

## 2. BENEFACTORS OF THE MCGILL UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL.

The Hon. James McGill, by his last Will and Testament under date 8th January, 1841, bequeathed the Estate of Burnside, situated near the City of Montreal, and containing forty-seven Acres of Land, with the Manor House and Buildings thereon erected, and also the sum of ten thousand pounds in money, unto "The Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning," constituted by Act of Parliament in the Forty-First year of the reign of his Majesty, King George the Third, to erect and establish a University or College, for the purpose of Education, and the advancement of learning in the Province of Lower Canada, with a competent number of Professors and Teachers to render such establishment effectual and beneficial for the purposes intended, requiring that one of the Colleges to be comprised in the said University, should be named and perpetually be known and distinguished by the appellation of "McGill College."

The value of the above mentioned property was estimated at the date of the bequest at £30,000.

At a meeting called by a number of the influential citizens of Montreal, and held at the Merchants' Exchange, 6th December, 1856, for the purpose of taking into consideration the financial condition of the University of McGill College.—The following Resolution was adopted:

"That an effort ought to be made for increasing the Endowment of McGill College in such a manner as to extend its usefulness, and to place it for the future upon an independent and permanent footing."

Whereupon, in pursuance of the above Resolution, the following donations were enrolled for Special or General objects connected with the University.—The Royal Institution granting Scholarships in perpetuity according to the value of the Donations.

The Honorable John Molson,	} .....£5,000
Thomas Molson, Esq.,	
William Molson, Esq.,	

for the formation and maintenance of the Chair of English Language and Literature.

John Gordon McKenzie, Esq., £500; Ira Gould, Esq., £500; John Frothingham, Esq., £500; John Torrance, Esq., £500; Jas. B. Greenshields, Esq., £300; William Busby Lambe, Esq., £300; Sir George Simpson, Knight, £250; Henry Thomas, Esq., £250; John Redpath, Esq., £250; James McDougall, Esq., £250; James Mitchell, Esq., £250; James Torrance, Esq., £250; Honorable James Ferrier, £250; John Smith, Esq., £250; Harrison Stephens, Esq., £250; Henry Chapman, Esq., £150. Mr. Chapman also founded a Gold Medal to be given annually in the graduating class in Arts. John James Day Esq., £150; Honorable Peter McGill, £150; Thomas Brown Anderson, Esq., £155; Peter Redpath, Esq., £150; Thos. M. Taylor, Esq., £150; Joseph McKay, Esq., £150; Augustus N. Heward, Esq., £150; Lonal Lorn McDougall, Esq., £160; Honorable John Rose, £150; Chas. Alexander, Esq., £150; Moses E. David, Esq., £150; William Carter, Esq., £150; Thomas Paton, Esq., £150; William Workman, Esq., £150; Honorable Alexander T. Galt, £150; Luther H. Holton, Esq., £150; Henry Lyman, Esq., £150; David Torrance, Esq., £150; Edwin Atwater, Esq., £150; Theodore Hart, Esq., £150; William Forsyth Grant, Esq., £150; Robert Campbell, Esq., £150; Alfred Savage, Esq., £150; James Ferrier, Esq., Jr., £150; William Stephens, Esq., £150; N. S. Whitney, Esq., £150; William Dow, Esq., £150; William Watson, Esq., £150; Edward Major, Esq., £150; Hon. Charles Dewey Day, £50; John R. Esdaile, Esq., £50.

Mrs. G. Frothingham, for the "Carpenter Collection," of shells, \$233.

C. Dunkin, Esq., M.P.P., in aid of the chair of Practical Chemistry, \$1200.

In 1850, the sum of £200 presented to the College by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was applied to the foundation of a Gold Medal, to be called the "Prince of Wales Gold Medal."

In 1861, the "William Molson Hall," being the west wing of the McGill College Buildings, with the Museum Rooms, and Chemical Laboratory and Class Rooms, was erected through the munificent Donation of the founder whose name it bears.

In 1864, the "Anne Molson Gold Medal" was founded by Mrs. John Molson, of Belmont Hall, Montreal, for an honour course in Mathematics and Physical Science.

In the same year, the "Shakspeare Gold Medal" for an honour course, to comprise and include the works of Shakspeare and the Literature of England from his time to the time of Addison, both inclusive, and such other accessory subjects as the Corporation may from time to time appoint,—was founded by Citizens of Montreal, on occasion of the three hundredth Anniversary of the birth of Shakspeare.

