

errors found it necessary to insist on most unwelcome retrenchments, injurious to our educational work, and which some of us would have been glad to avert, even by much personal sacrifice and privation. At length, on the 13th of October, 1881, we convened a meeting, not happily of our creditors, but of our constituents, the Protestant population of Montreal, and our position and wants were laid before them most ably, and, I may say, even pathetically, by the chancellor, Judge Day, and the honorary treasurer, Mr. Ramsay. The meeting was a large and influential one, and I shall never cease to bear in grateful remembrance the response which it made. There was no hint of blame for our extravagance, no grudging of the claims of the higher education which we represented, but a hearty and unanimous resolve to sustain the university and to give it more than the amount which it asked. The result of the meeting was the contribution of \$28,500 to the endowment fund, besides \$26,335 to special funds, including the endowment of Mr. W. C. McDonald's scholarships, and of \$18,445 in annual subscriptions, most of them for five years. But this was not all, for it was followed by two of those large and generous bequests of which this city may well be proud. Major Hiram Mills, an American gentleman, resident for twenty years in Montreal, and familiar with the struggles of the university, left us by will the handsome sum of \$43,000 to endow a chair in his name, as well as a scholarship and a gold medal. On this endowment the Governors have placed the chair of Classical Literature. More recently our late esteemed friend and fellow-citizen, Mr. David Greenshields, has added to the many kind actions of a noble and generous life the gift of \$40,000 for the endowment of a chair to be called by his name (the David J. Greenshields chair of Chemistry).

It is perhaps unnecessary that I should continue this subject further. The great steps in advance of the last few years are known to nearly all who hear me. In so far as money is concerned, these gifts include the following: The Thomas Workman endowment for Mechanical Engineering of \$117,000, supplemented by \$20,000 from Mr. W. C. McDonald; the W. C. McDonald Engineering Building, valued, with its equipment, at \$350,000, and an endowment of \$45,000 for its maintenance, and also the endowment of the chair of Eleerti-