

## Toronto Conservatory School of Elocution and Oratory.

### AIM.

The general aim of the course is to provide thorough and effectual training for the development of natural delivery in every form of expression. It is intended to be a school for growth and culture rather than mere acquirement. As true expression is not merely a product of will, but of the co-operation of all the powers of man, it can never be taught by rule, but only by the development of all the mental and emotive powers that express as well as control the outward agents of manifestation. The training is intended to stimulate the powers, to correct activity and bring them into perfect unity, to secure responsiveness in each agent of the body and to bring the whole organism into harmony for the purpose of complete and adequate expression of thought and emotion.

The studies and classes are arranged to meet the needs, not only of beginners, but also of teachers of elocution and voice culture in the various schools and colleges of the country; to afford professional men, such as ministers and other public speakers, the means of improving their voices and delivery; to give practical vocal training to public school teachers and to other voice users; and to furnish advanced work on repertoire for public readers and entertainers.

### METHODS.

It would be impossible in such small compass as the Calendar affords to explain fully the means of accomplishing the desired results, but sufficient may be said to assure their efficiency. Artificial systems are not taught, but students are led to study Nature's processes. True growth is from within outward. A correct conception of the author's meaning is the first essential, then the stimulation of the assimilative instinct and artistic insight, followed by careful training of body and voice. Such methods carried out under conscientious, painstaking teachers, who are *thoroughly prepared* for the work, cannot fail to accomplish the best results.

The course is made eclectic. No *one system* is employed, but, instead, those methods that careful research and experience have proven to be most beneficial.

The unexpectedly great success of this department, since the Directors decided to place it on its present basis, has proved the wisdom of their course, and satisfied them that a School of Elocution is a decided need in our country.

It is, therefore, with great pleasure that the Calendar for the year is issued; and with the experience of the past as a guide, every assurance is given to prospective students of *the most advanced, thorough and efficient course provided by any school of expression in Canada.*

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