

THE CORPORATION.

Governing Body of McGill
Pays Its Tribute.

A RESOLUTION PASSED.

Mr. George Hague, Principal Adams,
of Bishops, and Others Speak of
Sir William's Life Work.

There was a special meeting of corporation and convocation in the old Molson Library in the Arts building in the afternoon. Mr. Hugh McLennan, the senior governor of the university, presided, and there were present: Dr. Peterson, Sir William C. Macdonald, Mr. George Hague, Mr. Samuel Finley, the Hon. John Sprott Archibald, D.C.L.; Mr. C. J. Fleet, Dr. Charles S. Campbell, Dr. MacVicar, Mr. John Dougal, Dr. Hackett, Miss Oakley, warden of the Royal Victoria College, the deans of the various faculties of the university and many of the professors and a number of the general public, including Mr. Barlow, vice-president of the Graduates Society of Ottawa, and Col. Burland and Dr. Ami, also representing the graduates body of Ottawa.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. George Hague and seconded by the Rev. Dr. MacVicar:—

Resolved, that this corporation, while fully sensible how impossible it must be to express in words the loss which the university has sustained, and its appreciation of the services rendered through a long and laborious life by the late Emeritus Principal, Sir William Dawson, C.M.G., LL.D., F.R.S., desires to have inscribed on its records an expression of the profound respect which it entertains for his memory.

For thirty-eight years its honored head, and even in his declining years its firm and faithful friend, Sir William Dawson's life may be said to have been spent in the service of McGill. He spared himself in no way, and rendered much service both in connection with and outside of his official duties, for which his only reward was a consciousness of good work well done.

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In adding my brief tribute to Sir William Dawson's memory, there is no need to look about for words—out of the abundance of heart the mouth speaketh. He was my first teacher, he was my helper in later years, and my true friend to the last. To those brought up in Montreal, Dr. Dawson's name was familiar from childhood, and later, in our college days, his familiar form, already somewhat bowed by years and toil, was always seen among us, passing to and fro in the college halls, or crossing the walk to his own house in the east wing. The undergraduates saw much of him in those days, for did he not teach all the natural sciences, and we took them all, and everyone liked those subjects, for he was a charming lecturer. His charm lay largely in his sympathy with his students, his smile, while speaking, was most attractive, and after the lecture, he was ready to answer all our questions, and clear up all our difficulties. He was always the students' friend, and there thus arose in the hearts of all his students a personal devotion to him. This kindness, in many cases, took a very definite and practical form. He is known far and wide, through the Dominion, as the head of a great university, he continually received letters from needy students, asking his advice, and as I learned later from his own lips, he gave for years from his own private means—always limited—several hundred annually in their aid.

Sir William Dawson recognized, Dr. Adams continued, that a university which merely retaught the knowledge that had been accumulated by other men, fell short of its highest aim. That merely to pass the torch of learning is not the highest function of a great seat of learning, but that to light other torches by which the yet unknown resources of wisdom and knowledge might be made available for the use of man was. It was the renown that came to the university from Sir William Dawson that, more than anything else, spread its reputation abroad. McGill University came to be known as the place where Sir William Dawson taught.

Dr. Adams concluded by expressing a brief appreciation of the deceased's scientific writings.

Short tributes to the memory of Sir William were also made by Judge Archibald, Dr. Bovey, Dr. McEachran, Mr. John Dougal and Dr. Colby, after which the meeting was adjourned.

THE FUNERAL TODAY

Will Take Place at 2 O'Clock
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FELLOW LABORERS

Testify Their Appreciation of
Sir William Dawson.

SOME FEELING ADDRESSES

Principal Peterson, Dean Johnson, Dr.
Craik and Professor Cox All Speak
of McGill's Loss.

The governors, professors, lecturers, students and Donalds of McGill University gathered in the Molson Hall yesterday afternoon to express their regret at the demise of Sir William Dawson and the loss that McGill, with which he had been so long and so closely identified, had suffered thereby.

Principal Peterson presided, and accompanying him on the platform were governors of the institution, professors and lecturers, whilst the other three sides of the hall were thickly lined with students in the several faculties, the Donalds making a fair showing on the eastern side.

THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKS.

It was a solemn gathering that listened to Principal Peterson opening the proceedings by reading Psalm XC., after which he addressed those assembled, saying, in part: "Since we met in our various classrooms last week, a great and good life has been brought to its appointed end. Sir William Dawson had considerably overpassed the span of life, of which the Psalmist speaks. It was 'by reason of strength' that it was for him well-nigh fourscore years. Ever since he assumed the principality in November, 1855—that is for a period of exactly 44 years—he had been the most prominent figure connected with this university. The last six years of his life—since 1893—have been spent, it is true, in retirement from active work, but he has been with us in spirit all this time. Many of us know how closely, and with what a fatherly interest, he has followed all our later history."

"Busy, active and strenuous all his days, he must have chafed, I fancy, during recent years, under a growing sense of uselessness—almost an impatience at being laid aside from work which had been to him so long the very breath of life; yet none ever said with more simple, childlike resignation, 'Thy way, not mine!' For such a noble nature, it is not to be

measured by the life of man, but it is short when measured by the duration of universities, and we cannot fairly estimate the work done during the thirty-eight years in which he held office, without noting how young the university really is. Then we shall be judges of its wonderful growth. Students now in the professional faculties, who have taken the full course in arts, can tell their fellow-students what they have seen of recent progress. The college grounds are now crowded with buildings. Seven years ago the only buildings opened and in use were the centre building, the museum and the front part of the medical building. No buildings then existed for engineering, or physics, or library, or chemistry. A large part of the medical building has been added within that time. So much for seven years.

