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### SONG.

(Translated from Henry Murger.)

Rosy mouth, and velvet lips  
Half-unclosed, as if for song—  
Rose, the merry-hearted, trips  
Lightly, as a bird, along.  
Watch her—she is bending down,  
Plucking from the yellow corn  
Blue-eyed blossoms for a crown,  
Fit her beauty to adorn.  
See! her tresses float afar  
On the air, in golden rings,  
At the hour when twilight's star  
Herdmen to the hamlet brings.  
Rose, whose heart is beating quick,  
As she strays the meadows through,  
Petals from a flower doth pick,  
Pain to learn if love be true.  
Blossoms, woven for a crown  
While the Summer sweetly smells,  
Daisy petals, dropping down,  
Love's mysterious oracles—  
All will quickly fade, and naught,  
Rose, will soon be left for thee,  
But the withered flowerets brought  
From the fields of Memory.

GEO. MURRAY.

### Editorials.

WE feel sure that it will give the friends of this University unmixed pleasure to see from our College News that in all probability we shall soon be called upon once more to acknowledge a princely gift from a citizen of Montreal. A rumour has come to us that upon the arrival of our respected Principal from Europe an offer will be made by a benefactor, whose name is at present unknown to us, to erect a building in front of Dr. Dawson's residence to exactly correspond with the Redpath Museum on the other side. This new building, we believe, is to contain a large Convocation Hall and class-rooms for the Faculty of Applied Science. The present Convocation Room in Molsons Hall, which has long been felt to be quite inadequate for the purpose will then form part of the library, and room will thus be found for the books which have already commenced to overflow their shelves. We sincerely hope that this rumour will not turn out to be false. What a fitting welcome the news of this magnificent gift will be for Dr. Dawson on his return to Montreal. It was only on the 27th of last

March, in the Annual University Lecture that he pointed out the wants still unsupplied in the Faculty of Applied Science in these words, "It (the Faculty of Applied Science) is working under great disadvantages in the absence of a suitable building, and we have even been under the necessity of considering the expediency of discontinuing one of its courses of study, that of mechanical engineering, which is now provided for by extra labour on the part of professors having other duties. To place this Faculty on a secure basis, we need a building costing at least \$50,000, and an additional endowment fund of at least \$40,000." It will, we imagine, be no small gratification for him to find that the greater part of what he asked for has so soon been provided. The gift will be one of the most opportune and substantial which has ever been made to the University, and we hope that the donor's name will be permanently associated with the building.

To many who occasionally feel discouraged at the prospects of higher education in this province this news will be very cheering, and we know that it will be cause for hope and renewed efforts to those immediately engaged in the work. There need be no fear for the future of a country where such sacrifices are made for the sake of aiding intellectual advancement.

A grand feature in the history of McGill University is the number of men and women who have nobly come forward at different stages to help in building up this national institution. Many other universities have received much larger gifts, but we think that the number of our benefactors will be found to exceed those of most other colleges. This fact seems to show a general love for our University, and a widespread desire amongst our citizens to promote culture, which is most gratifying to those who remember how important the intellectual side of life is. As we think on this subject we are to look back, and looking back we see a goodly array of names occupying the years from 1821 to the present time. McGill, Molson, Skakel, Redpath, Miss Barbara Scott, Mills, Greenshields, Mrs. Stewart, Donald A. Smith, McDonald and Mackay, are the names of some of those who have helped to make this University what it is to-day. Many besides, whose names would be too numerous to mention, have subscribed liberally to the general endowment fund. If this list of eminent names goes on increasing as we have seen it do in the last few years, McGill University will soon occupy a position of usefulness equalled by few others on this continent. Our sincere wish is that it may so increase.

IN a contribution published in this number what we may call the liquor question in universities is dealt with in a very earnest and outspoken manner. We cannot help stating, however, that we think the writer's strong feeling has led him to state the case in a somewhat exaggerated form, and that his remarks, if published without comment, would be calculated to give to our readers very erroneous impressions as to the morals of university students in general and our own students in particular. We are not inclined to believe that any great number