

Governments, and on the faith of which Mr. McGill gave his estate, have been repudiated. The General Government of the Dominion has, in my judgment, most unwisely, failed to take to itself those powers, with reference to the higher education, exercised by the Government of the mother country, and to some extent, as already stated, even by the General Government of the United States. The Local Government is necessitous, and the majority of its Legislature cannot be expected to feel much sympathy with an English University, after the long struggle which has been waged for nearly a century between French and English Education, and in which the Royal Institution and its University have been the chief bulwark of the latter. We must depend on the Protestant population of Lower Canada, and more especially of Montreal, for our maintenance and extension; and if once placed in a safe and independent and progressive position, we can, I think, trust to the falling in from time to time of benefactions and legacies to provide for further growth, including the supply of many of the less urgent of the wants above indicated. To place us in this position a capital sum of \$100,000 to \$150,000 added to the general funds of the University, or given in endowments of existing chairs, would suffice. This being secured, we could guarantee to the city the preservation of our College Park, the constant and growing usefulness of our Library and Museum, the continuance for ever of a staff of Professors capable of sustaining among us means of education not inferior to those enjoyed in any other country, and the permanence in this city of a University, its own creation, which could challenge comparison, in all essential respects, with any on this continent, and from which there should issue a continuous and increasing stream of highly educated young men, fitted to uphold the intellectual and moral eminence of the English of Lower Canada, in this country and throughout the world.

The University looks to those who now hold the wealth of this city in their hands, to follow up the good work begun by Mr. McGill, and to place it in this position. It can then look forward to the continuation of this work by its own graduates. They are yearly going forth into positions of usefulness, responsibility and influence. They represent the University in all parts of the Dominion, and the time must come when their good offices will flow backward to the