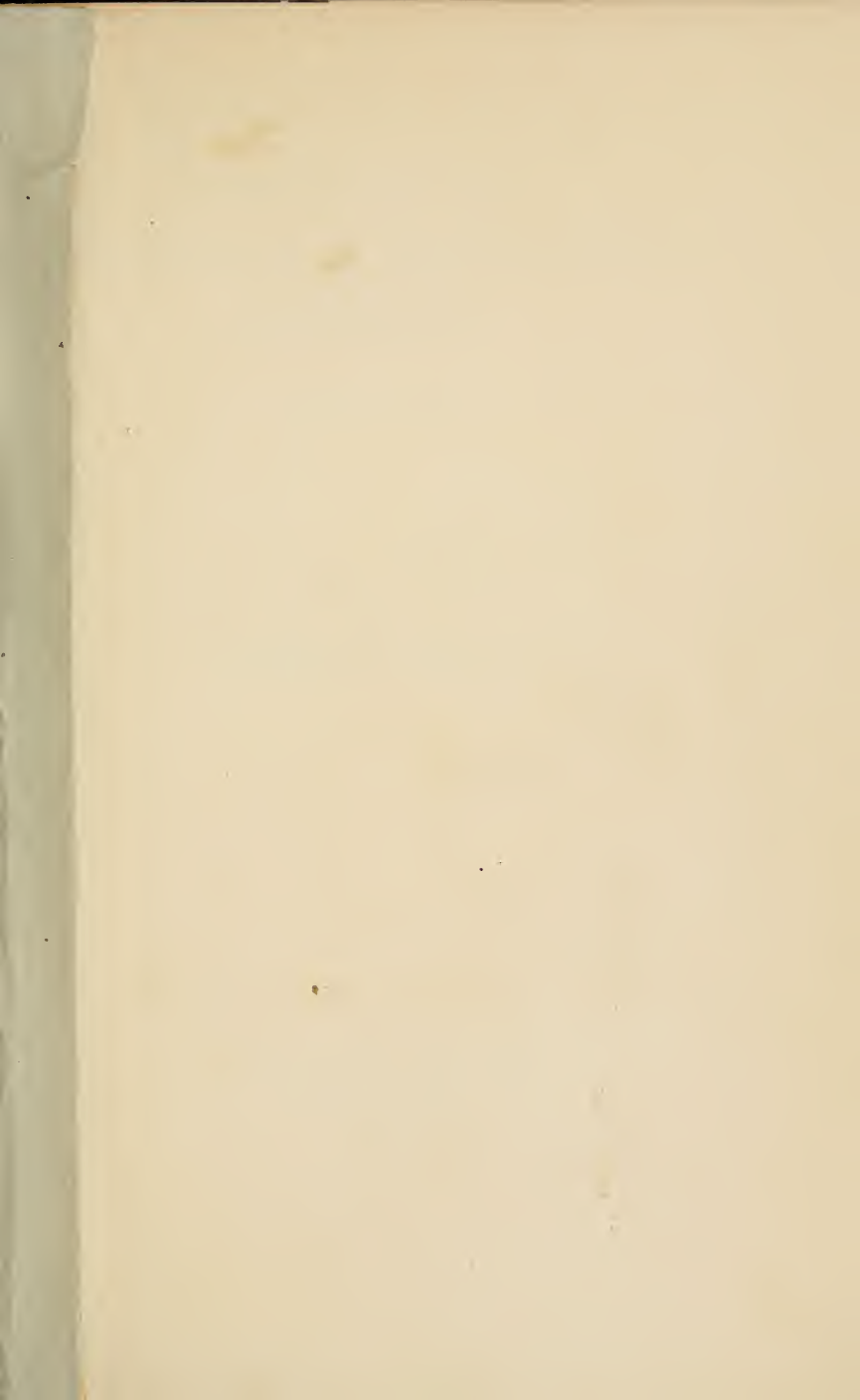


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PREFACE.

THE collection of notes, from which the present is an extract, was commenced at the request of Mr. Jenkinson, more than nineteen years ago (21st August, 1896). It received every encouragement from the late Registrary, J. W. Clark. At one period, in fact, the whole manuscript was placed in Mr. Clark's hands, at his urgent desire, in order that it might receive such treatment as his particular knowledge and energy should think fit. But it was too late. The manuscript came back to me at his death practically untouched. Mr. Clark's notes, compiled after he had decided upon the task, are now MS. Add. 5090. He also collected and bound in 1901 a chronological series of documents relating to the library.

