

pledged himself that it should receive attention. It was in pursuance of this resolution that on my return from England in the autumn of the same year, I endeavoured to enlist the leading ladies of the city and our college professors in the scheme for a Ladies' Educational Association, similar to those then recently established in the mother country. This association has since that time been one of the recognized institutions of the city, and has done an incalculable amount of good; though in recent years, more especially since the institution of the High School for Girls and of the Examinations for the Associate in Arts and Senior Associate established by this University in conjunction with the University of Bishop's College, there has been a growing demand for a more definite and systematic training, which those who had been active in connection with the Ladies' Association and the Examinations for women, felt must soon be supplied. As an early indication of the feeling of thoughtful and educated ladies, I should not forget to mention the Hannah Willard Lyman Memorial Fund, founded by pupils of that eminent educationist, and placed in the hands of this University, in anticipation of the establishment of a college for women under our auspices. Further indications were the endowment of the Trafalgar Institute as a college for women by the late Donald Ross, and the bequest of the late Miss Jane Scott; though these were not in immediate connection with this University. The means for carrying out our wishes did not, however, appear to be available; and when, last year, the Rev. Dr. Murray brought the subject before the Corporation, by his resolution in favour of the admission of women, there seemed no nearer prospect of effective action than at any previous period. In these circumstances, the Corporation, after collecting by means of a committee a certain amount of information, in my opinion wisely determined to wait for still further facts and developments before committing itself to any decisive action. There was the more reason for this, inasmuch as very partial success had attended the admission of ladies to the classes in some of the Universities in this country, while in the University of Toronto the subject was actively discussed, and Dr. Wilson, President of University College, had taken strong ground against the method of mixed classes. Some of the best models for imitation seemed also to be those in use in the mother country, respecting which our information was very imperfect, and to some