

divine plan of salvation. Its value must be great in an educational point of view, but still greater as giving a christian woman a clear perception of the essentials of Christianity, and enabling her to meet the tendencies to superstition on the one hand and infidelity on the other, with a clear and reasoned faith. Wellesley, though giving a high place to Scriptural studies, is not denominational. Its students belong to sixteen denominations and five sevenths of them are church members. They have a Christian Association with 416 members, which carries on missionary work both at home and abroad.

We cannot pursue these comparisons farther. They now lead us to inquire whether we may not be able here to combine the advantages of both the types of colleges above sketched. With the farther aid of our honoured Chancellor, who, in 1884, enabled us to institute the Donalda special course, who, in his deed of gift, provided for its establishment as soon as possible as "a separate college of McGill University with a separate building," and who has already taken important steps towards the erection of the "Royal Victoria Collège for Women," we may yet see established in Montreal a college absolutely independent in all but university powers, and enjoying at the same time the whole of the benefits derivable from the appliances of the university, and from the teaching of the eminent specialists it may gather around it. Thus we have, even in our little Donalda special course, the germ of an ideal college for women. It is towards this consummation that we have been labouring for the last ten years, and to which we look forward with faith and hope. In the meantime it is our duty loyally and patiently to uphold the good we have, and to trust that before long our visions of better things will be realized in the erection of a model college, honourable to Montreal and giving to students all that can be desired in home and social life, and with facilities for study not heretofore enjoyed in this country—a college the pride of all the friends of education, worthy of the patronage of our Visitor, as the representative of her most gracious Majesty, and deserving the proud title of "Royal Victoria."

For myself, ever since in 1870 a noble band of women, several of whom I am happy to see here to-day, established in this city the Ladies' Educational Association, this vision of a college for