‘The learned and industrious authors who have hitherto investigated the antiquities of Cambridge, are all silent touching the foundation of the University Library.’ With these words the writer of the preface to the first volume of the Catalogue of Manuscripts, published in 1856, commences his remarks. Since that date a good deal has been printed. First, the Catalogue of Manuscripts itself, in five volumes, taught a good deal. In 1869 Henry

Bradshaw published seven papers in the 'Cambridge University Gazette.'¹ In 1870 Dr. H. R. Luard printed his 'Chronological List of Graces.' In 1886 appeared the chapter in the 'Architectural History of the University of Cambridge,' by Willis and Clark, which contains all that is necessary to know, and probably all that we ever shall know, relating to the buildings.

As to the books, C. H. Hartshorne's 'Book-rarities of the University of Cambridge' (1829) had contained a little. That work, admirably conceived, would have been a monumental work had not its author been compelled to prepare in haste what should only have been compiled at leisure. As it is, it still remains the only book on the bibliographical collections in the University as a whole, and it is much to be desired that a new edition of it should be undertaken.²

The few notes, which are all that are at present offered to the reader, grew out of an article printed, almost accidentally, in the 'Cambridge Review' of 2nd December, 1914, and reprinted four days later in pamphlet form. At the suggestion of Mr. Madan, Bodley's librarian, a copy was sent to 'THE LIBRARY,' and Mr. Pollard offered the hospitality of its pages to a compressed account of the Cambridge collection. But for him, as it seemed, this book would not have appeared. Yet on the very day on

¹ Afterwards printed as No. 6 of his 'Memoranda' (1881), and again in the 'Collected Papers' (1889).

² The work is so far incomplete that it merely deals with five libraries, namely, the University Library, King's, the Pepysian, Trinity, and St. John's.

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which the first pamphlet was issued, a generous friend in India wrote to me offering to defray the expenses of printing the volume. That friend was Mr. Alwyn Scholfield.

C. S.

6 May 1916.

POST-SCRIPT.

It is, I hope, not necessary to say that in compiling these notes I have had before me always one great exemplar for admiration and imitation. The Rev. W. D. Macray's 'Annals of the Bodleian Library,' first published in 1867, and re-edited in 1890, serves as a model of painstaking research in a subject which, after all, is but a backwater of history.

ANNALS OF CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY.



O secular libraries in England are so ancient as those which grew up in the Universities. The University collection at Oxford dates back to 1337, and though 1424 is the date usually assigned to the commencement of our Public Library, yet references to collections of books at Cambridge date back far earlier. Some of these we shall quote, adding also notes as to the foundation of different colleges and their libraries, in these Annals of the University Library, in order to illustrate its surroundings.

1278.

Shortly before this year Nigel de Thornton, a physician, gave to the University part of the ground upon which the Library now stands.¹

1286.

Hugh Balsham, bishop of Ely, and Founder of Peterhouse, left by his will to his scholars 'many books in divinity and other sciences.'²

¹ 'Architectural History of the University of Cambridge,' by Professor Willis and J. W. Clark, iii, 3.

² Dr. J. B. Mullinger, 'The History of the University from the Earliest Times,' i, 228 n.

1293.

Queen Eleanor, wife of King Edward I, gave in this year the sum of 100 marks, thereby associating her name with a chest for the use of members of the University. These chests play a peculiar part in the history now under consideration, for books were often deposited as the 'cautiones,' or pledges, by means of which money could be borrowed for payment of a fee or other purposes.

