

contributions of the many less wealthy, but the plea of Alma has touched the kind heart of one man of wealth, and is the beneficiary to the extent of \$10,000 in the princely benevolence of the late Hart. A. Massey. And Alma expects that in answer to the faith and sacrifice of the people other men of wealth will be moved to place at the disposal of the Church the means to enable Alma yet to realize the original intent, that the College buildings and equipment should be a free gift to the cause of woman's education. There is a sphere of education which the State cannot fill, and that is a residential school-life incorporating the idea of church, home, and school, blended in one organization. This sphere the Church must fill in order to permanency, and to the development of the generous liberality essential to so great a cause. The Protestant churches have a very plain duty in this most important matter. Alma College is fully on the line of the traditional policy of the Church declared in the Discipline to be: That the best interests of the Church and of education imperatively demand that our colleges and universities should be under the fostering care of the Church.

In reviewing the work of the College for the past year, we most gratefully record the goodness of God in His providential care of our students and teachers. No serious illness or contagious disease has visited us. While the number of our students and the receipts of the past year cannot be placed among our best, it has its record of successful work and some encouraging features to record.

The total enrolment, 10 in excess of last year, is 134 students, of whom 91 have been resident, and 43 day pupils. This enrolment represents the Christian denominations as follows: Methodist 70, Presbyterian 27, Episcopalian 16, Baptist 12, Roman Catholic 7, Congregational 23.

Twenty students have been enrolled from the neighboring Republic.

The class preparing for graduation this year numbers thirteen, representing all departments.

The work of soliciting subscriptions has been greatly hindered by the financial stringency of the times, yet additions have been made to the subscription list, and very encouraging pledges of financial aid have been given by men of wealth.

The school is in a condition for effective work in all its departments, and is unsurpassed in its arrangements for the comfort, convenience, progress and health of its students. We are persuaded that no school in the Dominion can offer better advantages and at lower rates in the way of a liberal education for young women.

A rearrangement of the loan upon the college property has been effected at a lower rate of interest, resulting in an annual saving of nearly \$400. The Board is using most careful economy in order to the reduction of the debt, but must also carefully guard the comfort of the students and the efficiency of the school.

We would most respectfully urge the members of the Conference, lay and clerical, to aid the work of the school by personal interest and co-operation. By sending us timely information concerning prospective students, by bringing the claims of our Methodist institutions frequently before the people, and in a variety of ways, ministers and laymen can greatly aid the College.

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