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EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

A PICTURE OF SIR WILLIAM DAWSON.

In our next issue we will present our readers with a fine photogravure of Sir William Dawson, the late Principal of the University, which will be no doubt highly appreciated. The names of McGill and Dawson will always be historic in the progress and enlargement of the College world, and more than that, in every country where the benefits of education are at all appreciated. Truly, Sir William may be called the second father of McGill. Those who heard the University Lecture this Session will remember at what a low ebb the fortunes of the institution seemed to be when our late Principal took hold of the reins of office thirty-eight years ago.

The most casual observer on looking round to-day cannot fail to be impressed with the almost magic transformation that has taken place. Whilst the most cordial thanks of every lover of education are due to the generous donors of these buildings, whose names will go down to posterity as the benefactors of their race, we must not forget that much of this change is due to the wise forethought and free generosity of our late Principal. Not only has Sir William given freely

to the funds of the University, but to him we practically owe the collection in the Redpath Museum, which in its line is the most complete and valuable collection in the Dominion. Much of the lustre which fell upon Sir William as one of the greatest of living geologists has been reflected upon McGill, and its fame has been thus carried far beyond its more immediate sphere of action.

The discovery of that gigantic foraminifer, the *Eozoon Canadense*, in the Laurentian Hills, which seems now to be almost universally accepted as the earliest of organic remains known to geological science, has made Sir William's name a household word. In recognition of his great reputation, the British Association of Scientists elected him their president at the Birmingham meeting in 1886.

Of his literary work we need say little. He has presented the world with a series of excellent works upon Geology, many of them written in a popular style. His "Acadian Geology" is still the classic work upon that region. One of the recent works, "Salient Points in the History of the Earth," has lately been reviewed in these columns. All through these works we see that the author is not in sympathy with the purely rationalistic school of thought, steering a middle course, with those who hold that there is nothing incompatible between Reason and Revelation. We trust that Sir William will be long spared to the University and to the world for which he has done so much. With regard to the next issue, we would say that those desiring extra copies would do well to notify the Business Managers in time, as there will undoubtedly be a great rush.

"LADY MARGARET'S HALL, OXFORD."

Oh! this our century that is so alive with the birththroes of many a noble offspring—that is ringing the knell for many a hope that once seemed so fair of promise—where, on thy bush, find we fairer bud than that of "womanhood?" For many a long year this was but on the whole, a sickly branch—bearing, it is true, many a green leaf of pure and unselfish woman-life; but the whole story of its progress has been slow, and even now, man is but just learning to look upon woman as his equal—the flower is but beginning to burst open its green sheath. Truest woman aces not to become man's shade. She will not excel always where he excels, neither will she perform only what he performs. She acknowledges