

grants for denominational colleges were withdrawn. To prevent the utter extinction of the College it was resolved to appeal to the people for an Endowment Fund of \$200,000. The Rev. Dr. Punshon took an active interest in this movement, not only making a personal contribution of \$3,000 to the fund, but at public meetings and by private application raising upwards of \$50,000. Several ministers of the denomination were sent out as canvassers to visit the various congregations, who supplemented this amount; but the whole country having been visited and the amount falling greatly short, in 1873 the present agent, the Rev. J. H. Johnson, M. A., was appointed to make a second appeal, and to his perseverance and success the College is very largely indebted for its present improved financial position. The late Mr. Edward Jackson, of Hamilton, and his estimable lady, bequeathed to the Theological department the noble sum of \$30,000. The entire amount now invested, and which is being annually increased, is nearly \$115,000, and it is hoped that with the return of financial prosperity to the country, the balance of the \$200,000 will be raised.

The estimated cost of the original building was about \$40,000. The recent erection of Faraday Hall, chiefly for scientific purposes, thereby offering special facilities for teaching natural science in this University, as the Hon. Adam Crocks, Minister of Education, well said at the opening, "marks a new epoch in the history of Victoria College." At the head of this department is a German professor, familiar with English, and of distinguished abilities, Dr. Haanel. The cost of Faraday Hall is estimated at \$25,000. Of this sum, \$20,000 has already been raised in subscriptions by the College agent, the Rev. J. H. Johnson, M. A.—the sum of \$15,000 of it from the citizens of Cobourg alone. The entire assets of the College are given as \$166,319, and the liabilities \$21,699, showing property to the value of \$144,650 as a balance in favour of the institution.

Faraday Hall, the new and handsome structure shown in the foreground of our frontispiece, stands (detached from Victoria College, but in the same grounds) on a lofty elevation, commanding a magnificent view of Cobourg and Lake Ontario. There are few finer sites for an observatory in Canada. The