

McGoun, and drunk to the strains of "He's a jolly good fellow."

Songs were sung during the evening by Messrs. Grouard, Harvey, and Lamontagne, and a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The following are the memorials in which the University states the case before the Legislature as against the Council of the Bar:—

To the Hon'ble the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Quebec, in Parliament assembled:

The Petition of the undersigned, representing the MCGILL UNIVERSITY, humbly sheweth:—

That your Petitioners in the last session of the Legislature represented to your Honourable House the evils arising from certain disabilities inflicted on the University, and through it on Professional Education, by the regulations of the Council of the Bar, and also the necessity that the Degree of Bachelor of Arts should here, as in other countries, be recognized as sufficient qualification for entrance into Professional study.

That the relief sought for was not obtained; but that bills are again before the Legislature having this object in view.

That representations have been made to your Honourable House in a memorial signed by the Batonnier General and Secretary of the Council of the Bar, to the effect that Degrees have been granted to Students in Law who had "followed the lectures *pro forma* only," and that the Faculty has given "Lectures *pro forma* only." These allegations we deny, as altogether at variance with fact, in so far as this University is concerned, and are prepared to prove the same by the records of our Faculty of Law for a great number of years, as well as by the success of our Graduates in passing the examinations for admission to the practice of Law.

Representations have also been made in the same memorial to the effect that this University "gives the Degree of Bachelor of Arts to all students who complete the course in the Faculty of Arts." If under this statement the final examinations for the degree are alone referred to, this is only what might in many cases be expected, since students in Arts of this University must first pass a Matriculation examination in which the average failures amount to more than 28 per cent., and must thereafter pursue a course extending over three or four years, in which eight other examinations have to be passed, in all of which some candidates are rejected, so that, though few fail in the final examinations, yet less than 52 per cent. of those who enter for the degree of B.A. actually attain to it. Statistics proving these facts have been published in the public prints and in the Reports of this University. It is, however, evident that the said allegation is made with the view of creating an impression that the Degree of Bachelor of Arts is given by this University without sufficient qualification, which is altogether incorrect. We therefore deny the truth of this allegation in the connection in which it appears in the memorial referred to, and re-affirm the statement made in our previous petition, to the effect that in the case of those who have taken the Degree in Arts of the Universities, this Degree should be recognized as qualifying to enter on professional study without further examination. In all other countries possessing Universities, this privilege is given, and it is obviously expedient, as inducing candidates to pursue a thorough and liberal education. It is also submitted in this connection that the course of Study in Arts in the Protestant Universities is in every respect adequate, and is equal to that given in other countries, and to which such privileges are there granted.

In proof of the above statements the most ample evidence can be submitted if desired.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that no credence be given to the allegations and misstatements above controverted, and that your Honourable House will be pleased to grant

the relief desired in the premises; and your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

On behalf of the University,

(Signed) } J. H. R. MOLSON, J. W. DAWSON, LL.D.,  
Acting President. Vice-Chancellor.

(Signed) J. W. BRAKENRIDGE, B.C.L.,  
Secretary.

#### MCGILL COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

##### FACULTY OF ARTS.

Comparison of the number of Candidates for entrance into the first year of the Undergraduate Course, with the number of the same class who obtained the B.A. degree four years subsequently:

Session.	Entrance.		B.A.	Year.
	(No. of Candidates).			
1879-80	32	of whom	16	graduated in April, 1883
1880-81	24	do	18	do do 1884
1881-2	36	do	18	do do 1885
1882-83	40	do	23	do do 1886
1883-84	41	do	20	do do 1887
1884-85	43	do	20	do do 1888
Total entrance	220 of whom		116	graduated at the end of six years.
Ratio.	.....116		513	four years.

Thus, on the average of these six years, less than 25 per cent. of those who presented themselves as candidates for entrance in any one year eventually reached the B. A. degree with the class, *i. e.*, about half the candidates only were successful.

In drawing up this table all the candidates were counted, whether they presented themselves for the Matriculation Examination in September of any year, passed subsequently at Christmas, or in April following, or joined the class at the Senior Matriculation (entrance into the second year) in the following September.

ALEXANDER JOHNSON, LL.D.,

Dean, Faculty of Arts.

#### THE PETITION

OF THE FACULTY OF LAW OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY, RESPECTFULLY REPRESENTS:

1st. That at and before the time of Confederation the said University had and still possesses, in virtue of express powers granted it by Royal Charter and sanctioned by law, a regularly established Faculty of Law, with a full staff of Professors, whose courses of lectures since the establishment of said Faculty have formed an important part of the educational work of the University and of legal education in the Province.

2nd. That among the rights and privileges so expressly granted, and subject only to the approval of the Responsible Executive of the Province of Canada as provided by the Act 29 and 30 Victoria, Chapter 27, the said University had, and until the unjust interference herein complained of, exercised the right of framing and prescribing its course of study necessary to constitute a complete legal course, entitling Law Students pursuing the same to the degree of B.C.L., to admission to the practice of the law, after three years' contemporaneous clerkship and upon an examination by the Bar.

3rd. That your Petitioners complain of the unjust and uncalculated interference of the Council of the Bar with the said long-enjoyed and legally-established rights and privileges of the said University, and that by the Act of the Legislature of this Province, 49 and 50 Victoria, Chapter 34, Section 49, and the regulations of the Bar Council made in virtue thereof, the said University has in fact been deprived of the said rights and privileges expressly granted it by Royal Charter and by law, of framing and prescribing its course of study in law, to constitute a legal course, subject only to the action and approval of the Executive of the Province, and has been subjected as regards such course, even to the number of lectures to be delivered on