

case, with glazed front, behind which a curtain yellow with age shields from sight the college skeleton. "Anatomies," as dissections were then called, were rare in the seventeenth century, sets of bones for students' use were still rarer, thus the college provided its men with the necessary aid to the study of the human frame.

Yet these are but superadded interests. The charm of an old library lies in the books, whether it be that he who haunts it is fond of early printing or rare editions, or bindings, or of books for what they contain. Here in the accumulation of close upon four hundred years all tastes can be satisfied.

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THE OTTAWA VALLEY GRADUATES' SOCIETY OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY.

For many years there was a growing feeling among the graduates of McGill University residing in the Ottawa Valley, that an association might be formed which would have for its main object—the interest of our common Alma Mater and the social intercourse of the various members of such an organization.

The points of contact between a graduate and his Alma Mater, up to a few years ago, were very few and far between, so that hundreds of the McGill men throughout Canada knew not what was going on, what progress McGill was making, nor what advantages might be derived by united and concerted action on her behalf.

Acting in a manner and spirit contrary to the separation of Alma and graduate, the "Sons of Gilcol" residing in the Ottawa Valley and at the capital as a centre resolved to form themselves into an association.

It was on the 20th of March, 1890, that some thirty-one graduates of McGill met in the Russell House, Ottawa, and created the Society, which is now in a flourishing condition.

The following is the list of the graduates and the various faculties they represent who met together on that occasion:—

Sir James A. Grant, K.C.M.G., M.D., etc.; Henry P. Wright, M.D.; R. W. Ellis, LL.D.; Robert Bell, M.D., B.App.Sc.; Honoré Robillard, M.D.; R. W. Powell, M.D.; H. Beaumont Small, M.D.; W. C. Cousens, M.D.; W. H. Klock, M.D.; David MacLaren, B.A., M.D.; Rev. S. Rondeau, B.A.; Frank Scott, M.D.; R. A. Kennedy, B.A., M.D.; John Thorburn, M.A.; J. S. J. Routhier, B.A.Sc.; A. P. Low, B.A.Sc.; T. D. Green, B.A.Sc.; J. McEvoy, B.A.Sc.; C. J. H. Chipman, M.D.; John R. Church, M.D.; Robert A. Klock, B.A., B.C.L.; Jeffrey H. Burland, B.A.Sc.; G. F. Calder, B.A. (Lachute); Allan G. Ingalls, B.C.L.; W. R. Kenny, B.C.L.; Geo. C. Wright, B.A., B.C.L.; Robert Cassels, B.A.; P. D. Ross, B.A.Sc.; D. B. Dowling, B.A. Sc.; Henry M. Ami, M.A.

The Society was organized that evening, and has since that time been gradually adding to its membership and brought together a band of men whose interest in their Alma Mater has been growing as the glowing news of her progress and advancement has reached us, whilst it has given the University a status and prominence in

the community which it scarcely had before, and the officers of the Society have become so many workers in the interest of McGill's welfare.

The membership roll numbers over *sixty*, whilst the Secretary has a list of upwards of one hundred and twenty-five graduates of McGill, who reside in the Ottawa Valley and district whose Eastern limit reaches Montreal and its Western boundary skirts the shores of Lake Nipissing. Members from North Bay, Klock Mills, Fitzroy Harbor, Renfrew, Aylmer, Hull, Ottawa, Chelsea, North Gower, Merrivale, Buckingham, Lachute and other localities have already attended the meetings of the Society.

The following is a list of the first officers and council of the Society drawn from the Minute Book:—

1890-'91.

Honorary-President—The Rt. Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, LL.D., etc.

President—Sir James A. Grant, M.D., C.M., etc.

Vice-Presidents—1. D. H. P. Wright.

2. Robert Cassels, B.A., Q. C.

3. Robt. A. Klock, B.A., B.C.L.

Treasurer—Jeffrey H. Burland, B.A. Sc.

Secretary—Henry M. Ami, M.A.

Council:—R. Bell, B.A.Sc., M.D.

R. W. Powell, M.D., C.M.

Rev. S. Rondeau, B.A.

Geo. F. Calder, B.A.

Geo. C. Wright, B.A., B.C.L.

John R. Church, M.D.

Foremost amongst the promoters of this Society at the outset was Mr. J. H. Burland, who has been for so many years a worthy representative fellow for the Faculty of Applied Science on the Board of Corporation.

It was he who presided at its first meeting and who helped in various ways in placing it on the footing upon which it now stands.

The Society has an executive which meets as often as necessity requires, and with the sanction of the Corporation of McGill selects examiners for the June Matriculation local examinations, whilst it has done a great deal in disseminating McGill literature, and answered many enquiries regarding studies in the various faculties in which McGill can so rightly boast.

About twenty graduates from Ottawa attended the great University Banquet of 1891, when for the first time in the history of Canada, the State, represented by His Excellency the Gov. General, the Premier Sir John MacDonald and many other prominent politicians, recognized higher education, and gave their generous support to its aims and aspirations.

Our Society is not yet three years old, but the older we get and the oftener we meet, the more we see there is to be done and that we can do on behalf of McGill. Just as the mighty and grand river flows in an easterly direction past the capital, carrying on its bosom the product of forest, mine and stream to the great commercial metropolis of Canada, so there seems to be the natural flow of students toward McGill and Montreal, where University life and its incomparable advantage