

be a sum sufficient to yield \$250 per annum. While these lectures would be the special feature of each Conference, the Alumni from a distance could also attend other classes in Theology, Science or Arts, and efforts would be made each year to have two or three Professors treat, during the meeting, special departments or divisions of their subjects, so that those attending would be able to study continuously along any line for which their previous training or reading had fitted them.

The various reports herewith submitted call for careful consideration. Each department demands extension. Although no reports have been asked from Professors who do not require additional expenditure in the form of apparatus, laboratories, specimens, books, or equipment of any kind, save what is to be found in the Library, even in their case assistance is needed. Professor Dupuis' statement regarding the necessity for an Assistant, instead of a Fellow, in Mathematics, can hardly be disregarded or even postponed, in view of the state of his health and the high standard to which he has brought our mathematical work, after laying the foundations on which we have built up the departments of Chemistry and Natural Science. So, too, another Fellow in Modern Languages is urgently needed. At present, Professor McGillivray has to do the whole Pass and Honour work in French, German and Italian, assisted only by one Fellow.

The Librarian's Report states very modestly one of our most urgent needs. Professor Shortt has made the subject of Political Science one of the most effective as well as popular disciplines in the University; and he has conducted classes successfully in Ottawa for two winters at the cost of much personal labour and inconvenience. He asks now only that he should be allowed to give his whole time to this important department. It is a reasonable request and in the interest of the University; but it is impossible to listen to it, until some one provides us with at least \$500 a year to pay a Librarian. It is not much to ask for one Librarian to attend to 20,000 volumes, that are in constant demand, and on an infinite variety of subjects, by hundreds of students; but that is all that is asked, and I can hardly express how very grate-

ful I should be to any one who would enable us to obtain such an official. The modesty of the request may be estimated when it is stated that in McGill the sum of \$4,000 a year has been provided by Mr. Peter Redpath for maintenance of Library and the Librarian's salary.

The reports of the Curator of the Museum, the Superintendent of the Observatory, the Professors of Chemistry, of Physics, of Botany and Geology, and of Animal Biology, are also submitted herewith.

GEO. M. GRANT, *Principal*.

#### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES.

During the past year 1,002 volumes have been added to the Library. Of these, 267 vols. represent a generous donation from the well-known publisher, Mr. F. A. Brockhaus, of Leipzig, Germany. I was able to arrange about the selection of them while in Leipzig last summer. Of the others, 158 vols. were presented by various governments, scientific societies, publishers and private persons, among whom the publishing firm of Messrs. Macmillan & Co., and Rev. S. Mylne, of Smith's Falls, deserve special mention.

The remainder, 576 vols., were purchased.

The total receipts for the past year have amounted to \$1,840.91, made up as follows:

Balance from last year.....	\$ 110 96
Regular receipts from the Treasurer.....	1,290 00
Special fund obtained by the Principal.....	380 00
Refund of overcharges in Customs duty.....	59 95
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Total expenditure for the past year.....	\$1,840 91
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	1,698 49

Balance on hand..... \$142 42

Within the past year the new shelving has been placed in the library, and paid for out of Mrs. Acheson's bequest. Though it does not improve the appearance of the room, yet the book accommodation is more than doubled, and, at any future time, the shelving may be easily removed to another building.

The Principal has provided a book-case for the students' consulting room. This has been filled with dictionaries, encyclopædias, and other works of reference to which the students have access, and of which they constantly avail themselves.

In addition to these, and other books placed in class bookcases, the students use the general library to the extent of about four hundred volumes per month.