

tic Science for the girls in the schools has followed close on Manual Training in woodwork for the boys.

In my opinion it would be impossible to overestimate the value to girls of the training afforded by classes in cooking, laundry work, general household economy, and some slight primary acquaintance with first aid to the injured, and nursing—knowledge capable of contributing so much to the happiness of the individual, the comfort of the home and the weal of the country.

Her Excellency the Countess of Minto and myself are greatly delighted with the keen and thoughtful interest with which the movement to introduce Domestic Science into

the schools is already being supported in many quarters. We learn with great satisfaction that it is being favorably considered in and for Ottawa and several other places at the present time, and I can assure you that no one is more deeply interested in the scheme than Lady Minto herself.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is a great pleasure to me to declare the Macdonald Manual Training Schools for Ottawa ready to receive boys for instruction and training; and Lady Minto and I wish them every success in the good work which is expected of them in this community and in Canada.

OPENING ADDRESS TO THE STUDENTS.

J. H. REYNOLDS.*

STUDENTS of the day departments of the Municipal Technical School:

A growing feeling in my mind of the increasing importance of the day courses of instruction in this school has constrained me to take advantage of the opening of a new session to address to you a few words.

The fact that this Session promises to be the last in the present building has farther influenced me to speak to you. For the last 17 years the technical day departments have been carried on here and they have grown each year in importance. I have been concerned with them from their birth, and naturally I take pride in the thought that shortly they will be housed in a splendid building, the finest without doubt in the kingdom, alike in respect of its architecture, of its planning and of its equipment.

Some of you will, I hope, be

amongst its day students and will have occasion, I trust, to look back with pride, in the years to come, to the fact that you were the first to partake of its advantages and its benefits.

I have seen much of foreign schools, both Continental and American, and I have realized that the great advance these nations have made and are making is due to the fine education their students have received, not only in their technical schools and institutions, but in preparation for scientific and technical studies. The students in these schools are much older than you are—never less than 18 years of age—and they stay longer, consequently they make greater progress and reach a higher plane of knowledge. They are not afraid to spend time, knowing full well that.

“Knowledge is a steep which few may climb.”

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