

Government through the Protestant Committee, as part of the Superior Education Fund of the Province. Some portion of this fund is derived from the sale of marriage licences, and, though it was covenanted more than a quarter of a century ago that the revenue derived from these licences should be available for higher education, the plea is now made that the needs of poor municipalities have also to be considered. McGill University has always declined to make itself a party to any issue that may be raised with the view of attempting to show that the interests of elementary education and those of higher education are separate and incompatible. At the same time, it may be well to point out that the Provincial Legislature is acting differently from other governments in continuing to lend an ear to the argument that the modern University is an institution equipped in the interests of the privileged few, which ought, therefore, to be self-supporting, without relying on any form of State aid. There is no reason why even-handed justice should not be done alike to schools and to universities.

There falls to be recorded in this Report the death of Emeritus Principal Sir William Dawson, LL.D., F.R.S., C.M.G., which took place on 19th November, 1899.

Suitable resolutions were prepared and adopted by the Board of Governors and by Corporation, and from these the following is extracted:—

"Resolved, that the Board of Governors desires to associate itself with the expressions of respect for the memory of the late Sir William Dawson which have already been made by Corporation, on behalf of the whole University."

"For many years, and often in times of difficulty, when the outlook was not so bright as it is now, the late Principal was the trusted adviser of the Board, and it was through him that the Board was enabled to make the various advances which have helped to consolidate the position of the University.