

place. So that we have reason to suppose that the junior and senior matriculants will be at least equal in number to those we had in the previous year. The number of candidates examined for junior matriculation in the year just closed was 160; in the local examinations for women, 72; supplemental examinations in September, 72; arts examination. in May, 342; law examinations, 33; total, 736. Now, of the 315 persons who attend University College, the denominations are given as follows:—

Presbyterian, 146; Episcopal, 55; Methodist, 63; Baptist, 31; Roman, Catholic, 13; Society of Friends, 3; Congregational, 4. I may also give you some statistics as to the women under-graduates, and those of the standing of the fourth year number 5; of the third year 4; of the second year, 18; of the first year, 54—a total of 82. They have obtained in all, 307 honours, of which 159 are first class and 148 second-class, and they have won nine scholarships. With reference to the general standing of the University there are just two points to which I will draw your attention in the same line of information as that which I have been following. The number of degrees conferred since the founding of the University was 974, of which 14 were *ad eundem* and 860 have been students in University College, leaving 100 original degrees conferred upon non-attendants. These figures point eloquently to the very close practical relations existing between the teaching and degree-conferring body.

There is another statement which I wish to lay before you. We have, as is known, not merely an official relation, but a very close practical relation between this University and those institutions of high training which are known as Collegiate, Institutes and High Schools throughout the Province. Now of

the head-masters of these institutions there are 51 graduates of Toronto University out of a total of 94 who have graduated from Ontario institutions. Of the assistant masters, Toronto University sent out 73 out of a total of 98; and of 31 assistants who are under-graduates of Ontario institutions, 26 belong to Toronto University. From the figures presented we see that the share which the University is bearing in supplying the higher education of the Province is not merely a large, but an increasing one. It is quite obvious that none but the best results may be anticipated for the future of the institution, from the few figures I have given.

I rejoice to know that during last year, and the preceding years, greater degree of activity has been shown by those in various relations to the University and its concerns. Convocation has been more active. The body of its under-graduates and graduates has also been more active, and generally speaking I think it may be said that a new era, almost, has opened before us—that the *esprit de corps*, the warm feeling for the institution to which they owe so much has been, I will not say kindled, but kindled into a more fervent flame than used to illuminate, and we may hope from them also the best results. There has been during the last year a considerable amount of discussion with reference to this institution, and with your permission I wish to refer to a few of the facts which have sometimes, I think, been a little overlooked in this discussion, on the part of those who have taken part in it—I will not say in hostility, but in modified opposition to the views which we cultivate. It is never to be forgotten that with reference to the officers of this institution—whether they be the professors, the Council of University College,