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GOVERNORS, PRINCIPAL AND FELLOWS
OF
MCGILL UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL,
FOR THE YEAR 1885.

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*To His Excellency the Right Honourable and Most Noble the
Marquis of Lansdowne, Governor-General of Canada.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

At the commencement of the present session grave apprehensions were entertained that the prevalent epidemic of smallpox might seriously interfere with our educational work, and special precautions were taken by the Principal and Faculties to ensure the vaccination of all students and to inquire as to the sanitary condition of lodging-houses. We are thankful to be able to state that the health of the students has been in every respect as good as usual, and that though several intending students were diverted from our class-rooms by the apprehensions which had been excited, and the junior classes in some of the Faculties have thus been diminished, few of the senior students were deterred from returning. The total number in attendance has been slightly in excess of that of previous sessions.

The University has to lament the death, since the last Annual Report, of one of its Governors, the Hon. Sir Francis Hincks, K.C.M.G., C.B. Of the public services and high reputation of Sir Francis it is not for us to speak, but with reference to the University we have lost by his decease a warm and active friend, a regular attendant of the meetings of the Board and a