

which, originally perhaps a small temporary structure, was newly built in 1383. All that is known of this new Library is that it had a thatched roof, replaced some years later by a leaden one when Bishop Stafford enlarged the building. In 1624 the books were removed to the old chapel, which then became the Library: this was devastated by fire in 1709, the whole of the inner part being destroyed, and only one stall of books secured. At the end of the eighteenth century the books were again removed to another and larger library, which in turn disappeared when Sir Gilbert Scott erected the present Library in 1855.

But for the most part the Fates have been kind to these ancient Libraries, and when the books have outgrown their original home, the Old Library will oftentimes be found converted to other uses. Cobham's fourteenth century library has become the parish room of St. Mary the Virgin, the beautiful original library of All Souls is now devoted to lectures, and that of Lincoln is the residence of the Sub-Rector. Occasionally a library which has become derelict is discovered by the curious searcher. Such a library is that of Dr. John Browne, who bequeathed his books in the eighteenth century to the Master of University College and his successors. The library originally occupied a ground-floor room in Radcliffe's quadrangle, but when the new Master's house was built a few years ago the library was removed there, and now adorns the larger portion of a white dining-room, where the old cases