

gifts of Sir William C. Macdonald to the cause of higher education in Canada; and now he has put the people of Canada under a new debt to him by having placed in the hands of Professor Robertson a sum sufficient to provide Manual Training for the boys attending the Public Schools of at least one city or town in every province of Canada for a period of three years. These

one thing which the Macdonald Manual Training Fund does not provide for, it will be rather to suggest what some like-minded benefactor may do for the girls, than to imply that Sir William's benefaction is not complete in itself.

The fund provides for the training of boys only. We all know that womankind is the better half of mankind.



His Excellency, Lord Minto, Governor-General of Canada.

are expected to serve as object lessons to be observed by all interested. By the end of the present year provision will be made in equipment and instructors for training about five thousand boys and several hundred teachers. One may truly say that the scheme is one of high statesmanship in its plan, methods and endowment.

If I may be allowed to refer to

Manual Training and practical instruction for girls in schools are not less important than for boys, though the subjects and exercises for girls would naturally be different from those for boys. Such exercises are admirably furnished by courses of study and practice under the heading of Domestic Science; and it augurs well to know that in other countries and in other cities Domes-