Going back only twelve years, we find that the chancellor of that time, Hon. James Ferrier, had been president of the Royal Institution (the present board of governors), before the new charter was obtained in 1852, in getting which he took an active part. It was only last January (ten months ago), that Dr. Meredith, who was principal for seven years—1846—1853—before the accession of Sir William Dawson died.

THESE STILL SERVING.

"At the present moment we have, happily, among us, although on the retired list, three of the fifteen professors in medicine and arts who received Principal Dawson at his inauguration. The university then is young, What has been its growth? The academic faculty had only four professors when Mr. Dawson came as principal. He made a fifth, himself as professor of geology. There was no professor of chemistry, none of botany, none of zoology. He took all these upon himself rather than leave the faculty so bare. His powers of working were indefatigable, and as professor he used them to the utmost for many years, until gradually relieved; but I think it ought to be remembered that he had charge of both geology and zoology, until he was seventy years of age. I thought it my duty to call attention in corporation, about the year 1890, to the fact that he was overburdened. He was at that time giving fourteen lectures weekly, in addition to all his work as principal, and other outside work besides. But, although indefatigable powers of work, combined with scientific ability and experience in teaching, made him an able professor of a wide range of subjects, yet he would not have made him successful as a principal, had it not been for the power with which he was specially endowed, namely, administrative ability.

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would fain use these precious moments to call up before you some vivid and personal impression of the man. But how poor are words as substitutes for the personal touch! It is easy to say that he was a scholar of distinguished—almost encyclopaedic—learning; that in science he attained the very highest honors; and that he made McGill—nay, it would be truer to say that for thirty-eight years he was McGill. Doubtless he found a group of benefactors, such as surely no man ever before had at his beck and call,—men who possessed not only the means but the far-sighted public spirit to employ them for great ends under his guidance; he had able and faithful colleagues, some of whom are with us still; and, perhaps best of all, he had many, many hundreds of students who, so far, knew how to profit by his teaching and example that they have spread the fame of McGill broadcast over the land. But to the world at large, which loves always to crystallize its ideas round a man, McGill was Sir William Dawson, and Sir William Dawson was McGill.

"But though we have been proud to remember that he was probably the greatest paleontologist this continent has produced, and have felt our hearts swell with gratitude to him as the father of McGill, it is not of this that we have been chiefly thinking since yesterday, and wish to recall to you today. It is the gracious personality of the man. When I passed yesterday evening and saw the flag at half-mast, flapping mournfully in the dim night, I thought of the thousands of times the familiar figure had entered through the portals below. There is not a corner of this building that fancy does not people with that figure, from this hall, where he has conducted so many public ceremonies of the university to the east wing, where in the old days the cheerful lights at night used to assure us that the head and heart of McGill was busily at work.

HIS PERSONALITY.

"His personality impressed strangers at first sight. Quite lately the deep sympathy he always felt for the weak and the oppressed led him to take a characteristically keen interest in the poor Doukhobors; and when a venerable member of the Society of Friends, who had made many journeys on their behalf, paid me a visit, I begged him to call on Sir William, and give him an account of them. He came back presently to thank me, with his face strangely illumined and said, 'I have seen William Dawson, and we have been very near the gates of heaven.'

"The first thing to strike a newcomer was a courtesy so marked that you might call it courtliness. It was so real, because it was based on such genuine consideration for all. You might see him explaining some simple matter to a child, or go to him with some trivial difficulty, and you felt sure that his great powers were as freely at your service as if he were presiding at the councils of the rulers.

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As professor of geology he extended its fame as well as his own personal reputation over both continents.

As chairman of the Normal school committee he was instrumental in bringing to a higher level of efficiency the whole school system of the province.

As honorary curator of the museum, he built up by a life of unsparing industry, and generously gifted to the university collections such as have never been brought together at so small a cost to any institution.

In connection with the higher education of women, he placed himself at the head of the movement which has now come to full fruition in the establishment of the Royal Victoria College.

As chairman of the Young Men's Christian Association, and in every way in which he could exert the beneficial influence of his noble personality, he impressed himself upon the religious as well as upon the educational life of the university.

Those who have been associated with him longest know best that the keynote of his life was ever zealous service, devotion to duty, and unsparing self-sacrifice. These aspects of his life work for McGill will ever be cherished by all who come after him.

Resolved, also, that this expression of sincere sympathy and condolence on the part of all members of McGill University be conveyed to his devoted wife, and noble help-mate, by whose faithful co-operation he was enabled to accomplish so much for every good work in which he was engaged.

MR. HAGUE'S REMARKS.

In bringing forward the above resolution Mr. George Hague felt sure that it expressed the thoughts uppermost in the minds of all who had ever come within the influence of Sir William Dawson. Mr. Hague then gave expression to his own sincere appreciation and admiration of the deceased geologist, recalling some of the things that make his memory dear. He went on to speak of the deceased's work during the thirty-eight years he guided the fortune of McGill, and of his work in the field of science, beginning by quoting that sentence from the deceased scientist's farewell address at McGill, wherein he speaks of his own life in these words: "My life has been filled with anxieties and cares and with continuous and almost unremitting labor. I have been obliged to leave undone or imperfectly accomplished many cherished schemes by which I had hoped to benefit my fellow-men and leave footprints of good on the sands of time."

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ORDER OF PROCESSION

Lord Strathcona Cables His Regrets
From London—Church of England Clergy Pass a Resolution.

