

¶ The strength of this bond of affection between master and pupils was crystalized when, on December 28th, 1891, his old class of '81, after ten years of separation, gathered at his home to do him honor. It was the outcome of this gathering, and at Mr. McAllister's suggestion, that the first "Old Boys" Association in Canada was formed,—the forerunner of numberless organizations of a similar character that have since sprung into existence. The Banquet, which was held the following year, was the first of the happy gatherings which proved to be an annual tribute of appreciation to a great man. Tangible evidence of this spirit was shown in 1899 in the presentation to him of a portrait of himself, painted by E. Wyly Grier, R.C.A. In 1901 the Samuel McAllister Scholarship fund was inaugurated, which was finally completed in the year of his retirement, 1906, and awarded for the first time in 1907. As many of the old boys are interested in this fund the following extract from the minutes of the