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WE notice with pleasure the great prosperity of our institutions this year. The already large attendance at the Seminary has been much increased since Christmas holidays. Those in charge find it somewhat difficult to provide accommodations for all. There is no Ladies' College in these Provinces more efficiently equipped. Miss Graves is determined to make the school the best in the country, and, backed by so able a staff, she must succeed. The natural method of teaching modern languages, which is the one in use in the German and French Universities, has lately been introduced by Mme. Bauer, and is attended with marked success. The class in French numbers 51. All departments are marked by efficient work and rapid progress.

The attendance at the Academy now numbers over seventy-five, and every room in their boarding hall is occupied. The great raise in the requirements for matriculation renders the Senior class smaller and

the lower classes larger than usual. This is a sign of health, and augurs well for the future of this Institution.

So far, this term in College has been characterized by evidences of increased interest in class work and in the various social and religious organizations on the Hill. We have no doubt that this spirit of earnestness and determination will continue, and will make this year one of the most, if not the most prosperous, in our history.

NOTHING is more universally desired than success. The question comes: On what principle does success depend? Why are the successful men of a generation so few, and the great men still fewer? Why is it that only a few men rule, are eminent, and count in the grand advance? Are some fortune's favorites, while others are dogged by a blind and relentless adversity, or is success under the domain of law and the working out of a grand underlying principle?

Every effect must have a cause and the accidents of nature are few. Men of genius stand thick in the pathway of life. Among the riches of human nature are capacities and powers grand in their possibilities, insignificant in their attainments. That ill-defined power of genius does not measure the worth of a man to the world or a cause. Energy is as efficient to tear down as to build up and one power of the soul may only exert itself against another or tear down this work. Work itself, in its objective attainments, may be nearly as fruitless. But the talisman of success is encased in the allied powers of energy, attention, and perseverance. The thoughtful constant exercise of these powers is the necessity for permanent success. They are the qualities the world rewards and the badge of personality in the moral realm, while persevere to the end is also the warning and law of the divine and eternal.