The funeral of the late Sir William Dawson takes place this afternoon, from the Arts Building. At noon the body will be transferred from the family residence to the old library, Molson Hall, where it will remain in state until 1.30. The service will be conducted by Rev. F. M. Dewey, and Bishop Bond.

The route to Mount Royal Cemetery, where the interment will take place, will be down the college avenue to Sherbrooke street, and up Park and Pine avenues. The order of the cortege will be:—

- Relatives.
- Governors of the university.
- Members of the corporation of the university.
- Professors and instruction officers.
- Representatives of the Graduates' Society.
- Graduates.
- Students of all the faculties, including the Royal Victoria and affiliated colleges.
- Clergymen.
- Representatives of societies and other organizations.
- Citizens.

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sense of uselessness—almost an impatience at being laid aside from work which had been to him so long the very breath of life; yet none ever said with more simple, childlike resignation, 'Thy way, not mine!' For such a painless passing out of life, no note of sorrow need be struck. There is no sting in a death like his; the grave is not his conqueror. Rather has death been swallowed up in victory—the victory of a full and complete life, marked by earnest endeavor, untiring industry, continuous devotion and self-sacrifice, together with an abiding and ever-present sense of dependence on the will of Heaven. His work was done, to quote the great Puritan's noble line, 'As ever in his great Taskmaster's eye,' and never for a moment did he waver in his feeling of personal responsibility to a personal God. Others will speak to you of his record as a scientific man. I shall permit myself only to say that few can have an adequate idea of the power and forcefulness revealed in the mere fact that one who had so onerous a part to play as a college head should have been able to keep up scientific work at all. A weaker nature would have exhausted itself in the problems of administration. He, himself, has left it on record, in his paper, entitled, 'Thirty-Eight Years of McGill,' and these years were filled with anxieties and cares, and with continuous and almost unremitting labor. There are on my library table at the present time three volumes, in which three college presidents may be said to have summed up the life work it has been given them to do for the institutions with which they were severally connected—Caird, of Glasgow; Eliot, of Harvard, and Gilman, of Johns Hopkins. And alongside their memorial volumes I like to place a still more unpretending collection of 'Educational Papers,' which Sir William Dawson circulated among his friends. They mark various stages, full of struggle and stress, at every point of his college administration, and they form a record of what he was able to accomplish—apart from his work as a geologist—in the sphere of education, for the High School and the Normal

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five ability. "Great commanders, we know, are rare. If a rich nation places all its resources at the disposal of a general, then if he uses them successfully, he is applauded to the utmost. What, then, does that general deserve who has first to create the resources himself, and then uses them successfully?"

A SMALL BEGINNING.

"This was Principal Dawson's position at starting. It may be said briefly that there were no resources. Those that existed are not worth mentioning. He had to create by getting the whole community to work with him; and he did it. The professors in the college, the merchants in the city, the teachers in the country, their rulers in the Council of Public Instruction, men interested in arts and manufactures, the religious bodies all over Canada—he was in touch with one and all. He gained their attention, gained their respect and admiration, gained their enthusiastic aid; and hence, you have now McGill University, with a great endowment, and a great revenue.

"I have said nothing of his work as principal of the Normal School, and as professor there for many years, nor how much it drew upon his time and energy. Nor can I more than allude to a great deal of other work of his. Of the numberless scientific papers he has written, of the books he has published, of the honors he obtained at home and abroad—fellowships of scientific societies, gold medals from the Royal Society of London, presidencies of the great scientific association of Great Britain and America (he was the only man who had the honor of presiding over both bodies)—there is no need for me to speak. Of the great work he did in showing the harmony between science and religion, I have no doubt others will speak.

"A great man has passed away from us, but his works survive; and his memory will be cherished as long as the university which he built up continues to benefit those for whom he labored so strenuously. This is the test of success to which he has him-

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might see him explaining some simple matter to a child, or go to him with some trivial difficulty, and you felt sure that his great powers were as freely at your service as if he were presiding at the councils of the university, and shaping its policy. What dignity it lent to our public ceremonies. The peculiar gesture with which he 'capped' the graduating class at the granting of degrees has often struck me as conveying at one motion a patent of knight-errantry and a benediction.

"Next you felt the native power of the man. I have never met a finer instance of the iron hand in the velvet glove. He had all the qualities of the great statesman: breadth of view, combined with grasp of detail; foresight that makes the record of his life read like the written fulfilment of the plans of his youth; insight that led him straight to the kernel of any difficulty; swift decision to deal with emergencies great and small, as they arose; patience and tireless industry, and method, that enabled him to make the most of his work. He was a born ruler; a born teacher, a born investigator. Any one of these gifts is exceptional; the combination of two of them is unusual; but to find all those united in one man is rare, indeed. And withal there was a refinement and distinction, the keen edge of the finely tempered tool. But, after all, to use Walt Whitman's rugged phrase,

"That which enables a man to stand with aplomb before his fellowmen is character."

CHARACTER TELLS.

"The pre-eminent note of Sir William's character was, to my mind, his singleness of purpose, his simplicity. How incredibly far-off all meanness and baseness seemed for him. You might disagree with him, or think him masterful; but as well grasp the poles and draw them together as try to associate pettiness or self-seeking with him. In the pursuit of objects he thought worthy, he disdained no task, however trivial, spared no sacrifice. And was there really anything in which Sir William was not interested? He seemed to catch the full zest of life as it passed, and let nothing find him blunted, or dull, or weary. In Pater's beautiful words:—"To burn always with this hard, gem-like flame, to maintain this ecstasy, is success in life."

