

Your Committee have endeavoured to keep the number of unbound periodicals as low as they could ; and with this object, they obtained from the Board of Governors a grant of \$100, which was expended on binding 135 volumes. At present date, there are about 200 volumes of periodicals which should be sent for binding ; and were the funds at the disposal of the Committee larger for this purpose, there are hundreds of volumes in General Literature, now merely in cloth covers, that well deserve to be bound in proper library style.

Satisfactory progress has been made by the Assistant Librarian in the work of cataloguing, and the whole of the valuable donation of Hon. Judge Mackay is now duly entered. There remain still to be entered 912 volumes, mostly recent additions.

The donations of the year have been large and valuable. Among these is a collection of tracts relating to the American Revolution, which was presented by Mr. Robt. Muir, a former resident of this city, and which supplies a desideratum in the Library in relation to that important period of British history. The collection was made at the suggestion of the late Mr. R. A. Ramsay, who in this, as in so many other ways, manifested his interest in the complete equipment of the Library. Mr. Peter Redpath has augmented his collection by valuable additions of works in History, Antiquities, etc. The Redpath Collection is now so large that more shelf-room is needed for its accommodation and safe-keeping, and your Committee have taken steps to secure the same.

The other principal donors have been—the McGill College Book Club, Hon. Judge Mackay, Principal Sir Wm. Dawson, Prof. Bovey, the McGill Graduates' Society, Dr. Wicksteed, and the various societies, institutions and governments that have been so long our benefactors. To all these, the thanks of the Corporation have been cordially given.

Your Committee are also pleased to have to report that a donation of \$500 has been received from Mrs. Sterry Hunt, for the purchase of books for the Library. It is recommended that the special thanks of Corporation be tendered to Mrs. Hunt for her considerate gift.

From the Conspectus, herewith submitted, it will be noted that a marked increase has taken place in every item reported,