

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE FOR
THE YEAR 1886.

To the Corporation of McGill University.

GENTLEMEN :—

The Committee for the general management of the Library beg to submit the following as their Fourth Annual Report.

Your Committee are gratified in being able to report continued progress and improvement in the condition and use of the Library. The fact that, with its growth, the advantages it holds forth are more highly appreciated is shown by the memorial, signed by thirty-three Graduates, which prayed that the Library might be opened to them on one evening in the week, at least. This memorial was presented to you, and referred by you to your Committee, with instructions to report thereupon. Your Committee carefully considered the matter and reported, recommending that the request of the Graduates be acceded to, on the following conditions, which the Graduates, on their part, had agreed to :—

1. That the Library be opened on one evening in the week to Graduates of the University and Members of the McGill College Book Club ; *i.e.*, on Thursday evening from 7.30 to 10.30.

2. That admission be free to Graduates and to Members of the McGill College Book Club.

3. That the Graduates' Society will pay a sum sufficient to remunerate the Assistant Librarian for his attendance on the evening in question during the remainder of the present session, the College defraying the expense of heating and lighting.

As this arrangement has been in operation for three weeks only, and that under untoward circumstances, it is too soon to pronounce upon its ultimate success, or otherwise. It is to be hoped that the prompt response made by Corporation to the request of the Graduates will be met by a larger use of the advantages offered by the Library, and an increasing interest in its growth on the part of all to whom this new privilege has been extended.