A list of these chests is given in T. Fuller's 'History of the University of Cambridge,' ed. Prickett and Wright (1840), p. 130:

Chest.	Donor.	Time.
Billingsford	Richard de Billingsford	1400
Blide	William de Blide	
Blondel	John de Blondel, rector of Clifton	
St. Botolph	Thomas of St. Botolph's	
Darlington	[Cf. Caius MS. 82]	[n.a. 1400]
Ely	John de Ely, Bp. of Norwich	1320
Exeter	Thomas Beauford, Duke of Exeter	1401
Fen	[Hugh Fenn, Cf. 'Endowments,' 1904]	[n.a. 1480]
Gotham	William de Gotham, Chancellor	1376
St. John	[Cf. Caius MS. 10. U.L.C. Ff. 6. 20]	[n.a. 1388]
Ling	Richard de Ling or Harling, Chancellor	1352
Neele	{ Walter Neele, citizen of London } { John Whithorn, rector of Halstead }	1344
The Queen	Queen Eleanor	1293
Ronbery	Gilbert Ronbery	[Cf. Caius MS. 91]
St. Trinity	William Bateman, Bp. of Ely	1348

This list differs materially from that printed in

the 'Endowments of the University of Cambridge,' ed. J. W. Clark (1904), pp. 554 *seq.*

In Dr. James's Catalogue of the MSS. at Caius College, the 'cautiones' noted in thirty manuscripts are fully described. Among these other chests, Lufnam (MS. 2), Vaughan (14), Turbervile (14), Countess of Warwick (257), Lincoln (293), Gylford (444), and Wynton apud Oxon (479), are named. All of these (except Lufnam) relate to Oxford. See H. Anstey, 'Munimenta Academica' (1868). On the chests see also J. W. Clark in C.A.S. 'Proc.' xi, 78-101.

1294.

In the 'Institutiones' in Caius College Library¹ occurs the 'cautio':

Pignus Johannis de Hann' impignoratum in communi cista pro viii s. In crastino annunciationis dominice a.d. m^o. cc. nonagesimo quarto.

1300.

Thomas de Insula, bishop of Ely, gave a large Bible to Peterhouse this year.²

1305.

A 'cautio' of this year occurs in a manuscript in the library:

Cautio magistri Johannis de Hocton exposita in cista de . . . die sabb. proxima ante festum omnium sanctorum pro xs anno domini 1305.³

¹ M. R. James, 'Catalogue,' ii, 631 (no. 600).

² C.A.S. 'Proc.' ix, 398.

³ MS. Ff. 3. 28. The name of the chest is erased with very great care. See *post* 1307.

1307.

A second 'cautio' occurs, in the manuscript already quoted, under this year:

Cautio Henrici de . . . et Walteri de . . . exposita in cista domini Roberti et magistri W . . . pro x solid. die sabbati proxima ante festum Sancti Edmundi regis et martyris anno domini 1307.¹

1312.

A half-obliterated 'cautio' of this year remains in a manuscript of Aristotle's 'Physica' in Caius College.²

1324.

This year saw the foundation of Michael House, afterwards part of Trinity College; and in 1326 was founded University Hall, afterwards Clare Hall.

1333.

A volume of commentaries on the Decretals in Caius College (MS. 257) became a 'cautio' for the Countess of Warwick's Chest.

1337.

With the foundation of King's Hall in 1337, and Clare Hall in 1338, our record of books and libraries becomes fuller (see the entries for 1394 and 1355).

1344.

The statutes of Peterhouse, dated this year, class the books of the Society with the charters and muniments. The regulations for their safety are set out in full by J. W. Clark, 'Care of Books,' pp. 134-5.

¹ MS. Ff. 3. 28. See *ante* 1305. The chest has not yet been identified.

² MS. 452.

1346.

December. A Vatican manuscript of Anselmus 'De veritate, Cur deus homo,' contains the following 'cautio':

Cautio fratris Iohannis de Wynch, exposita ciste de Blida pro quinque solidis die sabbato proximo post festum sancte Lucie virg. anno domini m^o ccc^o xlvⁱ^{to} et habet supplementum Reynaldum cum lectura quinque librorum decretalium in eodem volumine cooperto albo coreo in asseribus.¹

1346-7.

March 23. Another MS., 'Quodlibeta,' in the same collection has the 'cautio':

Cautio fratris Iohannis . . . ordinis sancti augustini exposita ciste de Neel pro xxvi sol . . . et habet supplementa libros Anselmi et summam Reymundi secundum consuetudinem dicti. . . .²

1347.

