

science, and by the affiliation of four theological colleges, so that our faculty of arts or academic faculty proper is now surrounded by the buttresses afforded by all these faculties and colleges, as well as by the admirable college for teachers, which is furnished by the McGill Normal School, and I think we are now taking the lead of all Canadian colleges in provision for the independent higher education of women. The extent of our professional work is measured by the fact that our university lists include, without reckoning those removed by death, about 890 Doctors of Medicine, 376 Bachelors of Civil Law, 102 graduates in Applied Science, and no less than 1,196 teachers. We have, perhaps, no right to include the graduates of affiliated theological schools; but I am informed that in the present session these have about 150 students, so that a great work is being done by them in preparation for the Christian ministry and is materially aided by the university. In the present session, of nearly 600 students on our university lists, at least 350 are professional students, while many others are preparing to enter on professional study.

That we have been able to do all this almost without State aid, and without any jarring or conflict of the many and diverse interests involved, is, I think, a source of justifiable congratulation. I do not say of pride, for I feel that while we have been enabled to do much, there is still much to be done, and that we still fall short of adequate provision for the wants of our time and country. My real feeling is, and always has been, one of regret that our means of instruction do not grow more rapidly and are still so inadequate.

OUR POSITION IN THIS PROVINCE.

The question of professional training has recently assumed a new aspect in the Province of Quebec. From the first we have had the difficulty that the law of this Province, unlike that of any other civilized country known to me, refused to recognize the degree in arts as an adequate guarantee of a liberal education, and thereby took away from our young men one inducement to avail themselves of the higher education provided for them here by the endowments of our universities. But to compensate for this, the courses of professional study were left un-