"In one word, he was fit to be the example of the thousands of young men who frequent a university. That is a word of solemn import—to us who are set in posts of authority, to be your guides, and to you, on whom is laid the responsibility of choosing the best that is in us to give you, and rejecting all wherein we fail.

"We are met to celebrate, with proud grief, if you will, the safe conclusion of a noble and glorious life, which has now been sealed with the everlasting sleep. Hereafter nothing can harm it, nor any tarnish come near it. He who for eighty years so strenuously maintained its lofty tenor, has inherited rest. But in this university the memory of it will be our sacred and inviolable possession. There will doubtless be external memorials, but better even than these

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"Sir William Dawson has also shown us that a scientist can be in the truest sense a Christian, and that, like Kepler, he can think the thoughts of Almighty God. He has shown us that a scientist may reverently learn the will of God, and that when interpreted by one who has sympathy with its great objects the divine Word is in harmony with divine words in that both reflect the glory of God. He has shown us that the true foundation of all wisdom is the fear of God. The fear of the Lord that is wisdom and to depart from evil, that is understanding. Well has he said the true test lies in persevering. Let his spirit still animate us, and let McGill be distinguished, not only for truth and thoroughness, not only for practical development in science and arts, but for that combination of learning and wisdom, that union of a fearless spirit of research with reverent regard for revealed truth, which so eminently distinguished him whom we mourn and of whom we may say, "Esto perpetua."

Mr. Hague was followed by the Rev. Dr. MacVicar, who spoke in seconding the motion with sincere affection and admiration for the deceased principal.

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And, in recognizing the incalculable services which he rendered to the cause of education in this country, as principal of McGill University, and in other positions, we would especially record our deep sense of gratitude and indebtedness to him for using, as he did, his masterly talents and scientific research in defence of the Christian verities and the inspired word of God, whereby his name has become known and honored throughout all Christendom;

Be it resolved, that the Bishop and clergy do attend the funeral in a body, and that Lady Dawson and family be assured of our deep sympathy with them in their bereavement, and of our prayers that the God of all consolation may comfort and sustain them as He only can.

(Signed), W.B. MONTREAL,
President.

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At the close of Prof. Cox's remarks, Principal Peterson stated that lectures would be suspended until tomorrow morning; and the gathering was brought to a close with prayer and the pronouncing of the benediction by Rev. J. Clark Murray.

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"He is gone, and we shall see his living face no more. But teachers and students alike may have ever with them the inspiration of his noble life, and the stimulus of his high example. What he was to those who were so long his colleagues, I leave others on this occasion to set before us. My closing words to the students of McGill must be the expression of a confident hope that the record of Sir William's life and work will always be an abiding memory in his place. If you will bear it about with you in your hearts, not only will you be kept from lip service, slackness, half-heartedness in your daily duties, and from the graver faults of youth, at which his noble soul would have revolted, from dishonesty, sensuality and impurity in every form, but you will be able, each in his sphere, to realize more fully the ideal of goodness and truth, so that at the last you too may hear the voices whispering, as they have now spoken to him: 'Well, done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'"

DR. ALEX. JOHNSON.

Dr. Alex. Johnson, vice-principal, said: "You have heard that it is just forty-four years this month since Principal Dawson gave his inaugural address in this university. Forty-four years seems a long time when

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Sir William Dawson had accomplished more good by his example than by his precept. He was not a man to harp and preach at those under him or to constantly remind a man of his faults, but his example was ever one worthy of following, and his life was a living sermon. He possessed in a rare degree the power to get the best possible work out of his assistants. Never in his life had he seen Sir William's equal as a teacher. He had such a clear and forceful way of arranging and stating his facts and knowledge that it was impossible for anyone to listen to one of his lectures without getting the best possible idea of the subjects in question. He was a man of most lovable disposition, and if he had one fault it was because of his tender loving heart. Some had blamed him for the manner in which he had even refused to dismiss a professor without first gently pointing out his mistakes and trying his best to help the man, but even in this, "his failing leaned to virtue's side." He was ever like a loving father to the professors, guiding, correcting and ever taking their burdens on his own shoulders when too great for their strength. He was ever the willing horse on whom the brunt of the fight fell, and on whom were heaped duties that did not properly belong to him, but which he, nevertheless, accepted without any complaint.

PROFESSOR COX.

Prof. Cox said: "You have heard from some who have been his life-long friends and fellow-workers what they have found it in them to say of Sir William Dawson; and now it is my privilege to add a few words as one who came to know him later in life.

"We are conscious that already six generations of students have passed through this university to whom he was no more than a name, and we

nevertheless, spared no sacrifice. And was there really anything in which Sir William was not interested? He seemed to catch the full zest of life as it passed, and let nothing find him blunted, or dull, or weary. In Pater's beautiful words:—"To burn always with this hard, gem-like flame, to maintain this ecstasy, is success in life."

"In one word, he was fit to be the example of the thousands of young men who frequent a university. That is a word of solemn import—to us who are set in posts of authority, to be your guides, and to you, on whom is laid the responsibility of choosing the best that is in us to give you, and rejecting all wherein we fail.

