

of the Third or Fourth Years, entered for the short course in pedagogy leading to the Academy diploma of the first class. By illness and by failure at the semi-sessional examinations, the numbers in attendance at all the classes are now, at close of the Christmas holidays, reduced to 124 women and 10 men.

The total enrolment in the Model Schools since September 1st, 1896, has been 194 boys and 275 girls; the number actually in attendance during the month of December was 168 boys and 236 girls, a total of 404 pupils.

By a recent resolution, the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction has provided that, with a few exceptions specially reserved to the action of the Committee itself, diplomas to Protestant teachers shall henceforth be issued only after a course of training of at least four months duration, received in the Normal School. In all probability, the result will be a much increased attendance at that institution during the last four months of the annual session. In consequence, three difficulties of grave import arise: first, the class room accommodation of the building is scarcely adequate to the reception of perhaps one hundred additional pupils; secondly, the teaching staff is numerically too weak to meet the increase of labour involved, while there are no means at the disposal of the Normal School Committee for providing help; and thirdly, suitable lodgings for a large number of women students, who will remain in the city for four months only, are not available at a moderate price. It is not too much to say that the situation constitutes an impending crisis in Protestant popular education in the Province.

GYMNASIUM.

Dr. R. Tait McKenzie reports that 113 men are attending the classes at the Gymnasium, a number which might be largely increased were it not that the hours for lectures in several of the Faculties conflict with those for the Gymnasium. This is particularly the case with the Third and