

'College girls keep health—show capability for close and continuous mental labor—are very zealous in their work—possess the same variety of aptitude—are equal to the higher mathematical studies—and there is no evidence of any deterioration in their moral character resulting from association with the students of the other sex.'

Similar testimony is borne by the officers of the Boston University, Cornell University, Oberlin, and nearly all of the other colleges of the Northern and Western States. It will not avail to cite the Kingston embroglio as contrary evidence. One instance proves nothing, and the incident under consideration shows only the lack of tact of an individual professor and the boorishness of certain male students.

Finally, if we return to the first principles involved in the question, it will readily appear how utterly unreasonable and unjust is the action of the President of University College. The first duty of a state is self-preservation. This can only be secured by the general diffusion of intelligence among the people of that state. Hence it is the manifest duty of the state to provide schools for its citizens. Recognizing this fact, the government of George the Fourth created the corporation of King's College, Toronto, granting it a charter in which occur these words, 'We ordain and grant a College for the education and instruction of youth and students in arts and faculties.' Now the youth of Ontario certainly include its young women, and the University Senate has recognized them as 'students in the arts and faculties' by the fact that they are allowed to write at examinations and obtain scholarships. Moreover no one can deny that the grounds which, as stated above, led to the foundation of this College have the same application to young women as to young men. Since, therefore, not only the letter but a rational interpretation of the spirit of the charter go to prove the right of young women to attend our Provincial College, it will be a difficult matter for the College Council to clear themselves of the charge of having committed a very serious injustice in this matter. We are informed that steps are on the eve of being taken by one of the rejected ones to obtain a writ from the courts compelling the Council to admit her to lectures in the College. With all our hearts we wish her God-speed.

A. STEVENSON.

PICKERING COLLEGE, October 3rd, 1883.

A 'VARSITY TEMPERANCE LEAGUE.

To the Editor of the 'VARSITY.

Within the last few years a number of societies with various objects in view have been formed at the University. Some have been purely social in their character, as the 'Owls,'—some have been formed in order that the work of the various departments may be better mastered—as the Natural Science Association, and the Modern Language Club. We are glad that these societies exist. There can be little doubt that they are of very great benefit to their members, and recognizing the power of such associations, we would be glad to see another formed—one that would be for the welfare of its members as much after they have left the University as while they are in it. In a word, we advocate the establishment at the University of a Temperance League. It is not necessary to enter upon the much vexed question of Temperance vs. Moderate Drinking. The voice of the age has practically decided the question. The tendency of the age is in favor of abstinence. One would not, of course, wish for one moment to impugn the motives of those who advocate the cause of moderate drinking, but there would hardly be any necessity for forming a league to carry out their principles. We are not afraid, therefore, in urging the formation of the Total Abstinence League to hear that the cause is a bad one. Rather are we afraid to hear that it is impracticable, yet altogether impracticable it can hardly be, for such a league has been formed at Harvard and is meeting with the greatest possible success. Fail altogether, the league that we propose, cannot, for the attempt to establish it would be in some measure proof to the unprejudiced that the University is not altogether given up to 'godlessness,' as some of its enemies have asserted. It is probable that a Temperance League will be established at the University soon.

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