

University. And the Governors are happy to learn that the Alumni have this year authorised the purchase of a most valuable collection of Silurian Fossils, prepared and arranged by Rev. Mr. Honeyman, of Antigonish, an experienced Naturalist.\* Thus adorned and enlarged, our Cabinet will more than ever attract the attention of scientific visitors, and the character of the University will thus be greatly elevated at home and abroad.

The Professor of Chemistry and Natural History has, during the year, employed a portion of his vacations in prosecuting mineralogical researches in Cape Breton and other parts of the Province. Some account of these will be found in the Appendix.

The Professor was lately called upon by the Provincial Government to investigate the supposed gold region at Tangier, in this Province, and the value of his services is thus acknowledged in the able report of the Secretary of the Province, the publication of which had a most salutary effect in allaying the excitement created by the reported discovery of gold, which was rapidly unsettling the minds of the people, and withdrawing them from their industrial occupations.

"Before closing this paper, I have much pleasure in acknowledging the great services rendered in the conduct of this enquiry by Professor How, whose scientific training and thorough knowledge commanded the respect of the people who had anything to show, and whose general views of the whole subject are embodied in this report."

The same Professor transmitted, on the part of the Governors, to Sir W. Denison, of Australia, a quantity of Nova Scotia specimens, in return for which it is hoped that we shall soon receive some of those of that far-off land,—a letter having lately been received from His Excellency acknowledging the receipt of our box, and intimating his intention of making a bountiful return at an early day.

In the last Calendar mention was made of the interesting present of his Lucknow sword, made to the College by Sir John Inglis, which, with that worn by Sir F. Williams during the memorable siege of Kars, arrests the fixed attention of every intelligent visitor at the Library. The following items of information, which have been furnished by Sir John, will be read with interest :—