

The French Department under the direction of native teachers gives not only a thorough technical knowledge of grammar and history, but a *genuine French atmosphere*, without which it is practically impossible to learn to speak it fluently. Many Villa Maria Alumnae now hold excellent positions as specialists in French in various Canadian and American Colleges and High Schools.

The training in Music and Art is serious and thorough. Every department is under a corps of trained teachers, each a specialist in her own section.

MUSIC AND ART The head mistresses of the Art Room and the Music Staff have for years made periodical visits to Tiffany's Studios in New York and the musical centres of America to keep in touch with the latest ideas in ceramics and modern musical development. In the Art Room, much stress is laid upon nature sketching, conventionalizing and original designing, whereas technique, sight-reading and thoroughness are the strong points in music.

The Course in sewing is so organized that by the time a girl is graduated she has made a complete outfit of lingerie as well as a kimono and a negligee. Special stress is laid on mending and darning of all kinds. Embroidery is allowed as a pastime, but expensive fancy work is banned unless by very special permission.

If Villa Maria has held its own for so many years, we venture to believe that her prestige is due to the firmness and wisdom of her discipline. While leaving nothing undone to keep pace with modern ideas in intellectual development and sanitary progress, the governing powers have clung to the

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