

the certificate of Associate in Arts. In the next examinations it is hoped that the new arrangements, sanctioned by the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, whereby the pupils of all the Protestant academies will come up for the examinations, will inaugurate a new epoch in the secondary education of this Province. This is the result at which this University has aimed throughout in its action on this matter, and it has been a source of regret that while we had secured precedence in this work, other provinces have been allowed to outstrip us in its extension to the schools. It is hoped however that, in future, this disadvantage will be removed from our higher schools, and that they will become more closely connected with the Universities in a manner mutually beneficial.

The number of students in the several Faculties and Departments of the University in the present session is large, although the smallness of the entrance classes, occasioned by the epidemic of last year, continues to be felt in the class of the second year. There are, in all, 536 students in the several Faculties of the College proper, namely: 20 in law, 228 in medicine, 234 in arts, and 57 in applied science, three being deducted for entries in two Faculties. In addition to these, there are 41 in colleges affiliated in Arts, and 92 studying for the profession of teaching in the Normal School. There are thus 665 students, without reckoning those in theological colleges or in the model schools of the Normal school.

With reference to the above, it should be understood that we reckon only students in actual attendance on classes, and that, in our system, though students in Applied Science and in Medicine attend classes in Arts, they are not reckoned as of that faculty, but only as of that in which they matriculate. Were the Science school and Medical school distinct institutions from the University, our lists in Arts would be swelled by many occasional and partial students. The majority of the students are from various parts of the Dominion of Canada, beyond the limits of the city of Montreal or its immediate district.

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