his warm cooperation in every scheme for the promotion of sound education in this country. He approved of the reduction of the number of lectures, and alluded to the effect such an Association as this must have in completing a school education.

His Honor Mr. Justice SANBORN moved—"That this meeting, recognizing the valuable work which this Association is carrying on, pledges itself to put forth renewed efforts to secure success and permanence in the future."

In speaking to his motion, the learned Justice remarked that he was glad, though almost a stranger to Montreal, to show his interest in the work of the Association, a notice of whose inception he had seen in a paper some three years ago. He was surprised at its rapid progress, and was sure that it would continue to prove a valuable help in giving higher education to ladies. He alluded to the very false idea of an education being finished by a course of a year or two at a boarding school. Education in its highest sense was only finished with life. He instanced the case of Agassiz and Michael Angelo, who continued their studies to the day of their death. He referred to the interest taken now-a-days in the acquirement of knowledge, and to the gratification he felt at the ready manner in which the Association had acknowledged Dr. Dawson's valuable services.

The motion was seconded by Professor Campbell, who in the course of his remarks warned lady students not to divide their attention among too many subjects, nor on the other hand, to pursue one or two to the exclusion of other necessary branches. He advocated the study of literature, which was frequently neglected.

The Chairman made some interesting remarks on the progress of the Association and its future prospects, and after thanking the various speakers, touched on the influence of the movement and on the value of the certificates of the Association to their holders. He urged the students to submit more generally to examination in the subjects lectured upon, and advised them not to contemn 2nd or 3rd class certificates; 1st class ones could not always be got even by students at Universities. He hoped the present Association was paving the way for a Ladies' College, adding that many of the Examination papers he had seen would do credit to any Educational Institution. He expressed his gratification at the testimonial presented to him by the Ladies of the Association, while assuring them he had been quite repaid by his pleasure in the work.

The work of the coming year was next alluded to. Prof. Johnson would lecture on "Optics," with illustrations