

	ENROLMENT.				AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.			
	GENTLEMEN.		LADIES.		GENTLEMEN.		LADIES.	
	Boarders.	Day.	Boarders.	Day.	Boarders.	Day.	Boarders.	Day.
1879-80.	67	36	32	31	45	25	25	20
1880-81.	72	31	37	43	46	17	29	27
1881-82.	82	35	55	48	51	22	40	26
1882-83.	113	18	72	43	71	22	48	30
1883-84.	122	26	67	45	69	19	38	30
1884-85.	122	29	44	34	76	18	32	26
1885-86.	108	26	38	52	66	15	27	28
1886-87.	107	14	40	44	66	13	24	22
1887-88.	107	10	31	18	70	9	21	11

The above figures show, that while the average attendance of gentlemen boarders has remained about the same for the past six years, that of the lady boarders has steadily decreased. The loss in day pupils during the past year arises chiefly from the fact that but one teacher has been employed to give lessons in drawing and painting, and little effort has been made to induce a temporary attendance for special lessons in these subjects. In fact, except in the case of residents of Woodstock and immediate vicinity, I have deemed it undesirable to induce attendance either for music or painting, believing, as I do, that an earnest effort must now be made to elevate the views of our people respecting the whole subject of female education. I may here state, that but for special and unremitting efforts on my own part, the attendance of lady students taking the regular course of study would have been very much smaller. The matter of permanent provision in behalf of young women demands, at this time, in our system of denominational education, a complete re-adjustment. I gave expression to this conviction in my report of last year,* and time confirms me in the belief that it is eminently unwise longer to ignore the patronage and support of that large portion of our people who feel that

* The following is the passage in that report:—"The attendance of lady students during the latter part of the year being so limited, it seemed to me to be prudent to close the Ladies' department for the ensuing year, until the College is duly recognized as contemplated by the provisions of the Charter. Such a course would be immediately economical. On making my views on this subject known to members of the Board of Trustees, there was a general feeling that it would not be wise to make any change the present year. While I cheerfully concur in that view, it is clear to me that the work of female education among us requires the most earnest and careful attention. There is needed such a re-adjustment of the several departments of the College as will make it possible to provide such facilities for the training of our daughters as shall leave no reasonable grounds for any of our people to withhold their sympathies and support from the College. There is not, I believe, any good reason why this should not be done in the most complete and permanent manner in our coming work of re-organization."