February 15. Before this date the University possessed buildings on the north of the site of the Old Quadrangle, for a lease of this date speaks of 'our great schools in School Street' ('de magnis scholis nostris in vico scholarium'). The date of foundation is not recorded, but Sir Robert Thorpe, first Master of Pembroke Hall, and afterwards Lord Chancellor of England, is said to have laid the foundation stone.³

¹ MS. Ottob. 103. See H. M. Bannister, 'A Short Notice of some MSS. of Cambridge Friars,' etc. (British Society of Franciscan Studies, v, 124-40).

² MS. Ottob. 196, *ut supra*.

³ Willis and Clark, 'Arch. Hist.' iii, 10. See *post* 1372. Pembroke Hall was founded in this year.

1348.

Gonville Hall, the home of many manuscripts, was founded this year.

1350.

William Bateman, bishop of Norwich, in founding Trinity Hall in this year, added a gift of eighty-four books. The catalogue of these has been printed.¹ The books were kept in a chamber at the east end of the chapel.²

1351.

December 21. Bishop Bateman also gave books to Gonville Hall, the second foundation of which took place on this day.³

John of Tyrlington, one of the original staff of fellows in 1351, also gave Peter Lombard's 'Sententie' (no. 279).⁴

1352.

Richard de Ling, Chancellor of the University in the years 1339, 1345, and 1351, founded a chest.⁵

¹ M. R. James, 'Catalogue of MSS. in Trinity Hall' (1907). See also G. E. Corrie in C.A.S. 'Comm.' II, 73. These were in two divisions, (1) for the use of the fellows, (2) for the bishop during life. See J. W. Clark, 'Care of Books,' p. 144.

² Willis and Clark, 'Arch. Hist.' iii, 411.

³ Two books given by him still remain. See M. R. James, Descriptive Catalogue, Vol. I, Intro. p. vii. For the history of the library see Dr. J. Venn's 'Biographical History,' III, 189-95.

⁴ Venn, *op. cit.* III, 282.

⁵ See J. W. Clark in C.A.S. 'Proc.' xi, 97. The date is given by Fuller *ut supra*. Prickett and Wright give his name as Richard de Herling, and give R. Parker as the authority for the name of Lyng, who states that he was Archdeacon of Norwich, and died in 1354. See Nichols's edition, who quotes Perne. There is a portrait of Richard de Ling in the University Library, presented by a Mr. Patterson, of Hull, in 1810. For the use made of his chest see Caius College MSS. 2, 10, 82, and 412.

November 7. This day was founded Corpus Christi College.

1355.

This year Elizabeth de Burgh, Lady of Clare, presented to her foundation,¹ besides service books,

‘1 Hugucion, 1 Legende sanctorum. 1 poire de decretals, 1 livre des questions, et xxxii quaiers d’un livre appellé, De causa Dei contra Pelagianos.’²

1362.

Michael Causton, Chancellor of the University, 1362, and Master of Michael House, gave eight manuscripts to Caius College.³

1364.

About the year 1364 books were presented to Pembroke Hall by William Styband, elected fellow between 1347 and 1364. The list of works presented to the college during the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries has been printed.⁴

1365.

On the fly-leaves of a copy of the ‘Inforciatum’ in Caius College Library⁵ are the following ‘cautiones’:

1. Richardi de Derham . . . ciste de Lyng . . . a.d. 1394.

2. Joh. Nefton . . . ciste S. Trinitatis . . . 1381, with par decretalium and libri Anselmi.

¹ E. Edwards, ‘Memoirs,’ i, 374. Gottlieb, ‘Mittelalt. Bibliotheken,’ p. 401.

² John Nichols, ‘Collection of Wills,’ 1780, p. 31.

³ Venn, ‘Biog. Hist.’ iii, 282.

⁴ G. E. Corrie, ‘A List,’ etc., in C.A.S. ‘Comm.’ II, 13 (1864).

⁵ M. R. James, ‘Descriptive Catalogue’ (1907), i, 2.

3. Name erased, and Mag. Joh. de Wodehulle . . . ciste de Lufnam . . . 1365.

4. Original name erased, Nicholai Cleye substituted . . . in cista de Nel . . . 1370. Supplement: Hugo in albo coopertorio.

1370.

John Lynsted, rector of Cawston in Norfolk, gave to Gonville Hall the 'Distinctiones Simonis de Boraston' and Gregory's 'Moralia.'¹

1373-4.