"We are met to celebrate, with proud grief, if you will, the safe conclusion of a noble and glorious life, which has now been sealed with the everlasting sleep. Hereafter nothing can harm it, nor any tarnish come near it. He who for eighty years so strenuously maintained its lofty tenor, has inherited rest. But in this university the memory of it will be our sacred and inviolable possession. There will doubtless be external memorials, but better even than these splendid piles of dead stone about us, will be the living witnesses who have drunk in his spirit, and illustrate it in their own lives. In a world of poor ideals, ambitions taken up at random and followed unstably, the value of one such concrete instance of a life well planned and well lived, devoted to high ends, is beyond price. When the loss of such a leader shakes us for a moment out of the dull routine of habit, we do well to pause and consider, "Have we chosen well?" We think perhaps of great fortunes and the statesman's power, and these are good so far as they bring opportunity for service; of literary fame or scientific renown, and who shall decry them in these halls; of a profession faithfully and successfully followed—there is no better life work for most of us.

"But when the end comes, shall we be satisfied? Listen to his own words, in the farewell university lecture:—"My life at McGill has been fraught with the happiness which results from conscious effort in a worthy cause."

"I say again that Sir William Dawson was fit to be an example set before the young men of a university. But if I stopped there, knowing the devout faith by which he lived, he would rightly hold me guilty of treason to all that he held most dear. Many of us in this room could not see eye to eye with him on matters of dogma, but this we know, that the example on which he modelled his life is the highest and best that has been vouchsafed to men; and if he attained excellence worthy of our imitation, it was because first and last he sought to make his life a type of Christ.

"My last word, then, shall be, as he would have wished it, to point you through him to his Lord and Master, who gave to His disciples the symbol of allegiance to His rule, saying, 'This do in remembrance of Me.' Let us all strive for such time as remains to us

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THE CORPORATION.

Governing Body of McGill
Pays Its Tribute.

A RESOLUTION PASSED.

Mr. George Hague, Principal Adams,
of Bishops, and Others Speak of
Sir William's Life Work.

There was a special meeting of corporation and convocation in the old Molson Library in the Arts building in the afternoon. Mr. Hugh McLennan, the senior governor of the university, presided, and there were

present: Dr. Peterson, Sir William C. Macdonald, Mr. George Hague, Mr. Samuel Finley, the Hon. John Sprott Archibald, D.C.L.; Mr. C. J. Fleet, Dr. Charles S. Campbell, Dr. MacVicar, Mr. John Dougal, Dr. Hackett, Miss Oakley, warden of the Royal Victoria College, the deans of the various faculties of the university and many of the professors and a number of the general public, including Mr. Barlow, vice-president of the Graduates Society of Ottawa, and Col. Burland and Dr. Ami, also representing the graduates body of Ottawa.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. George Hague and seconded by the Rev. Dr. MacVicar:—

Resolved, that this corporation, while fully sensible how impossible it must be to express in words the loss which the university has sustained, and its appreciation of the services rendered through a long and laborious life by the late Emeritus Principal, Sir William Dawson, C.M.G., LL.D., F.R.S., desires to have inscribed on its records an expression of the profound respect which it entertains for his memory.

For thirty-eight years its honored head, and even in his declining years its firm and faithful friend, Sir William Dawson's life may be said to have been spent in the service of McGill. He spared himself in no way and rendered much service both in connection with and outside of his official duties, for which his only reward was a consciousness of good work well done.

As principal of the university, he raised it from small beginnings to the honored place it holds today among the universities of the world.

As professor of geology he extended its fame as well as his own personal reputation over both continents.

As chairman of the Normal school committee he was instrumental in bringing to a higher level of efficiency the whole school system of the province.

As honorary curator of the museum, he built up by a life of unsparing industry, and generously gifted to the university collections such as have never been brought together at so small a cost to any institution.

In connection with the higher education of women, he placed himself at the head of the movement which has now come to full fruition in the establishment of the Royal Victoria College.

As chairman of the Young Men's Christian Association, and in every way in which he could exert the beneficial influence of his noble personality, he impressed himself upon the religious as well as upon the educational life of the university.

Those who have been associated with him longest know best that the keynote of his life was ever zealous service, devotion to duty, and unsparing self-sacrifice. These aspects of his life work for McGill will ever be cherished by all who come after him.

Resolved, also, that this expression of sincere sympathy and condolence on the part of all members of McGill University be conveyed to his devoted wife, and noble help-mate, by whose faithful co-operation he was enabled to accomplish so much for every good work in which he was engaged.

MR. HAGUE'S REMARKS.

In bringing forward the above resolution Mr. George Hague felt sure that it expressed the thoughts uppermost in the minds of all who had ever come within the influence of Sir William Dawson. Mr. Hague then gave expression to his own sincere appreciation

the walks of science was Sir William Dawson, said:—

In adding my brief tribute to Sir William Dawson's memory, there is no need to look about for words—out of the abundance of heart the mouth speaketh. He was my first teacher, he was my helper in later years, and my true friend to the last. To those brought up in Montreal, Dr. Dawson's name was familiar from childhood, and later, in our college days, his familiar form, already somewhat bowed by years and toil, was always seen among us, passing to and fro in the college halls, or crossing the walk to his own house in the east wing. The undergraduates saw much of him in those days, for did he not teach all the natural sciences, and we took them all, and everyone liked those subjects, for he was a charming lecturer. His charm lay largely in his sympathy with his students, his smile, while speaking, was most attractive, and after the lecture, he was ready to answer all our questions, and clear up all our difficulties. He was always the students' friend, and there thus arose in the hearts of all his students a personal

devotion to him. This kindness, in many cases, took a very definite and practical form. He is known far and wide, through the Dominion, as the head of a great university, he continually received letters from needy students, asking his advice, and as I learned later from his own lips, he gave for years from his own private means—always limited—several hundred annually in their aid.

