

of years. Though informally recognized by the University, without any actual interference with their freedom of action, they have not been noticed in our official reports. They constitute however a most important means of education in directions not provided for in the regular work, and in which the spontaneous exertions of the graduates and students is of more value than any merely official action could be.

The principal associations of this kind at present are :—

The Graduates' Society.

The University Literary Society.

The Undergraduates' Society.

The McGill Medical Society.

The Young Men's Christian Association.

The University Club.

The Athletic Association.

The McGill College Book Club.

LIBRARY, MUSEUM AND OBSERVATORY.

The reports of the Library, Peter Redpath museum, and Observatory, appended to this report, will show the present condition of these departments of the University.

The number of volumes in the library is now 25,705, and this does not include about 10,000 volumes in the library of the medical faculty, so that the total number of volumes is over 35,000. It is also to be observed that an unusually large number of the books consists of works of present educational or scientific value, so that the actual value of the library is not to be estimated merely by its magnitude.

In the past year, the library has been largely used by students and by original workers, and has been enriched by several important donations, among which those of Mr. Peter Redpath, the Hon. Judge Mackay, the McGill College Book Club and the Graduates' Society deserve special mention.

Much useful work has also been done by the assistant librarian in cataloguing and arrangement; and satisfactory progress has been made in binding the large number of periodicals and other works hitherto unbound, and therefore liable to loss and difficult of access.