

BENEFACTORS

OF THE

University of McGill College,

MONTREAL.

THE HONORABLE JAMES MCGILL, by his last Will and Testament, under date 8th January, 1811, 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 an University or College for the purposes 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 foundation and maintenance of the Chair of English Language and Literature.