Dr. Adam Lakenheath, chancellor, 1373-4, gave two MSS. (nos. 295 and 466) to the same institution.

1372.

June 29. Sir Robert Thorpe, who had laid the foundation of the north schools, dying this day, left 40 marks to the University. With this sum, and other help, the walls were carried up nearly to the level of the first floor, when the work was stopped for some years for want of funds.²

1376.

August 21. Thomas de Eltisle, first master of Corpus Christi College, dying this day, left to the college all his books. He was noted for his liberal donation of books to the college during his mastership.³

1381.

Sunday, June 16. During the rising in East Anglia the rioters who, in the previous April, had broken into the University Treasury and abstracted

¹ M. R. James, 'Descriptive Catalogue' (1907), i, 21 and 33 (nos. 27 and 40).

² Willis and Clark, 'Arch. Hist.' iii, 10.

³ R. Masters, 'History of Corpus Christi College' (1753), App. p. 20. H. P. Stokes, 'Corpus Christi College' (1898), p. 26.

many valuable charters and muniments, which they burnt, entered the monastery of the Carmelite Brothers, which stood on the site now occupied by Queens' College, and seized a chest standing in their church, full of books and valuables, belonging to the University.¹ The value of these was afterwards estimated at £20. It is not possible to claim that these books were of a literary as apart from a domestic or liturgical character.

1390.

A 'Digestum Novum' in Caius College contains no fewer than eight 'cautiones' of various years extending from 1382 to 1390. The 'cautio' of 1390, which is the longest, reads:

Cautio M. Will. Somersham . . . ciste de neel pro iii li . . . 1390 et habet 2 supplementa viz. inforciatum et unam peciam argenti cum quinque cocliaribus et preculis argent.²

1391.

Walter Harlyng, rector of Mattishall about 1391, gave a copy of Aristotle's 'Physica' (MS. 452) to the same society.

1394.

At King's Hall, eighty-seven volumes are enumerated in the library this year.³

¹ British Museum, Arundel MSS. 350, fol. 15-18. Quoted in Edgar Powell's 'The Rising in East Anglia in 1381' (1896), pp. 50-62.

² MS. 10. This manuscript was exhibited by J. W. Clark to the Cambridge Antiquarian Society on 25th January, 1904. See C.A.S. 'Proc.' xi, 101.

³ J. W. Clark, 'Care of Books' (ed. 1), p. 144.

1396.

A book which deserves mention at this point is the 'Tretis of viij chapitres necessarie for them that given hem to perfeccion, which was founden in a book of Maister Lowes de Fontibus at Cantebrigge, and turned into Englisch bi Maister Water Hilton of Thurgarton.' The author of this treatise is otherwise unknown. The manuscript, once Stillingfleet's, is now in the British Museum. The death of Hylton is ascribed to about this year, and the reference is therefore given here.¹

1397.

Before this year William Pickworth, provincial prior of the Dominicans in England, had written the following note in a manuscript, 'Tractatus metaphysices,' now at the Vatican:

Iste liber est fratris Wilh. ^ppickworth ordinis predicatorum quem propria manu scripsit quando erat studens in conventu Londoniensi et vol. quod incatinetur in comuni libraria Cantebrig. . . .²

1398.

June 20. Before this date Sir William Thorpe (brother of Sir Robert) and his wife, Lady Grace Thorpe, finished the Divinity School, together with a chapel, 'perfectly,' and 'caused also the windows to be glazed.' For this benefaction, on this day, Eudo de la Zouch, Chancellor of the University, agreed that Masses should be said on 6th and 19th May of each year for the repose of their souls.³

¹ Tanner, 'Bibl. Brit.' 425. Herbert, 'Typ. Ant.' 262. D.N.B. xxxvi, 436.

² MS. Ottob. 862, *ut supra*.

³ Willis and Clark, 'Arch. Hist.' iii, 10-11. Mr. Clark states that 'the west window still (1886) contains the Royal Arms in the

1400.

From 1400 to 1418 Thomas de Castro Bernardi was Master of Peterhouse. He is probably the donor of a 'Liber Decretorum' and 'Decretales' found in the first catalogue of 1424.

1408.

