

continued to hold till the time of his decease, and in the session of 1883-84, discharged the duties of the Principal in the absence of that officer. On the re-organization of the University under the amended charter, he resigned the office of Professor of Classics and was appointed to that of Logic and English Literature, and subsequently assumed the Molson Professorship of the former subject, which he held till 1881, when he was relieved from its active duties, with the title of Emeritus Professor. Dr. Leach, while a man of scholarly culture and tastes, and of refined and somewhat retiring manner, was characterized by a remarkable appreciation and interest in relation to matters of art and science and of social and educational progress, and had much power of influencing students and of communicating to them his own enthusiasm and rich stores of knowledge. He also merits the grateful remembrance of this University as one who remained attached to it, and promoted its interests at some sacrifice to himself, in its period of early struggle, and who was willing to co-operate with earnestness and zeal in those changes by which it entered on its more recent career of increased usefulness and prosperity.

Dr. Wilkes was born in the same year with Dr. Leach, and came to Canada in 1820, returning to Scotland in 1828 to prosecute his studies in the University of Glasgow and in the Divinity School of the Congregational Church. After taking his degree of M.A. and completing his theological course, he entered on pastoral work in Scotland, but in 1836 took up his abode in Canada, and began those ministerial labours which occupied the remainder of his life. In 1870 he became Principal and Professor of Theology in the Congregational College of British North America. Dr. Wilkes always took a warm interest in the Protestant Schools of the city and laboured in their behalf, and was an earnest and judicious promoter of education both in its popular and its higher forms. He was remarkable for the regularity of his attendance at the meetings of all bodies of which he was a member, and for the kindly and hopeful spirit which he always brought to their discussions. Of McGill University he was a steadfast friend, and was enabled to advance its interests in a variety of ways, more especially in its relation to the support accorded it by the citizens of Montreal.