

RESOLUTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF DR. B. J. HARRINGTON.

(Adopted by the Academic Board of McGill University
at their regular meeting on Wednesday, December 4th, 1907).

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"The members of the Academic Board cannot adequately express their sense of the loss sustained, not only by the University but by the country at large, in the death of their beloved colleague, Dr. B. J. Harrington. They rejoice that he lived to see his department splendidly housed and equipped. But they remember that he was one of the early makers of McGill University; and that for most of his thirty-five years of service, while fulfilling for long periods the duties of three chairs, in Chemistry, in Mineralogy, and in Mining, in cramped quarters and with inadequate means, he yet succeeded by devoted personal labour in training many hundreds of men who now fill with credit important posts in Canada and the United States. His deep interest in his old pupils won their lasting confidence so that they rarely took an important step without seeking his ever ready counsel: and thus the University was bound by strong ties to the great industries and interests of practical life. These he further assisted by many investigations which, as he would have wished, were of a character to render unobtrusive but helpful service rather than to catch the eye of the world.

Within the University his aid will be missed on every hand:-

in the Library Committee; especially in the Museum, which owes much to his loving care, and is enriched by many collections secured by his efforts and often given out of personal regard for himself; but most of all in the daily conduct of affairs. For behind his gracious amiability was always to be felt a fine sense of honour, a high and courageous spirit which could give a fearless expression of opinion without risk of offence. His irresistible kindness provoked affection and charmed away vexation and discontent, as surely as his sincere and upright character commanded respect. And thus he was a bond of union among his colleagues, and a perpetual spring of cheerful eagerness for work done with supreme conscientiousness regardless of recognition or reward.

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