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 76-77 **S** - Add MacBrien, lecturer in Nat. Phil.
 77-78 **S** - Robson, Forrest off.
 78-79 **B** - Add MacBrien, Bayne, Honeyman
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 82-83 **B** - Add Munroe
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One cannot appreciate properly the magnitude of the debt Dalhousie owes to George Munro, without touching briefly on ^{its} history.

The early history of Dalhousie is a chequered one.

It began ^{in 1822} to use an Hibernicism, by staying unopened for 20 yrs; then was a long career for 5 years; then had another 20 yr. rest; its present effort dates from its reorganization in 1863.

Its Hope and Aim in 1863 - Support by all denominations

Instead it was nobody's College, neither of State, sect or group, ^{except Unitarian}
 In ^{a dozen} years Dalhousie was almost moribund and fears were expressed that she would have to sleep again for another 20 yrs.

If a wise and capable Board of Governors could have made a University, Dalhousie should have flourished - Howe, Trepper, Jones, Grant, etc.; but with ^{all due respect that is never fully in their power.}
 But Dalhousie had the great fortune of having ^{an able and devoted} ^{teachers and lecturers,} ^{conspicuous capacity, as,} ^{and strong} teaching staff, men of sound scholarship, character and personality. In 10 short years they had impressed themselves on the community and the value of their work was so obvious that financial assistance came from people in the City who appreciated the great educational work that these men were doing and the high standard and ideal of the College - Ross, Lyall, Macdonald, Johnson, De Mill.
 Then, as ever, and now, the teaching staff make the College - are the College.
 This financial help, ^{however,} just kept the College head out of water. Hope and confidence were at a low ebb.

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started a Law School with the first full-time law
teacher in Canada; for 8 years supported instructors
in Mathematics and Classics; donated a Series of
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set a fashion; for it was shortly after this that Macdonald and Stratton
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It was not only that there were 5 new chairs to fill; it was the men who were
called to fill them that was of equal importance: - 1st J. T. MacKenzie and then T. Rodan
MacGregor in Physics; John Fernald in History & Economics; T. Paul Schurman
and then James Seth ^{and then Walter Murray} in Philosophy; W. V. Alexander and then one Arch. MacEachern in
English; and finally R. C. Meldon in Law - a galaxy of names that I doubt could be
duplicated in any College in Canada at that period. They helped the Old Guard to
make the name of Dalhousie even more respected in the academic world.
It was just 50 years ago, in January, 1883, that the authorities of that day set
aside a day in honour of George Muir.

George Muir was of course born in Pictou ~~NS~~ ^{is doubt a matter of choice -}
^{and educated at Pictou Academy} as Head Master of the Free Church Academy
As a youth he taught school, for a while here, in Halifax, and then went in 1858
to the Great Republic to seek his fortune - and he found it. He started at
the bottom in a printing establishment, and when the opportunity offered he
entered the publishing business for himself ("Seaside Library") and amassed
what was then a very respectable fortune. I need not dwell on a
most interesting personality, and a glance at his portrait in the library will
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qualities. He died in 1896, April 24

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MUNRO DAY - 1928 - March 9th.

A. Stanley MacKenzie, ^{by} President of the University.

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The Centennial Campaign is too fresh in our minds to call

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for much detail. The total subscriptions were \$ 2,250,000. The outstanding gifts were a half million each from the Carnegie Corporation and the Rockefeller Foundation, ^{the late} for the Medical School, (their gifts to date total about \$ 1,400,000), \$ 300,000 from Mrs. E. B. Eddy for the erection of Shirreff Hall, \$ 250,000 from the British Empire Steel Corporation for the development of science for industry, and \$ 60,000 from the Hon. W. A. Black to found the Chair of Commerce.

I must comment further on the ^{gifts of the} late Mrs. Eddy. ^{ever} She is the largest single benefactor to date of this University, and her name will be held in grateful remembrance, as will also her charming personal character. By the provisions of her will, the University will in time benefit to the extent of about \$ 700,000. Finally, her brother, the late J. T. Shirreff, has left to the University the reversion of \$ 250,000 on the death of his widow. Directly or indirectly, ~~our~~ our ^{*} special guest of tonight is responsible for these gifts, as well as the many generous gifts he has personally made, including the residence for the President of the University, costing \$ 20,000; and, if for no other of our many reasons, we should tender him a tribute of honour tonight.

on this account

Gifts large and small are coming to the University every month, and are noted in my annual Reports, the latest, that of Mr. James D. McKenna, of St. John, arriving but yesterday. That of Colonel Leonard of \$ 35,000 of a few months ago for the science libraries, appeals strongly in that it ~~as it were~~, came "out of the blue", unsolicited and unexpected.

of St. Catharines, Ont.

To all these named and unnamed Benefactors we here tonight tender our appreciation; to those living our heartfelt thanks, and to those who have passed on our tribute to their memory and good deeds.

* The Hon. R. B. Bennett.

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George H. Campbell, only son of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Campbell, also gave his life to his country, and is commemorated by his parents by an endowment of \$ 25,000 for scholarships. A third victim of that tragic war was Eric Dennis, whose parents Senator and Mrs. Dennis, made provision for the founding as a memorial to him of a Chair in Government and Political Science with an endowment of \$ 100,000. *What honour can we pay that will be worthy of such boys, lost in the welter of human folly?*

The Centennial Campaign is too fresh in our minds to call for much detail. The total subscriptions were \$ 2,250,000. The outstanding gifts were a half million each from the Carnegie Corporation and the Rockefeller Foundation, (their gifts to date total about \$ 1,400,000), \$ 300,000 from Mrs. E. B. Eddy, \$ 250,000 from the British Empire Steel Corporation, and \$ 60,000 from the Hon. W. A. Black to found the Chair of Commerce. *for the Medical School? for the erection of Shirreff Hall? for science in industry?*

I must comment further on the late Mrs. Eddy. She is the largest single benefactor to date of this University, and her name will be held in grateful remembrance, as will also her charming personal character. By the provisions of her will, the University will in time benefit to the extent of about \$ 700,000. Finally, her brother, the late J. T. Shirreff, has left to the University the reversion of \$ 250,000 on the death of his widow. Directly or indirectly, our special guest of tonight is responsible for these gifts, as well as the many generous gifts he has personally made, *including the residence for the President of the University, costing \$ 20,000,* and, if for no other of our many reasons, we should tender him a tribute of honour tonight.

Gifts large and small are coming to the University every month, and are noted in my annual Reports, the latest, that of Mr. J. D. McKenna, of St. John, arriving but yesterday. That of Colonel Leonard of \$ 35,000 of a few months ago *for the science libraries*

appeals strongly in that it, as it were, came "out of the blue", *unsolicited and unexpected.*

To all these named and unnamed Benefactors we here tonight tender our appreciation; to those living our heartfelt thanks, and to those who have passed on our tribute to their memory and good deeds.

March 8, 1928.