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WE meet once more to-day in our college hall to enter upon a new year's work with all the assuring promise that healthful progress in the past and the ever-increasing numbers of our students can supply. The numbers admitted now considerably exceed those of any former convocation. Out of 240 candidates who presented themselves from the various Collegiate Institutes and High Schools of the Province at the University matriculation examinations of the present year, 204 candidates, representing fifty-five educational institutions, were successful. At the head stood Upper Canada College, successfully carrying off sixteen First-Class and ten Second Class Honours; and Toronto Collegiate Institute with the same number of First-Class, and eight Second-Class Honours. Whitby and St. Catharines Collegiate Institutes followed, each with ten First-Class Honours, and with

eleven and seven Second-Class Honours; and then followed successively, Woodstock, St. Mary's, Brantford, Perth, Hamilton, and the other Collegiate Institutes and High Schools of the Province, with their well-won honours in the great annual competition in the University Hall. Of the successful competitors, upwards of a hundred of the most distinguished among them have already entered, as students of this college, to pursue the full course for the degree in Arts, in addition to other new entrants as non-matriculated students. When our roll is completed for all the years, we have good reason to anticipate that our numbers will show greater progress than in any previous year. Thus encouraged, we re-assemble, teachers and students alike, invigorated by the rest of the long vacation, which to some of us has had an altogether novel charm from the share we have been privileged to take in the meeting of the representatives of British science

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