

every advance of Protestant education in the Province of Quebec.

Leaping from 1855 to 1890 without more than noting during that period the firm establishment in 1878, after at least one abortive attempt, of the Faculty of Applied Science; the gift by the late Mr. Peter Redpath of the noble museum which bears his name; and the institution and endowment of the Donalda Foundation for Women by Lord Strathcona, the year 1890 naturally marks another epoch in the history of McGill. In that year the late Mr. Peter Redpath announced his intention of building the fine University library, for the maintenance of which he, and, since his death, his widow, have made generous provision. A bequest of the late Mr. Thomas Workman enabled the University to commence the erection of mechanical workshops. And Mr. W. C. McDonald,* princeliest of benefactors, began the series of remarkable gifts which will make his name revered in the ages yet to come, by commencing the erection of the magnificent Engineering and Physics Buildings, and by the endowment of the Faculty of Law. Other gifts followed apace; Mr. McDonald again, Lord Strathcona, and the late Mr. J. H. R. Molson being only chief among many benefactors. A large number of new chairs were founded and endowed; spacious additions were added to the overcrowded buildings of the Medical Faculty; all the new buildings were superbly equipped; and in every department facilities for teaching and research were offered such as could not have been deemed practically possible a year or two before. Moreover the Board of Governors were fortunate enough to secure as successor to Sir William Dawson, in the principalship, Dr. William Peterson, who had made his mark throughout Europe as one of the first Latin scholars of the time, and

had acquired a high reputation as a successful University administrator in the principalship of University College, Dundee.

That these rapid developments have borne fruit may be seen when we find that the number of students, which in 1885 was 564, has risen in 1898 to 1,072.

But it is impossible within these brief limits to do more than merely indicate the immense strides which have marked McGill's progress during



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the last ten or fifteen years. Let us rather glance at what it is doing to-day.

McGill has long been famous for the excellence of the equipment, and of the curriculum provided in its professional faculties. The number of students in Applied Science has risen by leaps and bounds, and the unsurpassed facilities for research are attracting advanced students, not only from all parts of this continent, but from the Mother Country and from far Australia. In Medicine, with a very large

*William C. McDonald is now a knight, and the honour was well bestowed.