

summer, with the view of procuring specimens of some of the more rare and characteristic fossils of the Cambrian and Lower Silurian rocks. Mr. Richardson has engaged in this work without remuneration, and he was enabled to obtain a large number of valuable specimens at a very moderate expense.

One of Professor Ward's excellent copies of the great skeleton of the *Megatherium* in the British Museum, and a number of other large casts have been contracted for and are to be delivered in the course of next month. The net cost of these casts is \$568, and with the freight and fitting up it will amount to about \$800.

We have much pleasure in adding that several of the larger and more important specimens and collections referred to under this head are intended to form a memorial in the Museum to the late Sir W. E. Logan, and will be so labelled, and when the mounting of them has been completed will be paid for by a donation from his heirs of the sum of \$4,000.

The other specimens purchased have been paid for out of the Museum fund or by private gifts.

The cases have been contracted for by Mr. Roberts, and will, it is believed, be as nearly as possible perfect in their arrangements for the protection and display of the specimens. Mr. Redpath has added to his other liberal gifts the provision of these cases at an expense of \$10,000.

The plan of the arrangement of the collections has been fully decided beforehand, with reference to the dimensions of the hall and the character and position of the cases. It is hoped that it will provide in the most effectual manner for the display of the specimens, along with the greatest possible facilities for their scientific study. The Museum will thus afford advantages for the study of Geology and Natural History not previously enjoyed in this country.

In accordance with the resolution to open the Museum in August, 1882, the work of preparing and transferring the specimens from the old building had to be pushed on with the greatest rapidity. The Principal and Dr. Harrington gave their summer vacation to the work, and were zealously aided by a number of students and graduates, while competent assistants were employed in mounting and labelling. On the whole, it is probable that there has never been an instance of so large an amount of material being transferred