Sir William Dawson recognized, Dr. Adams continued, that a university which merely retaught the knowledge that had been accumulated by other men, fell short of its highest aim. That merely to pass the torch of learning is not the highest function of a great seat of learning, but that to light other torches by which the yet unknown resources of wisdom and knowledge might be made available for the use of man was. It was the renown that came to the university from Sir William Dawson that, more than anything else, spread its reputation abroad. McGill University came to be known as the place where Sir William Dawson taught.

Dr. Adams concluded by expressing a brief appreciation of the deceased's scientific writings.

Short tributes to the memory of Sir William were also made by Judge Archibald, Dr. Bovey, Dr. McEachran, Mr. John Dougal and Dr. Colby, after which the meeting was adjourned.

THE FUNERAL TODAY

Will Take Place at 2 O'Clock
From McGill.

ORDER OF PROCESSION

Lord Strathcona Cables His Regrets
From London—Church of England Clergy Pass a Resolution.

The funeral of the late Sir William Dawson takes place this afternoon, from the Arts Building. At noon the body will be transferred from the family residence to the old library, Molson Hall, where it will remain in state until 1.30. The service will be conducted by Rev. F. M. Dewey, and Bishop Bond.

The route to Mount Royal Cemetery, where the interment will take place, will be down the college avenue to Sherbrooke street, and up Park and Pine avenues. The order of the cortege will be:—

- Relatives.
- Governors of the university.
- Members of the corporation of the university.
- Professors and instruction officers.
- Representatives of the Graduates' Society.
- Graduates.
- Students of all the faculties, including the Royal Victoria and affiliated colleges, Clergymen.
- Representatives of societies and other organizations.
- Citizens.

Principal Peterson yesterday received the following cablegram from Lord Strathcona: "Received intimation of Sir William Dawson's death with very great regret. Kindly associate me

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The governors, B students and Donald university gathered in yesterday afternoon regret at the dem

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"Busy, active and days, he must have during recent years, a sense of uselessness—patience at being laid which had been to his very breath of life; said with more simple nation, 'Thy way, no such a painless passage no note of sorrow. There is no sting in a the grave is not his ther has death been in victory—the victory complete life, marked deavor, untiring industry devotion and self-sacrifice with an abiding and sense of dependence on Heaven. His work was the great Puritan's nob in his great Taskmaster never for a moment d his feeling of persona to a personal God. O to you of his record as I shall permit myself a few can have an adequate power and fortitude the mere fact that of onerous a part to play should have been able scientific work at all. A would have exhausted problems of administration, has left it on record entitled, 'Thirty-Eight Gill,' and these years anxieties and cares, tinuous and almost un There are on my library present time three volumes three college president to have summed up it has been given them institutions with which erally connected—Caird Elliot, of Harvard, and Johns Hopkins.' And memorial volumes I like more unpretending collections Papers,' which Dawson circulated among They mark various struggles, and stress, at his college administration a record of what accomplish—apart from geologist—in the sphere for the High School

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measured by the life of man, but it is short when measured by the duration of universities, and we cannot fairly estimate the work done during the thirty-eight years in which he held office, without noting how young the university really is. Then we shall be judges of its wonderful growth. Students now in the professional faculties, who have taken the full course in arts, can tell their fellow-students what they have seen of recent progress. The college grounds are now crowded with buildings. Seven years ago the only buildings opened and in use were the centre building, the museum and the front part of the medical building. No buildings then existed for engineering, or physics, or library, or chemistry. A large part of the medical building has been added within that time. So much for seven years.

Going back only twelve years, we find that the chancellor of that time, Hon. James Ferrier, had been president of the Royal Institution (the present board of governors), before the new charter was obtained in 1852, in getting which he took an active part. It was only last January (ten months ago), that Dr. Meredith, who was principal for seven years—1846—1853—before the accession of Sir William Dawson died.

THESE STILL SERVING.

"At the present moment we have, happily, among us, although on the retired list, three of the fifteen professors in medicine and arts who received Principal Dawson at his inauguration. The university then is young. What has been its growth? The academic faculty had only four professors when Mr. Dawson came as principal. He made a fifth, himself as professor of geology. There was no professor of chemistry, none of botany, none of zoology. He took all these upon himself rather than leave the faculty so bare. His powers of working were indefatigable, and as professor he used them to the utmost for many years, until gradually relieved; but I think it ought to be remembered that he had charge of both geology and zoology, until he was seventy years of age. I thought it my duty to call attention in corporation, about the year 1890, to the fact that he was overburdened. He was at that time giving fourteen lectures weekly, in addition to all his work as principal, and other outside work besides. But, although indefatigable powers of work, combined with scientific ability and experience in teaching, made him an able professor

would fain use these precious moments to call up before you some vivid and personal impression of the man. But how poor are words as substitutes for the personal touch! It is easy to say that he was a scholar of distinguished—almost encyclopaedic—learning; that in science he attained the very highest honors; and that he made McGill—may, it would be truer to say that for thirty-eight years he was McGill. Doubtless he found a group of benefactors, such as surely no man ever before had at his beck and call,—men who possessed not only the means but the far-sighted public spirit to employ them for great ends under his guidance; he had able and faithful colleagues, some of whom are with us still; and, perhaps best of all, he had many, many hundreds of students who, so far, knew how to profit by his teaching and example that they have spread the fame of McGill broadcast over the land. But to the world at large, which loves always to crystallize its ideas round a man, McGill was Sir William Dawson, and Sir William Dawson was McGill.

