

Amongst these Donations there are some which are deserving of a special mention.

(1.) The original Photographic Picture of the Fancy Dress Ball that took place at Government House in February, 1876, which has been generously presented to the Library by His Excellency the Governor General. This is a beautiful memento of a memorable event in Canadian social life, and an historical record of permanent interest, not only of the individuals who took part therein, but of the characters they severally assumed.

In making this costly and beautiful gift, Lord Dufferin has expressed a hope that it may "prove the precursor of many another artistic donation to the Art "Treasures of the Dominion, and a first step towards the establishment of a "National Portrait Gallery." Your Librarian would venture to re-echo this desire, and to solicit, on behalf of all students and lovers of the Fine Arts in *Canada*, the judicious liberality of Parliament to aid in cultivating a sound and enlightened taste, throughout the *Dominion*, in this particular. A small annual grant, to be expended in the purchase of choice productions by native artists, would be a much appreciated boon, and a stimulus to native talent in this direction.

(2.) Through the good offices of Mr. *Edward Allen*, our *London* agent, the Library has become the fortunate possessor of one of a limited number of issues of a great literary curiosity, namely, a copy of the Holy Bible, printed from type previously set up, bound and forwarded from *Oxford* to *London*, in the space of twelve consecutive hours. This wonderful achievement was performed in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the introduction of printing into *England* by *William Caxton*, and it is a striking memorial of the triumph and consummation of the arts of printing and binding since that epoch.

(3.) Another literary treasure of much intrinsic value, recently presented to the Library, is a copy of the annotated Catalogue of all the works printed in relation to America, between the years 1482 and 1601, and which are to be found in the private Library of the late *John Carter Brown*, of *Providence, R.I.* This catalogue of a most precious and anique collection, was printed for private circulation only, in the most sumptuous style, and is enriched by bibliographical notes from the pen of the Hon. *John Russell Bartlett*, an accomplished American scholar, and with *fac similes* of original title pages of some of the rarest books on *America*. This catalogue is so highly prized by collectors, that a copy of it has been known to fetch \$325 at a Book auction. The Library is indebted to the widow of *Mr. John Carter Brown* for this interesting volume.

In the last Report, the number of volumes then in the Library was estimated at 83,883. About 4,988 volumes have been added within the year, making a total of 88,871.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALPHEUS TODD,
Librarian of Parliament.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT,
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Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kings'ton)*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Montgomery*,
The House adjourned until Monday next at Three o'clock in the afternoon.