

In the last annual report, reference was made to the bequest of \$1000 to the Library by the late Mr. R. A. Ramsay, on the conditions that each book should be substantially bound in leather, and bear some indication of the source from which it came. As Mr. Ramsay was known to take special interest in matters relating to British North America in particular, and to North America in general, it was deemed to be most in consonance with his wishes to expend the amount of his bequest in the purchase of such classes of books. The first purchase made from this bequest amounted to 85 vols. and pamphlets, which cost, including binding, the sum of \$362. Further orders for purchase are being executed in London, Paris, New York and Canada, which, if fully executed, will enhance the value of the bequest. The Committee are careful to see that the conditions of the bequest are complied with, each book being bound in leather, and having a label giving the name of the donor. Mr. Ramsay, besides collecting books on Canadian History, devoted much of his leisure to research in that subject; and at the time of his death he was engaged on a work treating on the History of Canada from 1760-75. The materials for this work, as well as papers already published by him, have been collected and handsomely bound; and by a letter of the 11th instant, his sister, Miss Ramsay, has sent it with the wish that it be placed in the Library. This has been done; and the book will be an appropriate memorial of one whose heart was set on promoting the usefulness and completeness of this department of the University.

A memorial of another benefactor, to whom the Library is largely indebted, is also to be reported. In March last, Mrs. Mackay, widow of the late Mr. Justice Mackay, sent to the Library a tin box with its contents and key, and with the following extract from the will of Judge Mackay:—"The big tin box, with my diaries as a judge hearing causes, I leave to McGill Library, to be placed in my room, with immediate possession, but not to be allowed out."

The other donations during the year have been large and valuable; among which a further consignment of 97 vols. from Mr. Peter Redpath, mostly in English History and Antiquities and Natural Science, deserves special mention.