

In 1888-89 the increasing duties of the Registrar rendered a change necessary, and Professor Shortt, at that time lecturer in Political Science, was appointed Librarian, with the assistance of a student for a certain time daily for giving out books. This arrangement was continued until 1898, during which time the Library increased greatly in value under Professor Shortt's care. The Canadian department in particular, which is gradually becoming of great value, has been built up entirely under his supervision, and still benefits by his thorough knowledge of the history and public affairs of Canada, as happily for the Library, Professor Shortt's resignation of the post of Librarian has not meant the cessation of his interest and energy in its affairs. During the time of his holding office applications were made to the Dominion Government, the United States' Government, the Smithsonian Institution and other sources, for official publications, and valuable contributions have been received which are still regularly continued. Professor Shortt also visited several of the larger libraries in the United States and subsequently introduced here the card system of cataloguing now in such general use. This system is invaluable for students working on essays or themes on given subjects, though some conservatives still cling to the book catalogues (supplemented by one of the Librarians.)

The Theological and Modern Languages departments have been much strengthened during the past few years, and a set of the English Classical Novelists in fine editions is gradually being completed. This set was begun by the generous donation

of one of our graduates sent for this purpose. The example might well be followed by others. The Library now contains about forty thousand volumes, 1,571 books and 879 pamphlets having been added last year, and this year the number added will be much larger.

In 1898, the Library work had become too heavy to be carried on in connection with a Professor's chair, and Professor Shortt resigned, the present Librarian was appointed, and two assistant Librarians have since been added. The Library itself was sorely cramped for lack of space. In the summer of 1900, a gallery was added, running across the Library from North to South. This was a great convenience but far from sufficient, and the lack of consulting rooms for the students was increasingly felt. One of the last acts of the late Principal in connection with the college was the discussion of the proposed plans for the extension of the Library, which met with his unqualified approval. He did not live to see one of them carried out, but all has been completed according to the scheme that was first submitted to him. The work was put in hand immediately after the close of lectures last session and completed before the opening of the present session. By these changes a door has been cut into the old Divinity Hall adjoining the Library on the North side, shelving has been put all round, and long shelved tables placed down the length of the room for the accommodation of bound newspapers, making a most convenient stack and work room. On the other side of the hall next to the library on the South side the old reading-room and English