

think that if we should succeed in obtaining the sum now spoken of in order to enable us to sustain our present work, we might fairly pledge ourselves not to require to make another appeal, but that we may trust for farther growth to the spontaneous liberality of friends of education. I believe that in the time to come the University will be a great and wealthy institution, and that what we have now to do is to sustain it until it rises to that position.

Mr RAMSAY.—There was one portion of my remarks which I postponed until Dr. Dawson had spoken. Since the circular was issued we have been promised different sums of money from various gentlemen, most of whom have not actually named the exact sums they are prepared to give, but we have in two instances received letters promising particular sums. One is from Mr. Hagne, of the Merchants' Bank, offering to give \$3,000 if fifty other persons will come forward and each subscribe a similar amount or make up in other ways \$150,000. Mrs. Jane Redpath has subscribed \$1,000, which, with such other sums as may be afterwards added thereto, is to be invested as the William Wood Redpath Memorial Fund, and the revenue applied to the maintenance of the library. Then there is a large subscription from our esteemed Principal, Dr. Dawson. When the proposed reduction of salaries was before the board, Dr. Dawson desired that rather than make some of the proposed reductions we should strike off the salary of \$1,000 which, as principal, he receives in addition to that of his Professorship. The Board of Governors, however, would not consider that action, but Dr. Dawson soon after put himself virtually in the same position by tendering a subscription "of \$1,000 to the Faculty of Applied Science for the current year, and so much longer as may be necessary." This was a noble thing in addition to the giving of his life to the University. But this is not the first occasion on which Dr. Dawson has given a subscription to the University. During several years he has given an annual subscription of \$300 to the Faculty of Advanced Science, and he gave in 1871 a sum of \$1,200 towards the funds of that Faculty. Then Dr. Dawson has been since ever he came here, a Professor in the Medical Faculty to lecture to its students in Zoology and Botany. For this his remuneration is, like that of all the Professors in that Faculty, his fees, which he is entitled to retain, but he has from the outset paid those fees to the University for expenditure in maintenance of

and additions to the museum. This has been virtually an annual subscription of at least \$250. These remarks I purposely postponed until Dr. Dawson had spoken, because I knew that with that modesty which has kept these gifts in great part hitherto unknown, he would have deprecated this mention of them here, but it is right that on an occasion like this the citizens of Montreal should know what Dr. Dawson has for years done and is now doing in his devotion to the University. He is a man of whom not only the University and Montreal, but Canada has reason to be proud. He has not only given us himself and his life's work, but has given lavishly of his means, and his devotion should and will incite us all to greater and enthusiastic efforts on behalf of our University, which he serves and aids so well. (Great applause.)

Mr. ANDREW ROBERTSON then moved the following resolution:—

"That in view of the explanations given by the board of governors as to the financial position of McGill University, and the extent and value of the educational work it is at present carrying on, together with the importance of continuing this work without diminution, it is desirable that a renewed effort be made by the citizens of Montreal to increase the endowment of the institution, and thereby to place it in an independent and permanent position."

He was sure it required no words of his to get a hearty support for this motion. They were proud of McGill University, and especially of Dr. Dawson, who presided over it. He knew that at one time Dr. Dawson had an opportunity of leaving them, but he would not. McGill University had advanced enormously since Dr. Dawson had taken the Principalship. In the course of his remarks, he expressed an opinion that the amount required would be promptly subscribed. There would be difficulty experienced in getting even the present rate of 6 per cent. and he thought that no more than 5 per cent. might in the future be the rate for mortgage investments. He suggested that they should ask for a quarter of a million at once, and they would get it, for the University was in every way worthy of liberal support.

Mr. M. H. GALT, M.P. in seconding the resolution, said he felt certain that the sum asked for would be subscribed. He had always looked upon the University and its worthy Principal with the greatest pride, and for Dr. Dawson's sake alone he hoped there would be a large contribution to McGill College. He promised to contribute his share towards