"But though we have been proud to remember that he was probably the greatest paleontologist this continent has produced, and have felt our hearts swell with gratitude to him as the father of McGill, it is not of this that we have been chiefly thinking since yesterday, and wish to recall to you today. It is the gracious personality of the man. When I passed yesterday evening and saw the flag at half-mast, flapping mournfully in the dim night, I thought of the thousands of times the familiar figure had entered through the portals below. There is not a corner of this building that fancy does not people with that figure, from this hall, where he has conducted so many public ceremonies of the university to the east wing, where in the old days the cheerful lights at night used to assure us that the head and heart of McGill was busily at work.

HIS PERSONALITY.

"His personality impressed strangers at first sight. Quite lately the deep sympathy he always felt for the weak and the oppressed led him to take a characteristically keen interest in the poor Doukhobors; and when a venerable member of the Society of Friends, who had made many journeys on their behalf, paid me a visit, I begged him to call on Sir William, and give him an account of them. He came back presently to thank me, with his face strangely illumined and said, 'I have seen William Dawson, and we have been very near the gates of heaven.'

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successful as a principal, had it not been for the power with which he was specially endowed, namely, administrative ability.

"Great commanders, we know, are rare. If a rich nation places all its resources at the disposal of a general, then if he uses them successfully, he is applauded to the utmost. What, then, does that general deserve who has first to create the resources himself, and then uses them success- fully?"

A SMALL BEGINNING.

"This was Principal Dawson's position at starting. It may be said briefly that there were no resources. Those that existed are not worth mentioning. He had to create by getting the whole community to work with him; and he did it. The professors in the college, the merchants in the city, the teachers in the country, their rulers in the Council of Public Instruction, men interested in arts and manufactures, the religious bodies all over Canada—he was in touch with one and all. He gained their attention, gained their respect and admiration, gained their enthusiastic aid; and hence, you have now Mc-Gill University, with a great endow- ment, and a great revenue.

"I have said nothing of his work as principal of the Normal School, and as professor there for many years, nor how much it drew upon his time and energy. Nor can I more than allude to a great deal of other work of his. Of the numberless scientific papers he has written, of the books he has published, of the honors he obtained at home and abroad—fellow- ships of scientific societies, gold medals from the Royal Society of Lon- don, presidencies of the great sci- entific association of Great Britain and America (he was the only man who had the honor of presiding over both bodies)—there is no need for me to speak. Of the great work he did in showing the harmony between sci- ence and religion, I have no doubt others will speak.

"A great man has passed away from us, but his works survive; and his memory will be cherished as long as the university which he built up continues to benefit those for whom he labored so strenuously. This is the test of success to which he has

come was a courtesy so marked that you might call it courtliness. It was so real, because it was based on such genuine consideration for all. You might see him explaining some simple matter to a child, or go to him with some trivial difficulty, and you felt sure that his great powers were as freely at your service as if he were presiding at the councils of the uni- versity, and shaping its policy. What dignity it lent to our public cere- monies. The peculiar gesture with which he 'capped' the graduating class at the granting of degrees has often struck me as conveying at one motion a patent of knight-errantry and a benediction.

"Next you felt the native power of the man. I have never met a finer instance of the iron hand in the velvet glove. He had all the qualities of the great statesman; breadth of view, combined with grasp of detail; foresight that makes the record of his life read like the written fulfilment of the plans of his youth; insight that led him straight to the kernel of any difficulty; swift decision to deal with emergencies great and small, as they arose; patience and tireless industry, and method, that enabled him to make the most of his work. He was a born ruler, a born teacher, a born investi- gator. Any one of these gifts is ex- ceptional; the combination of two of them is unusual; but to find all those united in one man is rare, indeed. And withal there was a refinement and dis- tinction, the keen edge of the finely tempered tool. But, after all, to use Walt Whitman's rugged phrase,

"That which enables a man to stand with aplomb before his fellowmen is character."

CHARACTER TELLS.

"The pre-eminent note of Sir Wil- liam's character was, to my mind, his singleness of purpose, his simplicity. How incredibly far-off all meanness and baseness seemed for him. You might disagree with him, or think him masterful; but as well grasp the poles and draw them together as try to associate pettiness or self-seeking with him. In the pursuit of objects he thought worthy, he disdained no task, however trivial, spared no sacri- fice. And was there really anything in which Sir William was not inter- ested? He seemed to catch the full zest of life as it passed, and let no- thing blunt, or dull, or

such knowledge can be attained.

"Sir William Dawson has also shown us that a scientist can be in the truest sense a Christian, and that, like Kepler, he can think the thoughts of Almighty God. He has shown us that a scientist may reverently learn the Word of God, and that when interpreted by one who has sympathy with its great objects the Divine Word is in harmony with divine words in that both reflect the glory of God. He has shown us that the true foundation of all wisdom is the fear of God. The fear of the Lord that is wisdom and to depart from evil, that is understanding. Well has he said the true test lies in persevering. Let his spirit still animate us, and let McGill be distinguished, not only for truth and thoroughness, not only for practical development in science and arts, but for that combination of learning and wisdom, that union of a fearless spirit of research with reverent regard for revealed truth, which so eminently distinguished him whom we mourn and of whom we may say, "Esto perpetua."

Mr. Hague was followed by the Rev. Dr. MacVicar, who spoke in seconding the motion with sincere affection and admiration for the deceased principal.

PRINCIPAL ADAMS.

Dr. Adams, professor of geology and palaeontology, whose first teacher in

Christian virtues and the most precious word of God, whereby his name has become known and honored throughout all Christendom;

Be it resolved, that, the Bishop and clergy do attend the funeral in a body, and that Lady Dawson and family be assured of our deep sympathy with them in their bereavement, and of our prayers that the God of all consolation may comfort and sustain them as He only can.

