

either actually begotten in a University or strengthened by it, forms the most acceptable product of academic education. The individual without losing anything that is valuable in his individuality becomes conscious that the graces of life are the secret of much of its happiness.

In the ensuing summer, holiday courses will be established in French. These are intended to supply a want which this Province is best qualified to meet on account of the special facilities it offers for the requirements of conversational French. The aim of the promoters of the scheme is to gather as many teachers of French as possible with the object of surrounding them with a French atmosphere so as to give them an opportunity of hearing pure French constantly spoken, and thus raising it to the level of a living tongue and not one that is acquired in unspoken fashion from grammar exercises and mere translation of French classics. It is, we believe, not rare to find in Canada persons who, while they have satisfied academic requirements in French that appear to be somewhat exacting, have yet never heard French spoken beyond the utterance of the usual paradigms of grammar.

Because it is felt that the cost of travelling in itself is not inconsiderable, the fee for the course will be as low as possible. Board and lodging will be provided at a cheap rate, and in comfortable quarters. As much variety as possible will be introduced into method; in addition to the studies of the classroom, frequent walks and excursions will take place, during which French will be the only language spoken. The success of the enterprise depends largely upon the strict prohibition of the vernacular, and the same amount of proficiency may be looked for as attends similar ventures in large towns in Germany where adults have been known to acquire a fair amount of German in a few weeks when contact with English "colonies" is strictly forbidden. This new extension of University work has been contemplated for some time, but it is only recently that funds have been granted for realizing it. The step which the Governors have sanctioned and aided is one which must be regarded with satisfaction by the academic world generally. A rumour has reached us that the University of Toronto is desirous of taking an active part in this scheme, and we are sure that McGill, true to its Dominion tradition, will be glad to avail itself of any tutorial assistance which the University of Toronto can offer, if further help is required and there are funds to make it available.