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THE HIGHER EDUCATION OF WOMEN.

THE Universities of McGill and of Bishops College have jointly offered to young women who have passed the examinations for Associate in Arts the more advanced examination for *Senior Associate in Arts* (approximately equivalent to the University "Intermediate" examinations held at both Universities); but the Universities have hitherto provided no means of instruction to fit candidates for these examinations, in consequence of which very few have been able to avail themselves of the advantages offered.

There are at present a number of young women who have passed as Associates in Arts, some of them with great distinction, and who desire to proceed further with their education; of these eight have applied to Principal DAWSON for advice and assistance with reference to the prosecution of their studies, and it is believed that there are others ready to join them.

As it is very desirable that so large a class, and the first that has yet presented itself, should be at once provided for, and that the higher examinations offered by the Universities should thereby be rendered effectual for the purposes intended, inquiry has been made as to the possibility of providing instruction under the auspices of the Ladies' Educational Association, should it be willing to undertake the work, and subject to the regulations of the Universities at present in force.

It has been ascertained that gentlemen connected with McGill and Bishops Colleges are willing to conduct the class in the work of the first year, and it is hoped that before the end of the second year the Universities or one of them may have made arrangements to continue the studies of those who may desire to proceed to the final examinations.

It is estimated that a sum of from \$1000 to \$2,000 per annum, in addition to the fees of the students, will suffice for the necessary expenses of the class, and the object of the present statement is to ascertain if there are friends of education sufficiently interested in this important matter to furnish the necessary amount.

It is thought to be expedient that the classes proposed should be under the direction of the Ladies' Association, both on account of its successful prosecution of similar work for thirteen years, and because the success of this method has been proved by the experience of the Universities of Great Britain.

Subscriptions or endowments may either be placed at the disposal of the Ladies' Educational Association, or may be entrusted to either of the Universities to be expended, through the Association, for the higher education of women in accordance with the regulations of the Universities.

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