In the same year, the "Logan Gold Medal," for an honour course

in Geology and Natural Science, was founded by Sir William Edmund Logan, LL.D., F.R.S., G.S., &c.

In 1865, the "Elizabeth Torrance Gold Medal," was founded by John Torrance, Esq., of St. Antoine Hall, Montreal, in memory of the late Mrs. John Torrance, for the best student in the graduating class in Law, and more especially for the highest proficiency in Roman Law.

In the same year, the "Holmes Gold Medal" was founded by the Medical Faculty, as a memorial of the late Andrew Holmes, Esq., M.D., LL.D., late Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, to be given to the best Student in the graduating class of Medicine, who shall undergo a special examination in all the branches, whether Primary or Final.

In a letter from Dr. Dawson the Principal, he says:—The only important donation in the present year has been that of a carefully selected and well bound lot of Historical works, amounting to 544 volumes, by P. Redpath, Esq. It includes the publications of the Record office and many other valuable works, and is arranged by itself under the name of the "Redpath Historical Collections."

The Canada Presbyterian Church, with the sanction of the Synod, are about to establish a Professorship in the McGill College, of Montreal, in connection with the Church, for the preparation of ministers to supply the vacancies arising in Canada East. The sum of \$10,000 has been subscribed in Montreal, and \$10,000 more is required for the endowment of a professorship. It is computed that one dollar from each communicant of the three Presbyteries of Montreal, Ottawa, and Brockville, would raise the necessary sum, which we hope will be contributed.

## 3. BISHOP'S COLLEGE, LENNOXVILLE.

The Rev. Dr. Nicolls, President of the University, in his letter, states: that Bishop's College received, in 1845, through the late Bishop of Quebec, a donation of £6,000 sterling, from Thomas Churchman Harrold, Esq., of Little Horkeley Park, Essex, given during his lifetime; £200 sterling, from Miss Leeds, of Ipswich; a legacy, £800 currency, from the Rev. L. Doolittle, also given during his lifetime. A valuable collection of minerals, from Sir W. Logan. A donation of books, about 600 volumes, from the Rev. Arthur Hussey, of England. A donation of about the same number of books, and Chinese and Indian Curiosities, from the late Bishop Mountain.

These are the principal donations it has received from individuals. It has received a large number of smaller donations, books, minerals, coins, &c., &c., from other individuals; but these donations were not on a scale which would call for insertion in such a paper as you are preparing. From societies, it has received valuable donations in money and in books. These again, would hardly fall within the scope of your paper.

## 4. QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, KINGSTON.

The Rev. Dr. Snodgrass, President of the University, in his reply, writes, as follows:

*Original Foundation.*—Donations began to be received in December, 1839, and ultimately amounted to \$34,955, in money. After the incorporation of the board of trustees, in 1841, there were conveyed, by different owners, 2,264 acres of land, in various parts of Upper Canada, and several lots in the City of Toronto. These lands were valued at \$6,928; but sales have shown the estimate to be considerably in excess of their real value.

*Building Fund.*—In October, 1854, a building fund was formed, and, between that date and April, 1858, donations amounted to \$12,622. With this sum, and funds belonging to the original foundation, the site and buildings now occupied, formerly known as the "Summerhill Property," were purchased at a cost of \$35,993.

*General Fund.*—(1856) Mrs. T. Wilson, Montreal, donation, \$40; (1864) John Watkins, Esq., Kingston, donation, \$100; (1866) Executors of the late George Michie, Esq., Toronto, intimated a legacy of \$2,000.

*Bursary and Scholarship Fund.*—(1849 and 1851) Rev. John Machar, D.D., two donations, \$280; (1854) Oliver Mowat, Esq., Toronto, \$50; Students of St. Andrew's University, say \$43, continued annually; (1854) Ladies of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, \$60, continued annually until 1858, when they gave an endowment of \$800; (1856) Students of Aberdeen University, say \$34, continued annually; (1857) Rev. David Watson, Thorah, donation, \$40; Hugh Allan, Esq., Montreal, \$50, continued annually; (1858-9) John Paton, Esq., Kingston, donations, \$116; (1860) J. Mowat, Esq., Kingston, legacy, for an endowment, \$800; Principal Cook, donation, \$50; (1861) Ladies of Kingston, endowment, \$1,113; (1862) Hon. Alexander Campbell, Kingston, \$80, continued annually; John Watkins, Esq., Kingston, \$80, continued annually, with another donation of \$60, for that year; (1863) Anonymous, \$40;