

not altogether favor an imperial parliament. He thought a consultative imperial council would meet all the needs. At the close of his address Lord Strathcona announced that he would give £25,000, provided £50,000 more was raised within a year, to wipe out the debt of the University.

#### OXFORD UNIVERSITY STATISTICS.

In the Calendar for 1901, issued by the Oxford University Press and published by Mr. Henry Frowde, the number of Undergraduates is given as 3,499, there being 6,258 members of Convocation and 13,136 members on the College books. The last total may mislead if it is not borne in mind that many members have their names on the books of more than one Society. A year ago the figures were respectively 3,446, 6,220 and 12,968. The matriculants in 1899 numbered 856, or 42 more than in 1898; there were 355 Masters of Arts, or a decrease of 29; and 556 Bachelors of Arts, or 57 fewer. Christ Church has 307 Undergraduates, New College 294, Balliol 267, Keble 216, and All Soul's has fewest, with a total of six. There are 208 non Collegiate Undergraduates. The following have upwards of 500 members on the books: Christ Church 1,338, Balliol 1,005, New 926, Exeter 874, Keble 747, Magdalen 743, Trinity 694, University 662, St. John's 653, Brasenose 565, Merton 534 and Queen's 527.

Co-education in the States seems to cause no difficulty in the classroom, but in social gatherings things do not always go smoothly. It is reported that at Chicago the "co eds." have been excluded from University functions, as they say, because the professors' wives were jealous, as the faculty say, because too much gaiety interfered with the

girls' studies. Harvard has organized an "Anti-Fussing Society" to make head against the distractions of feminine influence. It is said that a great many of the students were so taken up with pink teas and dances and receptions that they lost interest in athletics. The members of the "Anti-Fussing Society" bind themselves to pay a fine of \$5 for a dinner or a dance; \$3 for one tea; one call, not more than an hour in length, \$1; (duty calls, half rate.) If one of the members becomes engaged, all the rest go into mourning for three days. If at Harvard such an elaborate protest against feminine influence is necessary, it is evident that the Oxford and Cambridge undergraduates were justly apprehensive of the results of admitting women to graduate standing. McGill has, it may be hoped, chosen the golden mean which will give women fair opportunities for higher education without distracting the male students. It is the latter, poor things, who are the objects of such tender solicitude. It seems to be generally admitted that the girls are quite able to look after themselves.

—*Gazette, Montreal.*

The magistrates of New York and other cities comment on the increase of youthful criminals, especially pickpockets; the last five years this has been particularly apparent. It is the practice of some of the magistrates to inquire whether the suspected youth can read and write; he always can, and often writes a good hand; he has attended the Public School—in fact, the law compels this.

This state of things deserves the closest investigation by the teachers of the cities. It has been thought that the salvation of youth was insured if they went to school. Our opinion is that the school and home