

the extension of University education is engaging the attention of the Government, and it is their earnest desire that the public importance of Queen's should be well known and duly considered ;

That it has been publicly announced that additional revenues are required from the Province for carrying on University work in Toronto ; that while your petitioners entertain the most friendly feeling towards Toronto University as a sister institution and sincerely wish it every possible prosperity, they trust they may point out that so far as Queen's is doing the same kind of work as Toronto University, and doing it equally as well, she establishes the strongest claim to receive recognition in some form ;

That the work done of a purely public character by both institutions may be fairly measured by the number of students in the Arts classes where general Literature and Science are taught ;

That during the session of 1885-6 the under-graduates and other students attending Arts classes in Queen's and University College, Toronto, were respectfully as follows :

	OTHER ATTENDING		
	Under-graduates.	Arts classes.	Total.
University College, Toronto	321	141	462
Queen's College, Kingston	160	107	267

That your petitioners have been unable to obtain the number of students attending Toronto University during the present session ; that the returns when made out will in all probability show an increase ; that in the case of Queen's the increase this session is marked ; that the number of under-graduates attending has risen from 160 to 181, and that the total number of students enrolled is 367 ;

That since the first establishment of University College, Toronto, the total number of students who have graduated in Arts (B.A. and M.A.) is 909, and that since the first establishment of Queen's University the total number of students who have graduated in Arts (B.A. and M.A.) is 498 ;

That according to the calendars for the present session, issued by the authorities of both institutions, the total numbers of graduates of all kinds, from first to last are as follows, viz. :

Graduated at University College, Toronto, total . . . 1,041
 Graduated at Queen's University, Kingston, total . . 887

That these statistics, obtained from official sources in both cases, will convey to your Honourable House a correct idea of the important work being done for the community by the two Universities at Toronto and Kingston ;

That, however, the two institutions are doing their work under entirely different circumstances ; forasmuch as the University at Toronto is and has always been wholly supported by public funds, the University at Kingston has had to depend on local aid and the generous support of its numerous friends ;

That while your petitioners fully recognize the high value of Toronto University, they claim that Queen's University occupies a scarcely less important place in the intellectual and moral development of the community ; that, therefore, while your petitioners would deeply regret to see Toronto University crippled in her noble work for want of sufficient revenue, they would equally deplore to see Queen's University left wholly unrecognized. In the opinion of your petitioners it is of the highest importance to the whole community that so marked an instance of local and private effort should be fostered and recognized ;

That as the Arts teaching at Kingston is identical in character with the University teaching at Toronto, it would be wise, reasonable and just, when further public assistance is granted for the extension of Toronto University, in some way to aid in extending the teaching of Science and Arts at Kingston, and that the amount of aid so granted should bear such an equitable proportion to the additional expenditure at Toronto as the number of Arts students at the one University bears to the number of Arts students at the other ;

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that in any measure relating to the Universities, justice may be done to Eastern Ontario and to the many thousands of people whose private means go to the support of Queen's University, and that in the event of the Endowment of Toronto University being increased, a proportionate expenditure be made, in connection with Queen's University at Kingston ;

And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray ;
 On behalf of Queen's University Endowment Association.

SANDFORD FLEMING,
 President.

R. VASHON ROGERS,
 Honorary Secretary.

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ARE THE TIMES DEGENERATING ?

SOME philosophers, men of great learning and deep thought, tell us that the men of to-day are not as brave or manly as those of former years, that the young men who are growing up are not possessed of that same indomitable spirit so characteristic of their Saxon ancestors,—in short, that the times are degenerating. Such cannot surely be ! Doubtless the stirring events in our great North-West two years ago sufficed to prove to many the courage, the valor, of our citizen soldiery, and that, should duty call, an army could at once be mustered from the ranks of the young men of our country, as ardent, brave and eager as ever faced a foe in battle. Nor is the true manliness of our race displayed in war alone : it is even more perceptible among the uneventful times of quiet peace. It is then displayed by each one working out his own little part in life's panorama with patience and assiduity. Be that part great or small, it matters not, for how very small are the works accomplished by the greatest man, or by all men, compared with the