

In the present crowded condition of the Books, and unavoidably defective arrangements, Your Librarian has been unable, as he had hoped, to obtain for this Report an exact enumeration of the number of volumes in the Library, and the number of those which are absent from the shelves and cannot be accounted for. These particulars he is compelled to defer until a future opportunity, when he hopes to be able to render a satisfactory account of the state of the Library, and of the provision which has been made for its permanent care and preservation.

All which is respectfully submitted,

W. AGAR ADAMSON.

Librarian, Legislative Council.

Library of Parliament, 8th June, 1866.

Copy of Correspondence between the Librarian of the Legislative Council and the Rector of the Laval University.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT,
Quebec, 4th October, 1865.

To the Reverend the Rector of the University, Laval,

SIR,—At the time when the Government is about to remove its offices to *Ottawa*, the Directors of the Parliamentary Library would fail in their duty if they were not to express their most sincere thanks for the liberality exercised toward them by your Reverend predecessor and yourself, in permitting them to occupy suitable apartments in the University Buildings, as a place of deposit for a large portion of the Library, and by declining to accept any compensation for the use of these apartments, or for the heating of the same, during the six winters that we have passed in Quebec.

In the Session of 1864 the Joint Committee on the Library, in anticipation of the removal of the seat of government to *Ottawa*, after deliberating on the most suitable method of acknowledging your liberality, resolved, and recommended to both Houses of Parliament, to offer to the Library of the University the gift of an Orrery, and of a certain number of volumes of which duplicate copies exist in the Library of Parliament. This recommendation received the sanction of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly.

I am accordingly empowered in the name and on behalf of the Two Houses of the Legislature, to express to you their deep sense of the obligations you have laid upon them by so freely and generously supplementing the defective accommodation for the Library in the Public Buildings of *Quebec*; and to pray you to accept, as a *souvenir* of the service rendered to the Government by your Institution, the Orrery above mentioned, together with the Books enumerated in the accompanying List.

At the same time I beg you to believe, Reverend Sir, that the officers of the Library will ever retain a lively recollection of the kindness and attention invariably displayed towards them by yourself and the other gentlemen connected with the University, and that they will always rejoice to hear of the continued prosperity of the noble Institution over which you preside with so much dignity and success.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obliged and obedient servt.,

W. AGAR ADAMSON,

Librarian, Legislative Council.

List of Works presented to the Library of the Laval University by the Committee on the Library of Parliament:

Barbier. Dict. des Anonymes. 4 vols.

De Manne Nouveau Dict. des auteurs anonymes.

Smith's History of Canada. 2 vols.

(Le Bailly d'Engel,) Mémoires.