

2nd. The courses of study will embrace Manual Training, Domestic Science, Nature Study, Drawing and Music. Lectures will be given by specialists in the different subjects. No fees will be required; and students or teachers desiring to attend should make application to the Deputy Minister of Education.

I noticed with pleasure, in a newspaper published in Berlin this week, that the various School Boards of Berlin and Waterloo (Public, Separate and High School) have decided to arrange for the teaching of Manual Training and Domestic Science jointly, and that in a few months a new building, to cost \$12,000 or \$15,000, will be erected to be devoted solely to this work.

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That we have made great advances educationally during recent years is very apparent. And it is equally apparent that there is room for growth and improvement in almost every direction. This applies to every phase of human development. The youngest person in this room remembers when the University was first opened to women. No fewer than 277 girls have graduated during the past seventeen years, pursuing the same studies as the boys, and capturing their full share of honors and distinctions. One hundred and thirty-seven girls are now proceeding regularly to a degree, and there are sixty-two occasional students as well. This fact indicates progress, the value of which is almost beyond estimation. Not a few of our girl graduates are occupying important positions in the schools and colleges of the United States. It is becoming a common occurrence for our young men to win promotion and preferment as lecturers and professors in leading universities across the line.

In other respects rapid progress has been made in the expansion of University work. As we know, the Government a year ago assumed charge of the important departments of Chemistry, Mineralogy and Geology, and the salaries of the professors and the maintenance of these departments are now met out of Provincial funds. These studies bear so directly on the development of the mineral and other natural resources of the Province, the extent and value of which are only beginning to be appreciated, that from the standpoint of trade and commerce alone the generous encouragement of them becomes a pressing necessity. Every