

not improve the appearance of the room, yet the book accommodation is more than doubled, and, at any future time, the shelving may be easily removed to another building.

The Principal has provided a book-case for the students' consulting room. This has been filled with dictionaries, encyclopaedias and other works of reference to which the students have access, and of which they constantly avail themselves.

In addition to these, and other books placed in class bookcases, the students use the general library to the extent of about four hundred volumes per month.

As it became impossible for me to attend to the work of giving out and taking in books, in addition to the regular work in my department and to the other library duties, the Nicholls scholarship, value \$100, was awarded to a student taking a post-graduate course, on condition of his assisting the Librarian. Mr. John A. Sinclair, M.A., held the scholarship during the past session and, with the assistance of Mr. Ikehara,—whose time was paid for by Mr. Hugh Macleunan, Montreal,—attended to giving out and taking in books.

As the work of my special department, Political Science, is rapidly increasing, I hope that, at no distant time, the Trustees may be able to relieve me of the position of Librarian. The duties of the Librarian are also growing with the growth of the University.

ADAM SHORTT, *Librarian.*

Facsimiles of Manuscripts in European Archives Relating to America, 1773-1783.
B. F. Stevens, London.

This is a very unique and remarkable publication, relating to the most critical period in the history of North America. The exceptional character of the work, beyond the value of the records themselves, lies in the unquestionable accuracy of the reproductions. In these sheets we have not only the words of the original documents but the very handwriting with all the incidental elements of alteration and erasure. As material for historical research they are perfect. The period from 1773 to 1783 covers most of the short time during which the United States and Canada were connected with the same British government. Many of the documents reproduced relate directly to Canada, and most of the others have an important bearing on her history. The entire collection, most of which is already issued, will contain facsimile reproductions of about 3,000 documents. The cost of the complete series will be \$500,—not a high price when we consider the necessary expense of such an undertaking. This sum, however, puts the work beyond the reach of our modest library allowance. An act equally generous and public spirited, on the part of some one interested in the history of Canada, and with means sufficient, would place within the reach of our professors and students this store-house of original material from which many may draw supplies, and yet none the less be left for their successors.