

we need not doubt, and in illustration of this we have much pleasure in alluding to two very important benefactions.

The foundation of the Peter Redpath Museum is in amount a benefaction ranking with that of Mr. William Molson in 1861, and next in value to the original gift of Mr. McGill. The building will not only be architecturally and in its interior arrangements the finest museum in the Dominion; but it will possess all the appliances necessary to make it an institution of the first class for the teaching of natural science. It will serve as a compensation for the removal of the museum of the Geological Survey, and will furnish a model for imitation in providing other departments of the work of the University with the accommodation which they need. It will also afford space in the original college buildings for the adequate expansion of other portions of our work. We had the honour of inviting Your Excellency to lay the corner-stone of the building in September last. Since that time much progress has been made in its erection, and the collections to occupy it are being gathered and arranged; so that we hope it may be opened for educational uses in the autumn of 1882.

Another important gift is that of \$30,000 to form an endowment for the William Scott chair of Civil Engineering, and of \$2,000 to endow a Barbara Scott scholarship in Classics, left by the last will of the late Miss Barbara Scott of this city. The first of these donations will place the most important professorship in the Faculty of Applied Science on a secure foundation, and the second is a valuable addition to our means for assisting deserving students.

The Library and Museum have received a number of gifts during the year which have from time to time been duly acknowledged. The most important to the library are the large additions to the Historical department, made by Mr. Peter Redpath, and the handsome donations made by the McGill College Book Club. The principal donations to the museum have been a collection of Canadian fishes from Dr. T. Sterry Hunt, F.R.S., a number of Canadian fossils from the Director of the Geological Survey, and specimens of ores and minerals from the Orford Nickel and Copper Company. There have, however, been a large number of important specimens and valuable collections obtained by gift, exchange and purchase.