

year was about thirty in actual attendance, all of these being specialists or in preparatory department save about two. The number of undergraduates in Arts now is about 130, and is double what it was ten years since. Total number of students in all Faculties now about 300, and this includes none in preparation at Collegiate Institute.

Improvements are constantly taking place in the status of the College, the two of greatest importance during recent years being the creation of an endowment fund and the erection of a new Hall of Science in connection with the institution. The first successful attempt at forming the nucleus of an endowment was made in 1868, almost immediately after the discontinuance of the Parliamentary grant which Victoria College and other denominational institutions had been in receipt of for many years. By dint of a good deal of effort the subscriptions to the fund have reached over \$150,000, exclusive of what has been secured for the endowment of the Theological Faculty, and exclusive also of the sum expended in the erection of Faraday Hall. This beautiful temple of science is the result of special contributions, chiefly from Cobourg and its immediate vicinity, and it is safe to say that the \$30,000 expended on it could not have been put to any better use. The physical sciences have never yet been taught as they should be in any of our colleges or universities, and it must be satisfactory to the intelligent friends of Victoria that the movement in favour of more liberal culture in this direction is not to take place everywhere else before it begins to be felt in the institution for which they have already done so much. The scientific course in Faraday Hall embraces instruction in Chemistry, Mineralogy, Geology, and Astronomy, with provision for telescopic observation.

It only remains to be added that Dr. Nelles has always been an intelligent and active promoter of the work of education outside of his own special sphere. His influence in this respect has done much to aid the work of public instruction in and around Cobourg, and not a little also in the Province at large; and his wise and liberal administration have commanded the admiration even of those unfavourable to denominational colleges.

His admirable social qualities make him a great favourite with the students and with all his friends. As a conversationalist he is brilliant, witty, and wise. At the same time, his wit is like