

The undersigned begs leave to call the attention of the patrons and friends of this prosperous Institution of learning to the fact that an ample local, with show-cases, stands, etc., has been provided for a general museum, in which are to be carefully classified and permanently exhibited whatever objects which may be interesting, curious, or instructive in the three kingdoms of nature; together with all kinds of works of art, coins, medals, antiquities, Indian and other relics, etc.

Already, a very fair start, as may be seen, in the establishment of such an undertaking, has been made: thanks to the noble generosity and enlightened zeal of a number of kind friends, from far and near, our museum contains, at this day, nearly 2000 objects of interest and value, especially in the departments of mineralogy, conchology, entomology, ornithology, oölogy, botany, and numismatics.

All intelligent persons know how useful and desirable it is for an Institution of higher learning to possess an extensive, carefully systematized and well-kept museum: such a general collection made up of a great variety of objects, affords, as is evident, instruction to the learners, pleasure and interest to the casual visitors, and an honest pride to the inmates of the Institution, both teachers and students. But it must be conceded that the creation of a museum worthy of the name, is not the work of a day, but of years; and it can be brought to a high degree of worth, completeness and excellence, only by repeated and expensive purchases, or by the voluntary donations of generous friends. The lack of pecuniary resources forbids the Rev. Curator of the Saint-Laurent Museum to rely on the former method; but he well knows that this College counts its good friends by the thousands; and furthermore, he feels confident that they are most willing to second his efforts in this enterprise, in contributing cheerfully, as far as it may be in their power, whatever object or objects which might be suitable for such a repository of curiosities. Assuredly, very limited is the number of persons who do not have in their possession some ancient medals, some foreign coins or postage stamps, some curious works of art, etc., etc.; and what