(Signed), W.B. MONTREAL,
President.

Denies the Report.

Toronto, November 19.—The report that the Imperial Life Insurance Company had cabled the War Office regarding the risk of the Canadian contingent, and that an answer was received that they would be placed on garrison duty is denied by the officials of the company.

Earthquake Shakes Cuba.

Santiago de Cuba, November 17.—A decided earthquake shock was felt here this morning at 9.15 o'clock, lasting nearly half a minute. Several houses in the city were badly damaged, and the front of the marine hospital office fell, blocking the street. No personal injuries are reported, but the natives were badly frightened,

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At the close of Prof. Cox's remarks,
Principal Peterson stated that lectures
would be suspended until tomorrow
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his mistakes and trying his best to
help the man, but even in this, "his
falling leaned to virtue's side." He
was ever like a loving father to the
professors, guiding, correcting and
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and admiration of the deceased geologist, recalling some of the things that make his memory dear. He went on to speak of the deceased's work during the thirty-eight years he guided the fortune of McGill, and of his work in the field of science, beginning by quoting that sentence from the deceased scientist's farewell address at McGill, wherein he speaks of his own life in these words: "My life has been filled with anxieties and cares and with continuous and almost unremitting labor. I have been obliged to leave undone or imperfectly accomplished many cherished schemes by which I had hoped to benefit my fellow-men and leave footprints of good on the sands of time."

"But, looking backwards," Mr. Hague asked, "was it a disadvantage to him to have these cares and anxieties? I humbly think not. Seclusion and freedom from cares are not always favorable to the finest effort. In reading the works of men who lived in seclusion, apart from the cares of the world, we sometimes find them grievously marred by want of an acquaintance with practical life. That to his splendid intellect Sir William Dawson had added a large practical knowledge of the affairs of and the ways of mankind is manifest, not so much in his technical works on geology as in such works as 'Modern Science in Bible Lands' and 'Modern Idea of Evolution.' In these, as we read, we feel that the man who is speaking to us is one that knows and knows men. That is the only way

great regret. Kindly associate my name with any message of condolence."

The Geological Survey staff will be represented by Mr. Whiteaves, and the Ottawa Graduates' Society by Dr. Ellis. Other graduates' societies in the country will also be represented.

CLERGYMEN

Address Adopted by Church of England Clergy Yesterday.

At a meeting of the Church of England clergy of the city and district of Montreal, held yesterday, His Lordship the Bishop presiding, the following resolution was adopted:—

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to call to his rest, full of years and honors, Sir William Dawson, LL. D., F.R.S., F.G.S., C.M.G., one of Canada's most distinguished and gifted sons, we, the Bishop and clergy of the Church of England, in Montreal, desire to place on record a marked expression of our high appreciation of his eminent ability and learning, as also of his consistent and devoted Christian life and character;

And, in recognizing the incalculable services which he rendered to the cause of education in this country, as principal of McGill University, and in other positions, we would especially record our deep sense of gratitude and indebtedness to him for using, as he did, his masterly talents and scientific research in defence of the Christian virtues and the inspired

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DR. CRAIK.

Dr. Craik, dean of the Faculty of Medicine, said that in the death of Sir William Dawson he had suffered a deep personal loss. He was one of the men who had attended the inaugural lecture of Sir William. He had only graduated the year before, and it was in the following year that he was officially appointed to a position on the teaching staff of the college, so that Sir William formed a connecting link between those two important events in his life. And ever since that time his connection with Sir William had been one of great personal benefit, and he had ever looked on his principal with mingled feelings of love and reverence. At the time of his first appearance in McGill it was hard to detect the latent powers that lay in Sir William, and it was not until he had reduced many of the difficulties that lay in his path that a person realized that a great man was in their midst.

Sir William Dawson had accomplish-
...ed more good by his example than by
...his precept. He was not a man to
...harp and preach at those under him
...or to constantly remind a man of his
...faults, but his example was ever one
...worthy of following, and his life was
...a living sermon. He possessed in a
...rare degree the power to get the best
...possible work out of his assistants.
...Never in his life had he seen Sir Wil-
...liam's equal as a teacher. He had
...such a clear and forceful way of ar-
...ranging and stating his facts, and

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...weary. In Pater's beautiful words:—
...'To burn always with this hard, gem-
...like flame, to maintain this ecstasy,
...is success in life.'

"In one word, he was fit to be the
...example of the thousands of young
...men who frequent a university. That
...is a word of solemn import—to us who
...are set in posts of authority, to be
...your guides, and to you, on whom is
...laid the responsibility of choosing the
...best that is in us to give you, and
...rejecting all wherein we fail.

"We are met to celebrate, with
...proud grief, if you will, the safe con-
...clusion of a noble and glorious life,
...which has now been sealed with the
...everlasting sleep. Hereafter nothing
...can harm it, nor any tarnish come
...near it. He who for eighty years so
...strenuously maintained its lofty tenor,
...has inherited rest. But in this uni-
...versity the memory of it will be our
...sacred and inviolable possession.
...There will doubtless be external
...memorials, but better even than these
...splendid piles of dead stone about us,
...will be the living witnesses who have
...drunk in his spirit, and illustrate it
...in their own lives. In a world of
...poor ideals, ambitions taken up at
...random and followed unstably, the
...value of one such concrete instance
...of a life well planned and well lived,
...devoted to high ends, is beyond price.
...When the loss of such a leader shakes
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