

These, then, are the objects of the Graduates' Society. Is the Society attaining them? This is a question which we think should be considered at this time when the Graduate Body's attention is drawn to McGill as a result of the publicity attendant upon preparations for the forthcoming Graduates' Reunion.

The original McGill University Society was organized between the years 1850 and 1860. In 1876, the Graduates' Society of McGill University was founded, and in 1880 was incorporated. Previous to that time, as has been noted, McGill and the number of her graduates were small, and substantial assistance from the Graduate Body could not be expected. Conditions in Canada were primitive. Sir William Dawson, when he made his first visit to Toronto to ask for funds to carry on his work, relates that he crossed the St. Lawrence in a canoe, and that, as there was no direct communication by rail between Toronto and Montreal, he had to travel by way of Albany, Niagara and Hamilton, the journey occupying five days.

In 1876—the year in which the Graduates' Society was founded—a collection for a Library Fund was begun, as the Library was in great need of books, and without an income with which to purchase them. The income from the capital so collected has been devoted ever since that time to the purchase of books. The first payment was made to the Library in 1878.

To commemorate the 25th anniversary of Sir William Dawson's appointment to the Principalship, a fund was started in 1880 for Sir William, but he, considering that the needs of the Library were great and that books were the essential instrument of the educationalist, asked that the income from this sum be devoted to the purchase of books for the Library. The annual income from these two sums amounts to a little more than \$500, and for years this amount, derived from the graduates' contributions and expended in books, has been of great benefit to the professors and students of McGill.

The Graduates' Society was instrumental in making available to students in the University the Stadium, built on land given to the University by Sir William Macdonald. The building and maintenance of the new Stadium were guaranteed by a group of graduates, and Capt. Percival Molson, who was killed in action in France, and was an officer of the Graduates' Society, left a bequest of \$75,000 to the Stadium, which, since that time, has borne his name.

In 1919, the Constitution of the Society was revised, and an attempt was made to form more Branch Societies in Canada and the United States. As a result

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being done at present, only dates from the year 1919, and as a result of these appointments the Graduates' Society, through its representatives, is now brought into close contact with those controlling the numerous activities of the University.

As the year 1921 was the Centenary of the granting of the Charter to McGill, a campaign to raise funds was undertaken in 1920, and 2525 graduates contributed a total of more than one million dollars.

Two years later, it was thought that if some special object were named, for