

on its merits in about ten minutes of time, and it then came on to rain hard. ^{Sir William} ~~The old gentleman~~ insisted on hunting for some stout paper and string for the protection of the drawings. I opened my eyes in some astonishment at this quaint old man who added twenty per cent to the cost of a building and made up rolls of old string with scrupulous care. This he noted, no doubt, for on handing the wrappings to me he remarked, in a casual way, looking past me out of the window: "Mr. Greenshields collects Dutch paintings, and Sir William Van Horne collects Japanese snuff boxes; but I collect string." Then turning those gimlet eyes of his on me at full power "What do you collect?" Being a bit of a numismat in those days, and interested in Greek coins, I murmured confusedly, "Coins, Sir William". "Coins, yes; so do I; so do I," was the rejoinder, and I left, moralizing that the gentleman who collected string could incidentally patronize the living arts.

Throughout the affair of the Union I had abundant opportunities of realizing where my client's heart lay. The young men, whom he loved, were to have a Club, without ostentation or luxury, but with due dignity and substantiality. He was rather like a mother arranging her daughter's trousseau, taking a most lively interest in the whole equipment of the building, teaspoons, table cloths and all.

We had Inigo Jones to help us, with the ideal he had set himself about the year 1640, when he announced his theory of architecture in the words "solid proportioned according to the rules masculine and unaffected." Sir William loved a plain building. In architecture, as in the sciences, he made no pretension of abstruse knowledge, but what he knew was derived directly through the contacts of his benefactions. We owe him much of the grey limestone, which is not the least of the glories of McGill.

In this connection, Rutherford's successes may be referred to. While the founder of the Physics Building did not follow these famous experiments, any more than we of the other Departments were able to do, he was as strongly affected as any