

From the Oshawa Vindicator.

We have noticed, from time to time, the progress made by this institution from its very commencement when, single-handed and alone the founder stated his plans, and after carefully maturing them, started to carry them out. Our leading citizens recommended the granting of a bonus to secure the college to the Town of Oshawa, but the beautiful site on which it stands helped to locate it. The energy that was displayed to erect the building, to furnish it, the discretion used in the choice of teachers, most of whom have retained a position for years in the school, with an increase of salary at different times. The steady growth the college in the confidence of the public till it has reached its full capacity as to accommodation, in the short space of nine years, with no stockholders or denominational assistance, but purely by proper management, perseverance and ability. We question whether, in the Dominion of Canada to-day, a home for young women can be found equal to that offered in the Demill College, whether it be considered educationally, socially, morally or religiously. No school makes the sacrifice of the local patronage of day pupils for the benefit purely of its boarders in Canada but this College and parents should not forget this, as in it impossible to keep out the gossip of a town or city if the students are taken in by the day and go home at night, as that gives the opportunity of a demoralizing association. All boarding in the school is safer and better. We have not spoken too highly of this institution and yet important improvements are to be added next September, 1883. First, the heating: that has been by hot water and hot air is to give place to steam. A large boiler has been purchased with far more than the necessary power for heating, so that in future whatever the state of the atmosphere may be, the building can be kept comfortable. The wood-work of the building is being painted outside, which adds greatly to its appearance. The ornamental trees and shrubs adorn the grounds, which are being kept with care, so that the place is growing more and more attractive. Sixty acres of land have been added to the twenty-eight already belonging to the institution, and although not adjoining is near at hand, on which there is a fine orchard of pear, plum and apple trees. This will give the college eighty-eight acres of land, about ten acres of orchard, which will bear a large supply of fruit, such a luxury and so healthy, together with new milk, vegetables, and requirements for the table that no college can afford when all have to be purchased. We have mentioned more fully the particulars that parents and students may know the facts before deciding as to where they will secure their education. It is well known that that where all the requisites can be produced and supplied fresh from the college grounds they will be more liberally and seasonably furnished.

This will involve an increase in the fees of attendance, which we have contended have always been to low, much less than any other college with like opportunities. An increase of interest is to be thrown into the musical department, as will be seen by the course given in the new calendar, and we are glad to learn that a number are now looking towards graduation in this important branch of a young ladies education. There is one question, we think, that will require an early attention, and that is an increase of room to meet the growing demand, for we understand that already parties are writing for terms, etc., for the fall.

Our town should not fail to encourage this institution by an additional bonus, if that would prompt Mr. Demill to put up another building, which is now so much required for the prosperity of the college. There is no reason why, judging from the past, there should not be hundreds in attendance if there was room. It is generally known that, whilst it has been one of the most important interests that has ever been established in Oshawa, it received the smallest bonus. We have a fine opportunity now to be as liberal to education as to the manufacturing interests of our own town.

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