

# PREFACE

THE Students' "ANNUAL" no longer needs a preface of apologies for its appearance, nor do the Editors require to explain its "raison d'être." Thanks to the plucky efforts put forth by Editorial and Business Boards of the past, "Old McGill" has now an established place in the life of our Alma Mater, and is recognized as an indispensable feature of the College year. Just as this volume goes to press the students are mourning the recent loss of a true and unselfish friend, one who gave the best part of his life to the welfare of McGill, and was mainly instrumental in her attaining her present high position. Although Sir William Dawson had not for some time taken any share in the active work of the University, his inspiring influence was felt to the very last, and he retained the affectionate admiration and profound respect of all with whom he had come in contact during his long career. The Royal Victoria College for Women has this year thrown open its doors, and McGill University has reason to be proud of this new development in its widening sphere of influence. She can now offer very exceptional inducements to young women who are desirous of pursuing a University course. It will be noticed that the arrangement of the present volume differs somewhat from that adopted in former years; and it is hoped that the result will prove to be a convenient book of reference and an intelligible record of the various departments of the University. It has also been endeavored to depict the humorous side of College life, and those of our readers who find themselves the subjects of jests in the following pages are reminded that personal malice has no part therein, and are invited to take pity on a hard worked Board of Editors and join in the laugh. We desire gratefully to acknowledge the contributions of Professor Penhallow, Doctor Colby and Mr. Gould, and our sincere thanks are due those who have so willingly assisted by preparing drawings.

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