

There has been a very considerable increase in the number of Students attending the Art Classes, the general progress in which is commented on by the Director in his Special Report.

The Endowment Fund is increasing, and will no doubt commend itself gradually to those who are able and willing to assist in the advancement of culture in Montreal. The subscriptions which have been given and promised during the year are from Sir D. A. Smith and Mr. R. B. Angus, one thousand dollars each, from Mr. F. Wolferstan Thomas, five hundred dollars, from Messrs. Carsley and A. F. Riddell, one hundred dollars each, and from the very Rev. Dean Norman, (*Ex-President*) twenty-five dollars.

In the month of April, the two adjoining houses Nos. 13 and 15 Phillips Square were purchased for twenty thousand dollars, the money being provided from the Endowment Fund, eleven thousand six hundred dollars, and by a mortgage on the purchased premises for the balance, a friend, who has already on several occasions shown her good-will towards the Association, with which her family is so intimately and honorably connected, having lent the necessary amount on very favorable terms.

Mr. R. B. Angus, having presented the Association with six valuable Oil Paintings, more fully referred to elsewhere, in addition to the other generous gifts of which mention is made in this and previous Reports, has been appointed to the rank of Benefactor.

A generous and entirely unsolicited offer has been made to the Council by one of the leading citizens of Montreal to give an annual prize (for a certain number of years) at the Spring Exhibitions, and a scheme for the most satisfactory disposition of this money is being drawn up. The Council