

nearly every view that had been set forth by the critics upon "the Sinaitic Covenant," yet none of the class had ever read "the critics" upon this subject.

By following the Socratic method, the professor, far from lessening, adds to the dignity of his office. He wins the sincere respect of the students. The yawning chasm between the front row of desks and the rostrum is spanned by a bridge of mutual questioning, and upon this bridge professor and student meet.

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The Annual Doubtless, ere this issue Lecture in of the JOURNAL reaches our McGill University. subscribers, many of them will have read the lecture delivered by Sir William Dawson on the afternoon of November 30th, to a large audience composed of many of Montreal's best citizens and the professors and students of McGill. It will, therefore, be unnecessary at this time to give even an outline of his lecture, which has been so fully reported in our weekly and daily publications. Suffice to say that his address on "Thirty-eight Years of McGill," was highly interesting to all, and to none more than to the students and graduates of McGill, who have learned to regard him with nothing short of true filial affection.

There is one point, however, in his lecture to which it is well worth while directing the attention of our readers.

That point is the good that has resulted from the affiliation of other colleges to the university. After speaking of the different colleges in arts affiliated to McGill, he proceeded to speak of the affiliated theological colleges of the city as follows: "The value of these institutions to the university no one can doubt. They not only add to the number of our students in arts, but to their character and standing, and they enable the university to offer a high academical training to the candidates for the Christian ministry in our four leading denominations, thus rendering it helpful to the cause of Protestant Christianity, and enabling us to boast that we have aided in providing for the scattered Protestant congregations of this province a larger number of well-educated pastors than they possibly could have obtained in any other way, while the ministers they sent out into the country have more than repaid us by sending students to the classes in ALL our faculties."

It is certainly gratifying to hear such words as these from such a man as Sir William Dawson—gratifying to know that the benefits arising from the affiliation of theological colleges to McGill are beginning to be regarded as mutual. The extent of these benefits cannot be computed with mathematical accuracy; but their nature is clearly indicated by the lecturer. They consist in the university giving to the candidates for the