

and young women are here at work in the higher walks of education! There are, of course, in addition to these, the millions of students of our high schools and our many academies and technical schools. In the woman's colleges alone there were 2,114 instructors and 22,949 students. Adding these to the students in the 451 colleges, we have a grand total of 163,002.

The property of these colleges, in their buildings, libraries, laboratories, museums, etc., was \$109,078,100, nearly \$110,000,000. That was in 1892. I know of one institution that has received nearly five millions since that time. There is probably to-day belonging to these colleges \$120,000,000. Aside from this property of which I have spoken, they had funds out at interest to support them amounting to \$94,500,759 (now over \$100,000,000); making a grand total of \$203,378,858 of property invested for their use and support.

If we assume that one-tenth of the college students graduate each year, we shall have 7,700 men and women marching forth to join the educated ranks of liberally educated people every summer. I think that one-tenth is too small. The graduating classes have to suffer, of course, from those that drop out from sickness or failure in the earlier years of the course. Counting one-sixth as graduates, the number would be over 12,000 a year. This may seem a magnificent re-inforcement of the educated classes, and one may ask what are they all going to do; but if we take account of the 65,000,000 of our population, it is less than one graduate for five thousand people—one graduate to take the place of the falling, and to recruit the ranks of educated men, teachers, preachers, lawyers, law-makers, physicians, engineers and others that are doing the great scientific and educational work of the world. It is too few. We ought to have ten times as many for the good of the country.

Now to the history of this class of institutions. This splendid array of colleges and universities is the gift of Christianity. Mainly, the actual donations of Christian men and women. Fourteen out of every fifteen of them are to-day sustained by Christian denominations, and, of those that were started as Christian schools but now hold the position of Harvard and Yale as State universities, they were at the beginning the gifts of Christian men. And our true State universities also owe their existence mainly to the Christian sentiment of statesmen in our National and State Legislatures. I chanced to know (I shall quote from