

ably filled by the appointment of Prof. C. Carus-Wilson, B.A. (Cantab), A.M.I.C.E., as Professor of Mechanical Engineering.

The corner stone of the W. C. McDonald building was laid on October 30th, by your Excellency, in presence of the convocation and a large gathering of the friends and students of the University. The proceedings on the occasion have been published in a separate pamphlet along with plans and elevation of the new buildings. The buildings have since that date made rapid progress and will be ready for use next session ; and they will afford all the class-rooms, laboratories and workshops needed for the Civil and Mechanical Departments of the Faculty of Applied Science, as well as for a Department of Electrical Engineering, should that be introduced.

A number of manufacturers and merchants of this city have shown their appreciation of what has been done for technical education, by gifts of valuable machinery and apparatus. Among the most important of these donations is the gift of a large testing-machine, of the most improved construction, by Messrs. G. B. Burland and Jeffrey H. Burland, B.A.Sc.. We have also to thank Mr. J. H. R. Molson for the gift of an Otto gas-engine to the Faculty of Arts, and Mr. A. J. Lawson for a dynamo and Mrs. Redpath for a storage battery of twenty-two Gibson cells.

One of the most important donations made to the University in the course of the year has been the gift on the part of Mr. J. H. R. Molson of the lots between the College grounds and McTavish street and adjoining the Presbyterian College. The acquisition of these lots will enable college-buildings to be erected on this side of the grounds without encroaching on the campus ; and in the meantime the houses upon them constitute a source of revenue. This property is of the value of \$42,500.

The University has further to acknowledge with gratitude the gift on behalf of Her Majesty's Commissioners for the Exhibition of 1851, of one of their Nomination Scholarships of £150, in those branches of science (such as Physics, Mechanics and Chemistry) which are specially important for the national industries. This scholarship, it is hoped, will be suitably awarded in May next.