

Curator's Report of Donations Received in the Museums of the Medical Faculty of McGill University Since the Fire of April 16th, 1907.

INTRODUCTORY.

As is well known to all interested in McGill University, the medical buildings, erected in 1872, and completed by repeated additions in 1888, 1895 and 1902, were destroyed by the fire of April 16th, 1907. In a single night the buildings raised at so heavy a cost, with their historic traces of the early Founders of the Institution, the treasures of generations of teachers, and the fruits of the labours of so many individuals, were almost entirely wiped out.

Not the least among the losses sustained was that of the great anatomical and pathological collections, which had been for many years the pride of the Faculty, and to the accumulation and arrangement of which much energy had been devoted, especially of recent years. The Anatomical Museum, the contents of which represented the results of much of the life work of Professor Shepherd and his predecessors in the Chair of Anatomy, perished completely. In the Pathological Museum more than two thousand specimens were destroyed, including the entire bone collection, some seven hundred specimens of arthritis deformans, gouty arthritis, tuberculosis, new growths, dislocations, fractures, etc.; the valuable collection of calculi; the whole obstetrical and gynæcological collections, and miscellaneous specimens too many to enumerate. The loss in this department was, however, not a total one; through its accidental location, and by the efforts of many helpers, some one thousand specimens were rescued