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Dear Sir,-

I am taking the liberty of addressing you in a matter which closely touches McGill University.

In 1846, the Rev. Wm. Turnbull Leach was appointed Professor of Classical Literature. In the following year he became Vice-Principal. His salary was then supposed to be £100 a year, but even that slender sum was often in arrears.

The Rev. Mr. Leach became Acting Principal, and served for years as such.

In 1886, at the age of 83, he retired after 40 years in the office of Vice Principal, and in various Professorial Chairs.

Sir Wm. Dawson used to say that the University must have perished, had it not been held together by the sagacity and perseverance of Acting Principal Leach, during several critical years preceding the appointment of a Principal. This utterance of his is recalled by graduates now living, and is expressed in one of Principal Dawson's historical addresses.

His widow, now aged 82, lives in Montreal. She has no pension or allowance from the University and, as far as I can learn has never applied for any. She is not even aware that I am making this effort on her behalf. Her income is inconsiderable; it has always been so and is barely sufficient for her needs.

These are facts which are known to some of the older graduates