

results of our canvass thus far have been very encouraging, and we feel sure that, if the matter were only vigorously taken up and carried forward, a considerable increase in the constituency of readers of the MONTHLY might be made, and an opportunity thereby afforded the staff of enlarging and extending the scope of the magazine. In this way the organ of the O. N. C. Literary Society might become a positive force in moulding the educational thought of Ontario, and in shaping the development for all time of what is at once one of the profoundest of sciences, and the noblest of arts.

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WITH a view of meeting the needs of our graduates, whom we would encourage to co-operate with us this year, we are inaugurating in this issue a new department under the heading, "Personals." This column is to be devoted solely to the recording of brief newsy items regarding the ex-students, their successes and promotions, and any other like matters of general interest. There is no reason why the MONTHLY should not contain in this way a valuable alumni register, which in itself would be worth the subscription price of the magazine to the lonely graduate, out in the battle of life, and thirsting for some news of how his former classmates are faring in the same conflict.

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It might be a matter of interest to our readers to know something of the relative sizes of the classes of recent years. Since the establishment of the Ontario Normal College in its present commodious quarters in Hamilton three classes have graduated. Of these the first two were so strong

numerically that the capacity of the new building was taxed to the utmost to accommodate the throng of would-be teachers. Last year, however, as also this one, no difficulty has been experienced on that score, inasmuch as the classes have been considerably smaller, as the following table shows :

	MEN.	WOMEN.	TOTAL.
'97-'98.....	95	113	208
'98-'99.....	96	88	174
'99-'00.....	59	92	151
'00-'01.....	78	66	144

For the first time in four years the men are in the majority, a fact which is nowhere more plainly manifest than in the social events of the college. The present class is composed as follows:

	MEN.	WOMEN.	TOTAL.
Toronto graduates..	29	7	36
Queen's " ..	5	1	6
McMaster " ..	3	0	3
Manitoba " ..	1	0	1
Total No. " ..	38	8	46
Senior Leaving....	40	58	98

The specialists in the various departments are thus divided :

	MEN.	WOMEN.	TOTAL.
Classics.....	8	0	8
Science.....	8	0	8
Moderns.....	7	4	11
Mathematics.....	6	0	6
Eng. and History. 1	1	1	2
Total.....	30	5	35

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Now that the feeling of trepidation with which we approached what we feared was to be *the* ordeal of our lives has in some degree worn off, we might profitably turn our consideration to the question of how best to make use of the year we shall spend here in training for the active duties of our profession. A timely suggestion on this point was made by Mrs. Knox Black in her opening lecture, viz., that this year of preparation might become to us an opportunity for