In Higden's Polychronicon (no. 82) at Caius College is the note 'Caucio M^{ri} H. Osborne, exposita ciste Lyng, 1408.'

1412.

Richard Pulham, master of Gonville Hall, 1393-1412, gave two volumes of Aristotle to his college (458, 509).¹

1415.

William Loring, prebendary of Lincoln, left to the Common Library all his books of Civil Law.

Item volo quod omnes libri mei Juris Civilis remaneant in communi libraria scolarium universitatis Cantebrigg' in perpetuum.²

It has been conjectured that William Holler, vicar of Halvergate in Norfolk from 1415-1426,

centre, flanked by those of Thorpe.' The shields have not been there these twenty-five years, and four are those now inserted in the west windows of the tower, erected over the old gateway of King's College, rebuilt by Pearson in 1890.

¹ Venn, 'Biog. Hist.' iii, 282.

² Lambeth Wills: Chichele, part i, fol. 290b. He made other bequests to Merton College, Oxford. (*In litt.* G. H. Fowler, MS. Add. 4251.) One of the MSS. is Dd. 7. 17.

is the person mentioned as having presented Holkot 'Super librum Sapientie,' and a 'Fasciculus morum.'¹

1416-17.

This year a new library was begun at King's Hall to replace an older and probably a smaller building. Willis and Clark, 'Arch. Hist.' iii, 411.

1418.

Christmas Eve. On this day, to quote Dr. Mullinger, 'an unknown hand at Peterhouse completed a catalogue of the library belonging to that foundation.'² The catalogue still exists.³

1419.

A Vatican manuscript of Bonaventura 'Questiones' contains the following inscription:

Iste liber est de comunitate Cantebr. fratrum minorum . . . Anno domini 1419 fuit iste liber noviter reparatus in ligatura asseribus coopertura et clausura.⁴

1420.

May 22. John Thornhill, rector of Ingoldmells, co. Lincoln, by his will dated at Cambridge this day bequeathed to the University of Cambridge a book of 'Decretalia.'⁵ The will was proved on 21st September.

¹ He is mentioned by F. Blomefield, 'Hist. of Norfolk,' xi, 105. See H. Bradshaw, 'Collected Papers,' pp. 22 and 54.

² *Op. cit.* i, 324.

³ See M. R. James, 'Catalogue of Peterhouse MSS.'

⁴ MS. Ottob. 611, *ut supra* (but see Mr. Bannister's note).

⁵ Alfred Gibbons, 'Early Lincoln Wills,' p. 153. Between 1420 and 1430 a library was being built at Clare Hall. Willis and Clark, 'Arch. Hist.' iii, 411.

1421.

January 8. This day the University acquired on lease from Trinity Hall, at an annual rent of two silver pennies, the second part of the site upon which the library now stands.¹

1422.

March. A Vatican manuscript of Egidius Romanus, 'Quæstiones,' contains the 'cautio':

Cautio magistri Johannis Will. Ludham. (?) exposita ciste tri[nitatis] a^o dⁱ mill^o 4^o et 22^o, die mensis marcii. . . .²

1424.

Dr. Richard Holme, warden of King's Hall, whose will dated Cambridge 18th April was proved 22nd May in this year, gave sixteen volumes to the University.³ These will be found in the catalogue compiled in or about this year. As it has been printed already in full,⁴ it is here abridged:

<i>Theology.</i>	Donor's Name.
1, 2. Una Biblia in duobus voluminibus	Ric. Holme
3. Alia Biblia	Aylemer
4. Concordancie Biblie	
5. Psalterium	Rob. Tye
6-8. De Lira, in tribus voluminibus	Ric. Holme
9. De Lira, Super Epistolas, etc.	Tho. Paxton
10. Magister Historiarum [Petrus Comestor]	Aylemer

¹ Willis and Clark, 'Arch. Hist.' iii, 3-7.

² MS. Ottob. 468, *ut supra*.

³ The will is printed by the Surtees Society, 'Test. Ebor.' vol. I, p. 205. See Bradshaw, 'Collected Papers,' p. 53.

⁴ Bradshaw, *l.c.* pp. 19-34. The list seems not to have been finished as it contains no books on civil law [F. Jenkinson].

