



Extract from the Minutes of a special  
Meeting of the Corporation of McGill University,  
held the 20th November, 1899.

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"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 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 honoured 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 the consciousness of good work well done.

As Principal of the University, he raised it from small beginnings to the honoured place it holds to-day 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 unceasing 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 key-note of his life was ever zealous service, devotion to duty, and unceasing self-sacrifice. These aspects of his life work for McGill will ever be cherished by all who come after him.

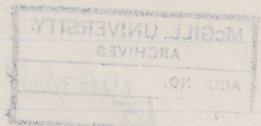
Resolved also that this expression of sincere sympathy and condolence on the part of all members of McGill University



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."

W. Vaughan  
Secretary.

Resolutions passed by  
Joint Com. of Conference  
of Universities, Nov. 1881.





Resolution passed by  
joint Mtg. of Corporation  
& Convocation, on  
20th Novr 1899.

Award