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## Corporation of the McGill University, (F2618)

To His Excellency the Governor General, Visitor of the University.

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To His Excellency the Right Honorable the Earl of Dufferin, Viscount and Baron Clanaboye, &c., K.P., K.C.B., Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, &c., &c.

*May it please Your Excellency:*

The Governors, Principal and Fellows of McGill University, Montreal, beg leave to present to Your Excellency, as Visitor on behalf of the Crown, the following report on the condition and progress of the University and its Affiliated Institutions in the year ending December 31st, 1876, beginning as usual with the statistics of the educational year.

The number of students in McGill College in the present session is as follows:—

Students in Law,	96
Students in Medicine,	144
Students in Arts,	164
Total,	400

or deducting eight students entered in more than one faculty, in all 332.

The students in Morrin College, Quebec, are 11 in the undergraduate course, and 60 occasional.

The teachers in training in the Normal School are 119.

The pupils in the Model School of the Normal School are 340.

The total number of persons thus deriving educational benefit from the University is 922.

Of the students and teachers in training in McGill College and the Normal School, about 330 are persons not resident in Montreal, but attracted to it by the educational advantages offered by the University and its Affiliated Colleges.

At the meetings of Convocation in March and May last, the following degrees were conferred:

Doctors of Medicine,	21
Master of Arts ( <i>ad eundem</i> ),	1
Bachelors of Civil Law,	12
Bachelors of Arts,	11
Bachelors of Applied Science,	3
Total,	48

The medal offered by Your Excellency for competition in History was awarded to Kutusoff N. McFee, B.A., for his essay on "The Origin and Progress of Responsible Government, in the Provinces now constituting the Dominion of Canada."

At the close of the Session of the McGill Normal School, in July, the following diplomas were granted by the Hon. the Superintendent of Education.

For Academies,	8
For Model Schools,	24
For Elementary Schools,	38
Total,	70

In the School Examinations of June last, sixteen candidates presented themselves of

whom eleven passed as Associates in Arts, and one for the Junior Certificate.

On these statistics we may make the following remarks:—

1. The number of students, notwithstanding that depression of trade which has been felt so severely throughout the Dominion, is 46 in excess of that of last year. The increase is chiefly in the Faculties of Arts and Law, in which the number of undergraduates is much larger than in any previous session. Of the Students in Arts twenty-five belong to the Department of Applied Science.

2. The number of degrees granted at the close of last session was smaller than usual. We hope for a considerable increase in the graduation of the present session.

3. The diplomas granted in the Normal School raise the total number given by that institution to 1007. It appears from the report of the Principal of the school, that all the recipients of Academy Diplomas, and twenty-two of those who had taken Model School Diplomas, at once obtained situations. Five returned to the school for the Academy Diploma, and a considerable proportion of those who had taken the Elementary Diploma returned for the Model School Diploma, while others obtained situations. The classes in the present session are as large as those in the last, and it is believed that there is a progressive improvement in the preparation and training of the students, while their services are being more and more sought for, as their superiority over those who have not enjoyed the advantages of a Normal School training is better appreciated.

4. The number of certificates to pupils of schools is larger than last year; and since by a regulation recently passed by Corporation the pupils of the higher schools for girls are now admitted for examination, it is hoped that the number will be considerably increased in the examinations of this year. We have to thank the Rev. Principal Lobleby, of the Diocesan College, Montreal, and the Rev. Professors Weir and McQuarry, of Morrin College, Quebec, for co-operating with the Professors of the University in these examinations.

In the past session the library has received important additions through the liberality of Peter Redpath Esq., and of the McGill College Book Club, and by purchase with the income of the William Molson fund and the library fees of the students. A complete catalogue has also been printed, and the Librarian has in preparation a supplement which will include about 820 volumes. The total number of volumes is now 12,813. Material improvements have been made in the heating of the library and museum, and a more commodious reading-room for the students has been added to the buildings. Additions have also been made to the philosophical apparatus, and a

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