

continued her husband's liberality by a donation of \$1,500 towards the expenses of the past year.

In the month of March the Museum was deprived of its curator by the sudden death of Mr. Thomas Curry, who had done much useful work in arranging and naming the collections. Mr. Curry's salary had for thirteen years been generously paid by Mrs. J. H. R. Molson, who has kindly placed the balance of the fund which she had provided for the purpose at the disposal of the Committee, to aid in carrying on the work of the Museum.

Among publications issued by the Museum or containing descriptions of specimens in the Museum, may be mentioned: "The Canadian Ice Age" and "Bivalve Shells of the Coal Measures," by Sir William Dawson, and papers by Dr. Harrington and Dr. Adams on certain minerals and rocks from Ontario (*Am. Jour. Sci.*, July, 1894); also a paper by Professor Penhallow on "Structural Variations in Canadian Coniferæ." Other original papers relating to specimens in the Museum, and adding to their scientific value, are expected to follow in the present year.

McDonald Physics Building.—The McDonald Physics Building is rich in valuable apparatus, and requires a proportionate time and staff to bring the collection into full working order, so as to meet the needs not only of the University students generally, but also of those, possibly outside of the University, who wish to pursue original research. For the information of the latter it is intended to prepare a catalogue next vacation showing the facilities which the collection can offer them.

The report shows very satisfactory progress during the year. Additions have been made to the staff in the appointment of Messrs. Tory, B.A., and Pitcher, B.A.Sc., as demonstrators; and the services of a skilled mechanic have been secured in order to construct in the workshops of the buildings special pieces of apparatus as the need arises.

The average number of students attending the classes in the buildings in the first term of 1894-5 has been 180.