

zoology. He had only graduated the year before, and it was in the following year that he was officially appointed to a position on the teaching staff of the College, so that Sir William formed a connecting link between those two important events in his life. Ever since that time, his relations with Sir William had been constant and intimate, and he had ever looked on his Principal with mingled feelings of love and reverence. At the time of his first appearance in McGill, it was hard to detect the latent powers that lay in Sir William, and it was not until he had overcome many of the difficulties that lay in his path, that it was realised that a great man was in their midst. He did for McGill what perhaps no other man could have done,—he saved its very existence. The incubus of inertia had long settled upon it so heavily, that nothing but herculean efforts, such as Sir William put forth, could have lifted it.

“Sir William Dawson accomplished as much good by his example as by his precept. He was not a man to carp and preach at those under him, or to constantly remind a man of his faults, but his example was ever one worthy of following, and his life was a living sermon. He possessed in a rare degree the