

as admission to Toronto University was concerned, he was free to say that he would prefer if something like Newnham Hall, at Cambridge, could be provided."

I must here repeat that it may be assumed without hesitation that all the educators of the country are agreed as to the indisputable right of woman to higher education. On the subject of Co-education, as your own remarks show, there is by no means such unanimity of opinion. The only other member of the Government, so far as appears, who took part in the debate, the Honourable the Commissioner of Public Works, after complimenting the mover and seconder on the manner in which the resolution had been introduced, is reported to have given his decided verdict against Co-education in these terms:—

"He was not convinced that the entire view they had presented was the correct one for the House. He did not agree that the matter should be disposed of on the ground of economy. There was a higher, broader view to be taken. He was in favour of higher education of women, but he was not in favour of university co-education."

I have hitherto felt it to be in strict fulfilment of the duties entrusted to me, when I accepted the responsible office of President of University College, to maintain unchanged the system which I found in operation. I have here endeavoured respectfully to lay before you the reasons which have thus far actuated me in the course I have pursued, with a no less earnest aim at the promotion of the higher education of women on a sound and lasting basis, than at the maintenance of the Provincial College in unimpaired efficiency. I am gratified to learn that, in all essential points, my views have your approval; and that if you suggest a deviation from the course which your judgment commends, it is solely on grounds of economic expediency.

You occupy the honourable position of responsible minister, entrusted with the conduct of an educational system in which the Province of Ontario takes just pride, as in many respects a model of efficiency, and an example to the Dominion. After so much has been accomplished in all other respects as the results of wise liberality, and with the hearty approval of the people, it will be a just cause of regret if the still unaccomplished object of