

University our action has been limited to three agencies. We have aided and superintended the McGill Normal School, which is in many important respects a college for women. We have assisted the Ladies' Educational Association of Montreal, which has been doing good educational work, and preparing the public mind for something more systematic. We have established higher examinations for women, leading to the title of Senior Associate in Arts, which is in some sense an academical degree. As to the future, if a college for ladies were established in Montreal and affiliated with our University, there would be no difficulty in admitting its students to examinations and degrees, without any material additions to our present regulations. Substantial aid could also be given to such an institution in the use of our books, our apparatus and our collections in natural history, as well as in lectures by some, at least, of our professors.

With increased facilities and means, we might take upon our own staff a large part of the educational work of such an institution. As an example I may mention that the new Peter Redpath Museum is so planned that it will admit of separate classes for male and female students; and I think I may pledge myself that in it, after 1881, ladies can have quite as good opportunities for the study of Botany, Zoology and Geology, as those enjoyed by our male students. Similar benefactions to that of Mr. Redpath, more especially if of such a nature as to permit the division of some of our present chairs, might enable us in like manner to open classes for women in Languages, Literature, Mathematics, Physical Science and Philosophy; and this without any of the embarrassments incidental to teaching both sexes in the same classes.

There are in Montreal two educational benefactions for the higher education of women, those of the late Donald Ross and of the late Ann Scott; but we are told that it is not unlikely that these must remain unfruitful for more than twenty years. Reckoning the college life of a young woman at four years, this represents five generations of lady students. I feel confident that this loss and waste will not be submitted to by such a city as this, and that, either such additions will be made to the Ross and Scott bequests as to bring them into earlier operation, and give them a sufficiently wide basis, or the means furnished to the University itself to take up the work.