

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CORPORATION OF THE UNIVERSITY IN SEPT., 1884.

On the acceptance of the donation of the Hon. Mr. Smith, a special meeting of the corporation was called for the 20th of September last, and the letter of Mr. Smith and the resolution of the governors thereon were submitted to the corporation, which has the power of framing regulations relating to the educational aspect of such benefactions. A resolution of thanks to Mr. Smith was passed unanimously, and a plan was submitted by the principal for carrying out the objects intended, along with an estimate that the income of the endowment would suffice for the educational work of the first and second years in arts, provided that no expense were incurred for rooms or buildings. The following arrangements were then agreed to for carrying on the work in the first year and preparing for the succeeding years:—

1. The classes for women under the Donalp A. Smith endowment shall, for the present, be conducted as a Special Course in the Faculty of Arts, under chap. 7, section 6, of the statutes.

2. That the faculty be requested to prepare regulations and make arrangements for the said special course, reporting to the corporation at its meeting in October, but with power immediately to begin the classes for women, in so far as the first year's work in the faculty of arts is concerned.

3. That the faculty be authorized to admit to the matriculation examination such women over 16 years of age as may offer themselves, and also to admit as partial students in the classes for women any who may be able to proceed with the classes in the hope of making good their standing at a later date.

4. That, with permission of the board of governors, the professors and lecturers of the university shall be the instructors in such special course as far as possible, and that the board of governors be requested to grant permission for this purpose and to provide such assistance as may be required, the whole within the amount of the income of the said endowment, or such proportion thereof as may be devoted to the work of the first year.

5. That the principal be authorized to confer with the executive committee of the Ladies' association as to any co-operation which may be practicable, reporting to the corporation in October, but with power to make temporary arrangements with approval of the Faculty of Arts.

6. That the chancellor and principal be authorized to confer with the trustees of the Trafalgar Institute as to terms of co-operation or affiliation, and to report to the corporation.

7. That the Normal School committee be requested to consider the question of the relation of the classes for women to the interest of teachers in training, and to report on the subject if necessary.

8. That the principal be authorized, with consent of the board of governors, to procure the necessary class-rooms for such of the classes for women as cannot be conveniently accommodated in the college building.

It would be folly to believe that by these resolutions the corporation did not commit itself to the idea of carrying out the work of education in the junior years in separate classes. Such a supposition would imply that the university accepted Mr. Smith's gift fraudulently and with intent to deceive. But, on the other hand, the university did not bind itself to spend on this object one penny of educational money beyond that which was placed in its hands for the purpose, or commit itself to any method in relation to the third and fourth years.

ACTION OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS.

What, then, has been the action of the faculty under these provisions? It promptly and unanimously issued an announcement stating the subjects of matriculation and study for the first year, and informing the public that a course for the second year will be announced for the session of 1885-6; and in regard to the third and fourth years, that it is "expected" the corporation will be able to provide courses of study for those years, but whether in separate or mixed classes is not stated. Under this arrangement the classes were opened, and have now fourteen undergraduate and partial students and thirteen occasional. The instructors, on whom the work of the first year devolves, have all cheerfully undertaken the labour required of them, and the new class-rooms in the Peter Redpath museum have proved sufficient to accommodate the classes without interference with the natural science teaching. The institution of the new classes has already encouraged the board of governors to appoint the long-desired assistant to the professor of classics, and to invite to this country an able graduate of an English uni-