	<i>Theology—cont.</i>	Donor's Name.
11.	Allegorie historiarum, cum Sermone Lincolniensis	Nic. Ive
12.	Gregorius [Opera quædam ¹]	Joh. Preston
13.	Wallensis [Varia ¹]	"
14.	Augustinus De ciuitate dei & Re- tractationes	Ric. Holme
15.	Augustinus et [Varia ¹]	Joh. Chirche
16.	Wallensis Summa Collectionum	J. Matissal
17.	Chrysostomus in Imperfecto	Tho. Paxton
18.	Tractatus Rhetorice sec. T. de Novo Mercato & De arte predicandi sec. Waleys	J. Walker
19.	Anselmus [Varia ¹]	J. Paxton
20.	Holcot Super Librum Sapientie	Will. Holler
21.	Parisiensis De viciis	Jac. Matissale
22.	Abbaville Sermones dominicales	"
23.	Legenda sanctorum	J. Water
24.	Tractatus de penitentia, etc.	J. Matissale
25.	Fasciculus morum	W. Holler
26.	Compendium pauperum	J. Preston
27.	Biblia beate Marie, etc.	"
28, 29.	Januensis [<i>i.e.</i> Jac. de Voragine] Sermones Opera quædam ¹	J. Water
30.	Januensis Distinctiones	"
31.	Expositio super Ecclesiasticum	
32.	Glosa super Epistolas Pauli	
33-38.	Postillæ	
39.	Summa Predicantium	J. Thorp
40.	Gregorius In Moralibus	T. King ²
41.	Petrus de Aurora, Super Biblia	
42.	Gorham Super Psalterium	
43.	Gregorius [Opera quædam ³]	J. Holbrook ⁴
44.	Lincolniensis De lingua	T. Thurkill
45, 46.	Magister historiarum	C. Kirkby

¹ Set out in the catalogue.² Vicar of Dunmow.³ Set out in catalogue.⁴ Master of Peterhouse, 1418.

Theology—cont.

Donor's Name.

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| 47. Nottingham Super Euangelia | J. Paris ¹ |
| 48-50. De Lira, in tribus voluminibus | Bp. T. Langley |
| 51. De Lira Moralitytes | " |
| 52. Ambrosius Super Lucam | N. Upton |
| 53. Thomas Secunda Secundæ | R. Alne |
| 54. Hampolle Melum Contemplativorum | " |

Theologia Disputata.

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| 55. Magister Sententiarum | R. Teye |
| 56. Media Villa Super I & II Sententiarum | N. Ive |
| 57. Tharantarius Super III & IV | " |
| 58. Thomas Contra Gentiles | J. Preston |
| 59. Bonaventura Super IV | J. Matissale |
| 60, 61. Thomas Summa Pt. I | " |
| 62. Sutton Quodlibeta | |
| 63, 64. Albertus Super Summam | |
| 65, 66. Thomas Summa | |
| 67. Baconthorpe Super Librum Sententiarum | R. Blynforth |
| 68. Altisiodorensis " " | Chr. Kirkby |
| 69. Thomas super Secundam Secundæ | J. Paris |

Moral Philosophy.

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| 70. Egidius super Rhetoricam Aristotelis &c. | Hug. Paris |
| 71. " De regimine principum | Tho. Paxton |
| 72. Boethius De consolatione philosophie | J. Croucher ² |
| 73. " | Tho. Paxton |
| 74. Albertus super Metha ^{cam} | J. Skot |

Natural Philosophy.

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| 75. Palladius De agricultura | T. Paxton |
| 76. Textus meth ^{ce} | J. Wroughby |
| 77. Thomas super xii libros. Me ^{ce} | " |
| 78. Tabula Natural. Phi ^e | N. Ive |
| 79. Aristotle De anima | J. Wroughby |
| 80. Burley Super octo libros phi ^{orum} | J. Aylemer |

¹ 'Capellanus.'² MS. li. 3. 21. See 4. Bradshaw Coll. Papers, 17; 186.

<i>Natural Philosophy—cont.</i>		Donor's Name.
81. Textus Natural' Phi ^e		J. Matissale
82. Averroes Commentum super libros phi ^{rum}		„
83. Antonius Super Methe ^{cam}		„
84. Burley Super lib' De anima		J. Smith ¹
85. Aristotle. Problemata		R. Alne
86. Petrus Paduwanens super Probl. Aristotelis		„

Medicine.

