

devised safeguard against the abuses which lately caused so much trouble in the management of the institution. There will surely now be less chance for the exercise of that playful eccentricity which tries to know a man that knows *the* man. At the meeting at which the above decision was reached, it was resolved to offer vacancies on the staff to Mr. E. L. Curry, B.A., as Senior Classical Master, in place of George Murray, Esq., B.A. No public announcement was made at the time of Mr. Murray's resignation, and we take this opportunity of referring to his long service in the Montreal High School. It was really a pleasure to hear Mr. Murray examining and drilling a class in the Girls' High School on his favorite Virgil. A man rich in stores of knowledge as the readers of the *Star* so well know, and yet a man liberally gifted in his manner of bestowing these stores upon others, his name will ever be remembered by the boys and girls who have been fortunate to receive instruction at his hands. His experiences will always be to them something to discuss with affection, for Mr. Murray is not soon to be forgotten as one of the most popular masters in the Montreal High School.

—Of the other masters appointed is Mr. Allen W. Strong, B.A., Sc., who is expected to fill the position of drawing and commercial teacher, and Mr. John P. Stephen, who will take charge of the elocution classes. The contractors have commenced operations on the new building, and ere long, Montreal will be in a position to boast of one of the finest High Schools on the continent in point of structure, and let us hope in point of organization and success. In the preliminary arrangements the new head-master has certainly had everything bestowed upon him that a teacher's heart could desire.

—Sir William Dawson is thus reported in the *Star* as having referred to the work being accomplished by McGill University and the prospect before an institution in whose progress every Canadian takes a patriotic interest. The work of the session, he said, might be measured by its graduating classes. The number of primary degrees in course conferred on students in this and the previous meeting of Convocation was 115, a smaller number than last year. It would seem that the entrance classes four years ago were in all the faculties somewhat lower than the average: and there is reason to believe that next session will show a marked increase. The dominant feature of the year has been the great additions made to staff and buildings, especially in professional faculties, though the faculty of Arts has received an important aid in the professorship of experimental physics in the new building and appliances provided for that department.