

after the fire and pledged four thousand dollars (in addition to previous generous contributions) on condition that twenty thousand dollars should be raised. This, as we have said, was speedily done and even exceeded. In this way we secured our main building, but we had no library nor philosophical apparatus; how were these to be got? God raised up friends whose repeated acts of liberality, have, to a great extent, supplied these wants. We have now about 3,000 vols. of well selected books, and the number is increasing more and more rapidly. J. S. McMaster, Esq., of Manchester, has been the largest contributor to the Library, and T. James Claxton, Esq., of Montreal, has nearly overtaken him in donations for this object. Thomas Lailey, Esq., of Toronto, has also made a fine contribution. Then, as we have no endowment as yet, it is necessary to raise funds year by year for the current expenses. This work our Principal has undertaken and effected in a most satisfactory manner thus far. Several large hearted and far sighted men have contributed two hundred dollars yearly for this object. A. R. McMaster, Esq., and J. S. McMaster, Esq., have each given two hundred dollars per annum towards our current expenses for a number of years. D. D. Calvin, Esq., M.P.P., gives the same amount, and two or three others give one hundred dollars each yearly. The attendance of pupils during the last six or seven years has steadily increased. We have usually the largest attendance during the Winter term, and our smallest during the Summer. Our growth may be judged from the following statement: The number on the roll in the Winter, of 1871 was 134; the number on the roll last Winter was 159. The roll of the Summer term (1871) was 103. That of this Summer is 122. This growth has obliged the Trustees to enlarge their buildings and facilities for instruction. Messrs. McMaster and Claxton generously headed a movement for this object with a subscription of \$4,000. To this there have been added contributions from the Denomination amounting to \$13,000, making in all, for land required by the Institute, and buildings, \$17,000. The Trustees are engaged in enlarging the present main edifice so as to double the capacity of the dining room and furnish three large class rooms, &c. This enlargement will be completed by next Fall term. They are also engaged in the erection of a separate building, ninety feet long by forty wide, with a wing 70