

BENEFACTORS OF THE McGill University, Montreal.

THE HONORABLE JAMES

McGILL, by his last Will and Testament under date 8th January, 1811, bequeathed the Estate of Burnside, situated near the City of Montreal, and containing forty-seven Acres of Land, with the Manor House and Buildings thereon erected, and also the sum of ten thousand pounds in money, unto "The Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning," constituted by Act of Parliament in the Forty-First year of the reign of his Majesty King George the Third, to erect and establish an University or College, for the purpose of Education, and the advancement of learning in the Province of Lower Canada, with a competent number of Professors and Teachers to render such Establishment effectual and beneficial for the purposes intended, requiring that one of the Colleges to be comprised in the said University, should be named and perpetually be known and distinguished by the appellation of "McGill College."

The value of the above mentioned property was estimated at the date of the bequest at.....£30,000

At a meeting called by a number of the influential citizens of Montreal, and held at the Merchants' Exchange 6th December, 1856, for the purpose of taking into consideration the financial condition of the University of McGill College,—The following Resolution was adopted:

"That an effort ought to be made for increasing the Endowment of McGill College in such a manner as to extend its usefulness, and to place it for the future upon an independent and permanent footing."

Whereupon, in pursuance of the above Resolution, the following Donations were enrolled for Special or General objects connected with the University,—the Royal Institution granting Scholarships in perpetuity according to the value of the Donations.

The Honorable John Molson,	}\$5,000
Thomas Molson, Esq.,		
William Molson, Esq.,		

for the formation and maintenance of the Chair of English Language and Literature.

In 1860 the sum of £200 presented to the College, by H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, was Applied to the foundation of a Gold Medal, to be called the "Prince of Wales Gold Medal."

In 1861, the "William Molson Hall," being the west wing of the McGill College Buildings, with the Museum Rooms, and Chemical Laboratory and Class Rooms, was erected through the munificent Donation of the founder whose name it bears.

In 1864, the "Anne Molson Gold Medal" was founded by Mrs. John Molson, of Belmont Hall, Montreal, for an honour course in Mathematics and Physical Sciences.

In the same year the "Shakspeare Gold Medal," for an honour course, to comprise and include the works of Shakspeare and the Literature of England from his time to the time of Addison, both inclusive, and such other accessory subjects as the Corporation may from time to time appoint,—Was founded by Citizens of Montreal, on occasion of the three hundredth Anniversary of the birth of Shakspeare.

In the same year, the "Logan Gold Medal," for an honour course in Geology and Natural Science, was founded by Sir William Edmund Logan, LL.D., F.R.S., F.G.S., &c.

In 1865, the "Elizabeth Torrance Gold Medal" was founded by John Torrance, Esq., of St. Antoine Hall, Montreal, in memory of the late Mrs. John Torrance, for the best student in the graduating class in Law, and more especially for the highest proficiency in Roman Law.

In the same year, the "Holmes Gold Medal" was founded by the Medical Faculty as a memorial of the late Andrew Holmes, Esquire, M.D., LL.D., late Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, to be given to the best student in the graduating class in Medicine, who shall undergo a special examination in all the branches, whether Primary or Final.

John Gordon Mackenzie, Esq.....	£500.
Ira Gould, Esq.....	500.
John Frothingham, Esq.....	500.
John Torrance, Esq.....	500.
James B. Greenshields, Esq.....	300.
William Busby Lambe, Esq.....	300.
Sir George Simpson, Knight.....	250.
Henry Thomas, Esq.....	250.
John Redpath, Esq.....	250.
James McDougall, Esq.....	250.
James Mitchell, Esq.....	250.
James Torrance, Esq.....	250.
Honorable James Ferrier.....	250.
John Smith, Esq.....	250.
Harrison Stephens, Esq.....	250.
Henry Chapman, Esq.....	150.
Mr. Chapman also founded a Gold Medal to be given annually for the greatest general proficiency in the graduating class in Arts.	
John James Day, Esq.....	150.
Honorable Peter McGill.....	150.
Thomas Brown Anderson, Esq.....	150.
Peter Redpath, Esq.....	150.
Thomas M. Taylor, Esq.....	150.
Joseph MacKay, Esq.....	150.
Augustus N. Heward, Esq.....	150.
Donald Lorn McDougall, Esq.....	150.
Honorable John Rose.....	150.
Charles Alexander, Esq.....	150.
Moses E. David, Esq.....	150.
William Carter, Esq.....	150.
Thomas Paton, Esq.....	150.
William Workman, Esq.....	150.
Honorable Alexander T. Galt.....	150.
Luther H. Holton, Esq.....	150.
Henry Lyman, Esq.....	150.
David Torrance, Esq.....	150.
Edwin Atwater, Esq.....	150.
Theodore Hart, Esq.....	150.
William Forsyth Grant, Esq.....	150.
Robert Campbell, Esq.....	150.
Alfred Savage, Esq.....	150.
James Ferrier, Esq., Jr.....	150.
William Stephens, Esq.....	150.
N. S. Whitney, Esq.....	150.
William Dow, Esq.....	150.
William Watson, Esq.....	150.
Edward Major, Esq.....	150.
Honorable Charles Dewey Day.....	50.
John R. Esdaile, Esq.....	50.
Mrs. G. Frothingham, for the "Carpenter Collection," of shells.....	\$225.
C. Dunkin, Esq., M.P.P., in aid of the chair of Practical Chemistry.....	\$1200