

pointed to Regent's Park College, London; Dr. DeSola was an expert in Oriental languages and literature, and Mr. Markgraf represented modern languages, while Dr. Howe gave what time he could spare from the High School to his favorite mathematical and physical subjects. My own lectures in natural science came in aid of this slender staff, raising the professoriate in Arts to six. It was well for me that the Dean of the Medical Faculty, Dr. Holmes, was a man of scientific tastes and an accomplished mineralogist and botanist, as this led at once to my lectures being taken advantage of by the medical students as well as those in Arts. Thus, while the whole students in Arts were only at that time 15, I began a course of lectures in 1855 with a large class, attended by some of the medical professors and by gentlemen from the city, as well as by the students. At the same time a good deal was done to perfect and render more definite the course in Arts, which, even in the session of 1855-6 was becoming so moulded as to bear some resemblance to its present arrangements, and to foreshadow, at least, the anticipations of my inaugural address of November, 1855, most of which have since been realized. The University at this time had no library and no museum, and its philosophical apparatus was limited to a few instruments presented to it some time before by the late Mr. Skakel. I had to use my own private collections and specimens borrowed from the Natural History Society to illustrate my lectures. The High School, under the rectorship of Dr. Howe, was an affiliated school, and we could look to it as likely in a few years to furnish us with a larger number of students—a hope not disappointed.

But our great difficulty was lack of the sinews of war; and the seat of government being at the time in Toronto, I was asked to spend my first Christmas vacation in that city with the view of securing some legislative aid. There was as yet no direct railway communication between Montreal and Toronto, and of course no Victoria Bridge. I crossed the river in a canoe amidst floating ice, and had to travel by way of Albany, Niagara and Hamilton. The weather was stormy and the roads blocked with snow, so that the journey to Toronto occupied five days, giving me a shorter time there than I had anticipated. I received, however, a warm wel-