

what would in all probability have cost us more than a thousand dollars, was accomplished for less than half that amount, by employing a young man who has given the whole of his time to the work. The collecting part of the task assigned him was far from being an easy one, for it was nothing more than gleaning after those who had reaped and gathered all they could, leaving very little in any one place; so that our Agent this year has had to travel over the whole ground occupied by two Agents last year. As might be expected, he found, from various causes, many of the subscriptions and notes to be worthless. No one, perhaps, under the circumstances, would have done better than he has. In addition to collecting what he could of these arrears, he has obtained a considerable amount of new subscriptions to make up for losses on old accounts; and he has also secured special subscriptions, principally from those who are proud to call Victoria College their Alma Mater, to pay for the splendid cabinet which Dr. Harris, the late Professor of Natural Science, had procured and arranged for the benefit of his classes, entirely at his own expense. This is now the property of the College Board, and is paid for by these special subscriptions. Thus while we have been gathering up the fragments that were left to obtain the sum necessary to secure the payment of Mr. McDonald's subscription of \$1,000, that the balance of the debt might be paid off, we have also secured the improved facilities required to enable the learned Professor of Natural Sciences to conduct his department much more efficiently than formerly. The buildings, grounds, and fences, have been materially improved during the year, presenting to-day a very different appearance, at least externally, to that which they presented a year or two ago; this has added to the outlay of the year some \$300, but a similar item is not likely to appear again for the next thirty or forty years, which is about the number of years the old fence had been standing. Notwithstanding these extras, we come within a trifle of paying off all the ordinary and