

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.

A number of smaller collections and single specimens have been purchased from time to time as opportunity offered. The expense of some of the above purchases has been borne by the Museum fund. The sums paid for the others have been advanced by the Principal.

I 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 when the mounting of them has been completed will be paid for by a donation from his heirs.

Certain expenditures have been required on the grounds in the vicinity of the Museum. A portion of these have been defrayed by the University; but the greater part by private contributions, among which may be mentioned the donation of new and rare shrubs and trees by Charles Gibb, Esq. The arrangement of the grounds will be continued in the spring, but without any considerable expenditure.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

The work of arranging, re-labelling and mounting specimens is so far advanced that we shall be able to occupy the Museum so soon as its cases can be fitted up.

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.