

These increases are very largely due to the rapidly widening use of our provision for female university education, and to the practical realization in our highest institution of learning of the results of the old cry, "The Girls in the Grammar Schools." The girls have grown, in matriculants from fifteen to forty-three, in persons examined from twenty-eight to one hundred and eight; and you will see by the class lists that they are taking in some departments, notably in modern languages, excellent places. I hope they will excel in other departments too. I see that yesterday Philippa Fawcett, who comes of good stock on both sides, the daughter of Millicent Garrett and Henry Fawcett, came out at the head of the mathematical tripos in Cambridge, and that two other ladies are amongst the wranglers. What may we not hope for the advancement of learning when we realize fully the benefit of doubling the sources of supply? What may we not hope for the spread of intellectual enjoyment when we accomplish the fuller participation of that half of the race who have hitherto found their way into those pleasant fields, at disadvantage, over fences or by stealth? As an old advocate of the higher education of women, I rejoice in these results; and I earnestly hope that our experiment in co-education, with its obvious theoretical difficulties and its still more obvious practical advantages, may go forward as it has begun, unmarred by checks or drawbacks, and justifying our confidence in the Canadian youth.

I shall not trouble you with figures in Law or Medicine. But I must be allowed to congratulate the Province on the re-establishment of those great faculties. I do not enter into the subject of certain recent attacks on details with which I am not familiar, and for the discussion of which this is not a fitting occasion. Waiving these, I rejoice that the Legislature has recognized the great facts that these professions exist for the public, not the public for the professions; and that it is of the highest general concern that those who are set apart for and entrusted with the duty of caring for the bodies and the estates of the community should be fitted for their task, and should to that end receive all the facilities which the equipment of this great institution, pri-