

## REPORT ON THE BOTANIC GARDEN FOR 1898-99.

TO THE CORPORATION OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY,

GENTLEMEN,—During the past session the collections have been enriched by the addition of valuable material from Australia and the Arnold Collection. Two hundred and sixty-six students received the benefit of the advantages offered for practical work, and it is pleasing to note that some of the more advanced schools of the City continue to avail themselves of the special facilities which the Garden affords. The system of students' tickets, under which material may be obtained for independent practical work, which has now been in operation for several years, continues to prove a most desirable means of encouraging a wider and more intimate acquaintance with plants.

During the month of November a special exhibition of Chrysanthemums was held, as a means of bringing the work of the Garden into greater prominence. The very great interest manifested on that occasion justifies the belief that a reasonable extension of such exhibitions during the year may result in material benefit.

Our relations with kindred institutions continue on the same friendly basis as heretofore, and the same exchanges have been made as in former years.

(Signed),

D. P. PENHALLOW,

Director.