

remained till removed to the present Library in 1880.

In 1862 the number of books was 4,000. Then for the first time a regular appropriation for the Library was made from the matriculation fees, and a board of curators appointed. The calendars of that time record the fact that the Library will be open for at least half an hour daily! From this time the Library increased much more rapidly, seven or eight hundred volumes being donated every year. Mrs. Machar gave about 300 volumes from the library of the late Dr. Machar, and Mr. James Michie, of Toronto, was also a generous contributor.

In 1877-78, at the time of Principal Grant's arrival, there were 11,000 volumes. The Library shared in the general expansion which followed his coming. In 1880 the present Library was opened, but without the top storey, or the iron shelving now standing in the centre of the alcoves. The upper storey was added in 1887-88, the shelving in 1890. In 1878 an interesting bequest was received from the late Robert Sutherland, B.A., of Queen's, a barrister of Walkerton, who died without family, and left all his property to his Alma Mater, (including a valuable collection of books on law), in token of the benefits he had received from her and because he had never suffered prejudice in his student days on account of his negro blood, but, to use his own words, "had always been treated like a gentleman." Other large collections of books have also been received, from Mr. Robert Bell and the Hon. Alexander Morris, and like the Sutherland collection have

been put in a section apart under the donor's name.

The British government has also, from time to time, given most valuable contributions to the Library, which it would have been impossible to procure from any other source. The first of these, in 1878, were the publications of the Scottish Record Office, consisting of fifteen large folios, and several octavos, comprising the Chronicles of the Picts and Scots, the Acts of the Parliament of Scotland, the Registers of the Privy Council, of the Lord High Treasurer, the Exchequer Rolls, and all the Documents that bear on the history of Scotland from the earliest times. It was intimated at the time they were received that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury had granted the request of the Board for these rare volumes largely in consideration of the fact that the University was incorporated by Royal Charter and bore the Queen's name. On two subsequent occasions very large donations were sent, consisting of all the publications of H. M. Stationery Office, about 400 folio and quarto volumes in all, forming one of our most valuable possessions.

Dr. Grant announced in April, 1880, that \$2,000 per annum for six years was necessary to put the Library on a satisfactory footing, and in response to this appeal \$1,000 was very soon raised, \$500 being from the late Allan Gilmour, of Ottawa, who was always a most liberal contributor to Queen's.

In 1879-80 Professor Dupuis, then lecturer in Natural Science, was also appointed Librarian, and held the office till 1882, when Rev. George Bell, D.D., became Registrar and Librarian.