

There are 2,619 female graduates from American colleges ; 998 are married ; 948 teach school. Of the remainder, 133 earn wages in various occupations and professions, while 529 earn no wages at all.

If your father is a retail grocer, your mother a milliner, your grandfather a Polish insurrectionist, you cannot enter a Russian gymnasium. Your income, too, must be more than \$1,200 a year.

The formal dedication of the \$10,000 annex to the Hillyer Art Gallery at Smith College, took place recently. The income of \$50,000 is expended annually to increase the art collection, which already embraces the best lot of casts in America.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Mr. C. K. Ober, College Secretary of the International Committee of Y.M.C.A.'s, says that the students' July meeting at Northfield this year promises to be far ahead of anything yet held. Why not bring at least 25 delegates from Toronto?

Rev. John Burton, of the Northern Congregational Church, addressed the Thursday meeting this week on Prayer.

Jas. Gill takes next week's meeting. Nominations for next year's officers, and appointment of a nominating committee for General Secretary, are items of business for next week.

The following letter was recently received from Mr. H. F. Laflamme, Missionary to the Telugus, India. Mr. Laflamme is well known to many of our students, being a third year undergraduate of Toronto University:—

Cocanada, India, Presidency of Madras, Feb. 1, 1888.

To the Y. M. C. A.:

DEAR FELLOWS,—Garside brought your message of good cheer to me when he came, about three weeks ago, and glad I was to hear from you. It set me on with this hurried letter, which I hope will reach you after elections. The jottings in the *Mail* sometimes reach me, and I think the Foreign Mission Committee is wide awake and that the volunteers for service abroad stand by their side. Every day at noon both Davis and I try to remember you in prayer. That was a good idea of Forman and Wilder to suggest the noon hour as a time of prayer for the mission crusade and mission recruits, for, as the men scatter all around the world, no hour in the day will pass without a petition rising to the great Hearer of prayer ; and surely He will answer, for He has specially urged us to pray for labourers. And they are coming, thank God. Seventy left Boston a few weeks before we set sail. With us, from New York, on Sept. 10th, on another steamer, eight others started for Persia, and two days before, from Boston, seven others. From Liverpool to Madras there were seven of us bound for mission work in India, and the Port Said missionary standing alone on that highway of the nations, the Suez Canal, said that every two weeks he went out to meet a passing party of China Inland missionaries and hoped to do so for the rest of the year. London, in the autumn, must see hundreds of missionaries passing out to shine in the dark places. As we skirted the coasts of Portugal, Spain, North Africa, passed down the east side of Egypt, Nubia and Abyssinia, crossed the Indian Ocean and sighted the shores of this country, the immensity of the need grew upon us. It was like stretching Forman's chart half way round the world, and looking at the squares day after day, week after week, as the ship forged ahead, and wondering all the time how much a million of immortal souls really meant, and how many of our 3,000 volunteers would be needed to give them the same number of gospel ministers as are working amongst the same number at home. On this mission field there are 2,000,000 of souls. A good share of the 3,000 volunteers would be needed for this little field alone. As it is, there are about ten missionaries lifting up Christ to these 2,000,000 of people.

The needs of the Foreign field and of India looked great to us when 11,000 miles away, but since we have come close up to face them they appear awful, but not hopeless, for the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. The gospel can lift up the believing from among them to a high salvation. As these come out for Christ their influence is felt by others, and the whole nation is being gradually lifted. Many of the young men, graduates of Madras University, are becoming ashamed of their religion and customs. The printing press and the school house are pressing with irresistible weight upon idolatry and everywhere the educated are sceptics. Many read with delight Tom Paine and Ingersoll. Yet, if the church does not take advantage of the religious revolution going on in India, and at once send in this critical juncture great clouds of witnesses for Christ to send home the eternal truths of the gospel while the mind of the people

is in a receptive state, in a few years they will be crystallized into a dead infidelity or a hard formalism like the faith of the Moslems, which, because it may have some light, is most difficult to defeat. But the work is of God, let us to our post and to duty. You will wish to hear of us, how we fare, as we certainly do of you. We have been here some three months, and are saturated with Telugu. The fellows in Moderns and Classics would laugh at our method of getting the language could they be around. It is not sitting down with a lexicon and text-book, but with a turbaned Brahmin Murishi, who speaks fair English, and wringing out of him as many new words as possible in two hours a day. Then, instead of turning up to recitation before a learned professor, who will correct mistakes, we simply pass into the back yard, intercept the unclad children in their play, and try our Pelugu. If they understand a word we mark it correct : if not, we try again, and thus hope to go on to success. As Dr. Kellogg said before you last winter, the language will soak into you like water into a sponge, and if any of you are doubtful about your ability to learn a foreign tongue you need have no fear. Some here have learned to preach with power in it in eighteen months. In the meantime, we are enabled to preach Christ to good congregations in English every Sabbath and Wednesday evening, and hope soon to start a Bible class for young men attending the Rajah's college in the town. There is a strong desire among the high caste young men to learn English. In Madras Christian College 1,700 students are enrolled, 700 in the University and 1,000 in the preparatory school, and every man of them is studying the Bible under Christian teachers as a regular text-book. There is an awakening among the students, and a spirit of deep inquiry pervades the college, which will exercise a mighty influence for good. If any of you men hope to come to India, and may it be so, permit me to say just this : There is one you need to know well : that one is Jesus Christ ; there is one book you must read up : that book His life, from the introduction in Genesis to the appendix in Revelation. Remember us and the young converts in your prayers. Out of five men in our mission here four of us are Toronto University men.

H. F. LAFLAMME.

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