

been augmented by additional gifts from other Universities and learned societies, as well as from private donors. The present condition of the library may be thus stated: Of books saved from the fire we have upwards of 800 volumes; 2,598 newly purchased works have already been entered in the accession book; and further additions now under order and in course of forwarding to the library may be stated at about 5,000 volumes. The Committee organized under the presidency of the Marquis of Lorne for securing contributions towards the restoration of the library, with Mr. A. Staveley Hill, M.P., as Treasurer, and Sir George Baden-Powell, M.P., as Secretary, has now closed its labours; and the gifts due to their indefatigable exertions on our behalf, and to the liberality of other generous donors, number in all 29,604 volumes. The purchases made by the library committee under the advice of the faculty have been mainly directed to meet the practical requirements of the various departments, and restore to the library, as far as our means permit, its special function as a factor in the educational work of the University. We have thus already at our disposal fully 38,000 volumes,—to be increased, we may confidently anticipate before the opening of our new library in October next to not less than forty thousand volumes,—including scientific serials from the library of the great chemist, the Hon. Henry Cavendish; choice folios of early date from that of the historian of "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire;" and many other works which derive a special and unique value from their gifted donors.

Thus encouraged by generous sympathy and practical aid, no time has been lost in taking the needful steps for providing a home for the restored library. The new structure is now in progress on the site selected for it midway between the buildings appropriated to literary and scientific instruction; and will form an attractive addition to the group of buildings surrounding the College lawn. The plans have been carefully prepared with a view to the construction of a detached, and as far as possible fire-proof building, embodying the fruits of the most recent experience both in Europe and in the United States. The book room,