

nors placed at the disposal of the Committee, for the purchase of books at this sale, the sum of \$1,000, and the Library-Assistant was sent to attend the sale. In order to avoid the purchase of duplicates of books on our own shelves, a very carefully-prepared list was made from the sale-catalogue by Prof. Moyse, special attention being given to the selection of works on matters relating to Canada. The number of volumes purchased was 329, amounting in value to \$603.18. The thanks of the Committee were tendered to the Board of Governors for their liberal appropriation, and also to Prof. Moyse for the time and care he gave to this matter, by which it was ascertained that owing to the fact of more than one book, or pamphlet, being bound up together, the Library was already richer in this class of books than was anticipated. (3) In October, the library of Mr. R. W. Boodle was offered for sale, and 316 vols. were purchased therefrom, the cost of which was generously met by the Chancellor, Sir Donald A. Smith, for which the thanks of the Corporation were tendered to him. (4) 143 vols. were presented by that, for many years, generous friend to the Library, the McGill College Club.

Seventy-one vols. have been received from the Graduates' Society. The sum of \$244.27 from the Ramsay bequest has been expended during the year, which leaves a balance of \$53.48 remaining, which will be spent in putting such books as may need it into the sort of binding enjoined by the lamented testator. This timely bequest has added to the Library 154 vols. of great value.

On the re-organization of the Faculty of Law, the members of that Faculty presented an application to be allowed to remove from the Library to their own library, for their use, certain law-books belonging to the various collections, and Parliamentary papers, amounting to 1,150 vols.; which application was granted by Corporation, and the books were transferred, catalogues of them having been prepared in duplicate, and specific conditions laid down for their safe-keeping, etc. By this removal, the pressure of lack of shelf-room was somewhat relieved, but only for a time; nor have your Committee any further suggestions to make dealing with the space at present at their disposal.

The sum of \$200 has been appropriated by the Governors for purposes of binding, which is scarcely adequate for our needs. The leading statistical items for the year are:—Readers, 8,354; books read, 3,590; books lent, 3,318; total vols. in Library, 30,245; increase for the year 1890, 1,608.

Further details are given in the appended tables.

All which is respectfully submitted by your Committee.

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