

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
GOVERNORS, PRINCIPAL AND FELLOWS
OF
MCGILL UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL,
FOR THE YEAR 1897.

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To His Excellency the Right Honorable John Campbell Hamilton Gordon, Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

We beg leave to present to Your Excellency, as Visitor of the University under its Royal Charter, the following Report for the educational year ending 31st December, 1897.

Changes have taken place in the composition of the Board of Governors. Reference was made in our last Report to the removal by death of Sir Joseph Hickson, which occurred in the early days of the new year. A further loss was sustained some months afterwards by the death of Mr. John H. R. Molson, the Chairman of the Board, who succumbed to a long and painful illness on 28th May, 1897.

Of Mr. Molson it may be said that the University never had a truer or a better friend. For upwards of thirty years he devoted himself most ungrudgingly to its work and service, sparing neither time nor money in the promotion of its interests. His loyalty and devo-