

of educational work of a high class than has been heretofore accessible to students in this country.

UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS.

The new Buildings erected by Mr. W. C. McDonald, the Engineering Building, and the Physics Building, both stately edifices and admirably adapted for the uses for which they are designed, have made rapid progress, and it is hoped, may be publicly opened at the beginning of next session, on which occasion, one of the most important in the history of the University, in so far as technical and scientific education are concerned, it is hoped Your Excellency may honour the University with your presence.

The present session has been signalized by a new and most generous gift on the part of Mr. Peter Redpath. In addition to the foundation of the noble Museum building which bears his name, and the endowment of the Chair of Natural Philosophy, Mr. Redpath has for many years been a liberal donor to the Library, more especially in the Department of English History, which he has raised to a degree of completeness in rare and standard works unsurpassed in Canada. Now that the books are outgrowing the accommodation possible in the old library, he has come forward with the gift of a library building which is to be capable of holding about 150,000 volumes, and will contain spacious reading-rooms for men and women, and study or "seminary" rooms of the best and most modern construction; and is to be fitted with every appliance necessary to arrangement, safe-keeping and use of its contents. The College has long suffered from the want of adequate reading-rooms, and it is anticipated that the new building will greatly facilitate and promote the private and individual study on which so much of the progress of the student depends. This building is to be erected on the lots adjoining the College campus, recently presented to the University by Mr. J. H. R. Molson.

THE PAST AND PRESENT SESSION.

In the meetings of Convocation, at the close of last session, the following Degrees in Course were conferred :—