

In the Brown University at Providence, R. I., there is a department of Chemistry and Engineering; in the Scientific School of the New York Free Academy, founded in 1853, there was an attendance of 482 in 1864. The Brooklyn Collegiate and Polytechnic Institute was founded in 1855. The University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, has a department of Mines, Arts and Manufactures, and the Washington College, at Lexington, Va., has a department of practical mechanics, founded in 1866.

Visit of His Excellency Sir John Young to Montreal.

McGill University.—On Wednesday afternoon, (3rd Feb.) His Excellency the Governor-General visited McGill College, accompanied by His Worship the Mayor, Lieut.-Governor Howland, the Hon. John Rose, the Hon. John Young, the Hon. Mr. Campbell, W. H. Lee, Esq., Clerk of the Privy Council, Col. McNeil, A. D. C., Col. Duchesnay, P. A. D. C.; Mr. Turville, Private Secretary, and other gentlemen. He was received by the Governors, Professors, Graduates, and Under-graduates of the three Faculties, in the William Molson Hall, which was well filled on the occasion.

The Governor-General having taken his seat on the dais, the following address was read by the Hon. James Ferrier:—

To His Excellency the Right Hon. Sir John Young, Baronet,
K. G. C. B., G. C. M. G., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

We, the Governors, Principal, and Fellows of McGill College, beg leave to approach Your Excellency to express our gratification on account of your present visit to the City of Montreal.

We, in common with all the loyal subjects of Her Majesty the Queen, are happy in the belief that Her Majesty in appointing Your Excellency to preside over the Government of Canada, selected one in all respects well qualified worthily to represent our Gracious Sovereign and to advance the interest of this Dominion.

We may be pardoned on this occasion for alluding to the official connection of Your Excellency with this University as its visitor under the Royal Charter, and for inviting the special attention and countenance of Your Excellency to the important work committed to us in connection with the higher education, the claims of which, as well as its difficulties in this country, Your Excellency, we are persuaded will readily estimate.

We pray that Almighty God may so bless Your Excellency's government that it may yield you much happiness and honour, and be attended with prosperity to this Dominion of Canada.

Dated February, 1869.

His Excellency then read the following

REPLY.

The Governors, Principal and Fellows of McGill College.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to tender you my sincere thanks for your loyal address.

As official visitor of your University I freely recognize the several claims which you have to my co-operation, in your endeavours to promote its interest and secure its welfare.

The work in which you are engaged is one the importance of which it is impossible to overrate, and most earnestly do I pray that your efforts may be crowned with the best success, and that this University may be the means of sowing broadcast the seeds of wisdom which may bear fruit a hundred fold in the general diffusion of knowledge throughout the Dominion.

JOHN YOUNG.

Mr. W. C. BAYNES, B. A., Registrar and Bursar, then announced that the Vice-Chancellor would read the Annual Report.

Principal DAWSON, after alluding to the absence of the Chancellor, Judge Day, gave some interesting facts in connection with the University. He said

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We have to regret on this occasion the unavoidable absence of our Chancellor, the Hon. Judge Day, who has taken a leading part in the organization and development of this University. In his absence, I beg leave as Vice-Chancellor to present to your Excellency the annual report of the University, in which at the close of each year it presents its condition and history to the notice of the visitor. In doing so on this occasion, I may notice briefly the origin of McGill University, in 1811 by the bequest of a citizen of Montreal, the Hon. James McGill—so that it is the oldest University in Canada proper.

Its growth, however, was slow, and though organized in 1828, and from that time taking an important place in the work of higher education in Lower Canada, it was not till its reorganization under its amended charter in 1852 that its rapid rise began. At that time and shortly after, by aid rendered by the Legislature, and by the increase in value of the McGill estate, and the liberal subscriptions of citizens of Montreal to the amount of £15,000, it was enabled to complete its staff of Professors in the Faculties of Arts, Medicine and Law, and to establish a standard of education equal to that of any University in this country. Subsequently, its liberal benefactor, Mr. William Molson, presented to it the building in which we are now assembled, together with those occupied by the Museum and Chemical Laboratory.

The present position of the University justifies the hopes entertained by its founder, and the subsequent efforts of his fellow citizens for the endowment of a University in Montreal. We now number 26 Professors in the Arts, Law and Medicine, and in the McGill College proper we have in the present session 258 students in these faculties. We have two affiliated colleges, the Morrin College, Quebec, and the St. Francis College, Richmond, each with a number of students. Being Protestant, but not denominational, the University has no Theological Faculty; but under its statutes, it admits Theological Colleges to affiliation. Of these it has now two representing two of the leading religious denominations.

Our High School department, a preparatory school for the University, and one of the oldest classical schools in Canada, has 218 pupils. The Protestant Normal School, for the training of teachers, has been placed under our management, and has 74 teachers in training, while the Model Schools have 343 pupils. There are thus in all more than 900 students and pupils under our care, and of these, at least, 200 are not resident in Montreal, but have resorted thither from various parts of the Dominion to avail themselves of the educational advantages offered by the University.

Even within the last year we have received additional tokens of the liberality and good will of the people of this city. A subscription of \$2,000 has enabled us largely to increase our philosophical apparatus. Another subscription of a similar amount has erected for us an extension of our museum. A lady has given for competition as an exhibition an annual sum of \$100, and our friend, Mr. Molson, has presented to us Mr. Marshall Wood's Bust of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Thus aided and supported by the wealth of the commercial metropolis of this country, we may entertain large hopes of usefulness. Yet we are fully aware that in many respects this is an embryo university, and we have been especially desirous to add to our attractions for students, bursaries and scholarships, similar to those of the Universities of the old world, and to extend our course in the direction of practical and scientific education in its application to the industrial arts. We are now moving in these subjects, and are placing them before the Government of this Province and our friends in Montreal, in the hope that adequate means may be supplied.

It gives us much pleasure to receive Your Excellency so soon after your arrival in this country, and to assure you that we are thoroughly in earnest in exercising, for the benefit of education, the powers graciously conferred on us by our Royal Charter to the utmost extent in our power, and in perfecting that loyalty and patriotism which are inherent in the young men of this country by the refining and ennobling influence of liberal culture.

The following members of the University were now presented to His Excellency:—

GOVERNORS.—The Hon. James Ferrier, M.L.C.; William Molson, Esq.; the Hon. John Rose, Q. C., M. P.; Peter Redpath, Esq.; George Moffatt, Esq.

PRINCIPAL.—John William Dawson, LL.D., F. R. S., F. G. S. Vice-Chancellor.

FELLOWS.—Ven Archdeacon Leach, D. C. L., LL. D., Vice-Principal, and Dean of the Faculty of Arts; Geo. W. Campbell, M.A., M.D., Dean of the Faculty of Medicine; Alexander Johnson, LL. D., Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, McGill University; Rev. George Cornish, M.A., Professor of Classical Literature, McGill University; W. Fraser, M.A., Professor of Institutes of Medicine, McGill University; P. R. Lafrenaye, B. C. L., Professor of Jurisprudence, McGill University; T. K. Ramsay, Q. C., M. A., Professor of Civil Law, Morrin College; Robert A. Leach, M. A., B.C.L.; Robert T. Godfrey, M.D., Dr. Leprohon, Rev. D. H. McVicar.

SECRETARY, REGISTRAR, AND BURSAR.—William Craig Baynes, B. A.

The Professors, Doctors of Medicine, Masters of Arts, Bachelors of Civil Law, and Bachelors of Arts.