

the tower. Philosophy has the room to the east, facing the Parliament buildings; while the four rooms over the stack are assigned to the Romance Languages, Teutonic Languages, History, and Political Science. In the basement are separate rooms for the men and women students, and a large conversation room.

Already the books most in use have been placed in the shelves, and as soon as possible the rest of the books which lie packed in the original cases at the School of Practical Science will be unpacked, and find permanent quarters in the stack.

The University has fared well at the hands of its friends in all parts of the world, as no sooner was the loss known than gifts began to arrive, until at the present time there are nearly 43,000 volumes, more than one-half of which have been gifts. The remnant saved from the old library amounts to about 750 volumes, and the balance has been purchased, so that within three years the University possesses a library with 10,000 volumes more than in the old, and, for most purposes, its superior. It possesses books dear to the bibliophile, books of historic interest which formerly belonged to men eminent in the arts and sciences; books from the humble artisan, as well as from the crowned heads of Europe; so that, when all is said and done, the fire may be said to have been a blessing.

It is much to be hoped that with the opening of the new library there may be a more liberal policy inaugurated in its management, that the old idea that books are to be kept locked up may be abolished, and the principle laid down and rigidly adhered to, "that the books of the library are to be freely used for the greatest good of the greatest number."

It is understood that the building is to be open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., with but a slight interruption. This is as it should be, and it is hoped that this is but one of many advantages yet in store for the students of the University.

It may be out of place to compare the library of Knox College with that of the University; but it would be well if certain of the improvements could be adopted by the authorities of Knox. It is much to be regretted that many of the valuable books have been removed from the consulting library. It would almost appear that this has been done deliberately—to use no stronger term—and the only remedy that suggests itself is the abolition of the consulting library, unless, indeed, dictionaries and encyclopædias remain, and the appointment of a resident librarian, through whom students might have access at all reasonable hours to the library.