87, 88. Galen [opera quædam &c. ²]	} Joh. Tesdale
89. Avicenna Libri III cum Serapionis	
90. Rhasis in Almasoris &c. ²	
91. Galen De morbo &c. ²	

Logic.

92. Textus Logice ²	J. Matissale
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Sophistry.

93. Ferebrigge & W. Heytesbury cum aliis	
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Grammar.

94. Hugucio	T. Paxton
95. Porphyrius cum aliis	
96. Priscianus in maiori	
97. Lucanus. De bellis romanis	
98. Priscianus in maiori et minori	Kendale
99. Petrus Helias in maiori et minori	„
'Westhawe.' ³	

Canon Law.

100. Decreta	Ric. Holme
101. Archidiaconus in Rosario	„
102. Speculum Judiciale	Joh. Aylemer
103. Reportorium Duranti cum aliis	„

¹ Vicar' de Castre.² Cited in full in Catalogue.³ Probably Thomas Westhaugh, Fellow of Pembroke. See Bradshaw, 'Coll. Papers,' pp. 31, 54; M. Bateson, 'Catalogue of Syon Monastery,' 1898, p. xxvii.

<i>Canon Law—cont.</i>	Donor's Name.
104. Decretales	Ric. Holme
105, 106. Johannes in Novella	"
107. Decretalia Liber sextus	"
108. Joh. in Novella super Sextum	"
109. Decreta	Tho. de Castro Bernardi ¹
110. Decretales	"
111. Hostiensis in Summa	Ric. Holme
112. Johannes in Collectoria	"
113. Decretales	J. Thornell
114-116. Johannes in Novella Super Decretales	J. Aylemer
117. Innocentius Super Decretales	R. Holme
118. Liber Clementinarum	J. Aldewyck
119. Speculum Judiciale	
120. Joh. de Antona Super Constt. Othonis & Ottobonis	
121. Decretalia	
122. Archidiaconus in Rosario	Rob. Alne

June 21. A further document relating to Holme's bequest is preserved at the Registry, but it is so dilapidated that it is practically illegible. ²

1425.

This year the library at Michael House was extensively repaired and possibly rebuilt. Willis and Clark, 'Arch. Hist.' iii, 411.

1431.

The building of the library at Peterhouse was begun in this year. See Willis and Clark, 'Arch. Hist.' iii, 408.

1431-2.

March 11. This day the 'garden of the Hostel of the Holy Cross,' usually called Crouched Hostel,

¹ Master of Peterhouse, 1400-18.

² See MS. Add. 5090.

part of the present site of the library, was bought by the University from William Hulle, Prior of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.¹

1435.

Robert FitzHugh, bishop of London, formerly warden of King's Hall, dying this year, bequeathed two books to the University :

Item lego librarie communi universitatis Cantebrigie textum Moralis Philosophie, item Codeton super 4 libros sententiarum.²

1437.

Thomas Langley, bishop of Durham and cardinal, who died this year, gave books to the library ;³ but as his will was not proved till 1439, they will be found mentioned under that date.

1438.

July 10. King Henry VI granted to the chancellor, masters, and scholars of the University, having petitioned the King, 'the manor of Ruyslep in the County of Middlesex, with a certain place called Northwode, with lands, &c., to that manor pertaining, after the death of John Somerseth, to whom it is given for life,' in aid of the support of a common library, and of chaplains celebrating mass in the beautiful chapel.⁴

¹ Willis and Clark, 'Arch. Hist.' iii, 8.

² Lambeth Wills, Chichele I, 457*a*. U.L.C. MS. Add. 4565, fol. 40.

³ Cooper, 'Memorials,' iii, 67. H. Bradshaw, 'Coll. Papers,' p. 54.

⁴ Patent 16 Hen. VI, pt. 2, memb. 13. Hare MS. Paper copy, vol. ii, p. 134. Prickett and Wright, 'Documents,' i, 41. See also Willis and Clark, 'Arch. Hist.' iii, 11.

1439.

July 11. King Henry VI granted to John Langton, Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, and the masters and scholars of the same, and their successors, of the manors of Great and Little Ogbourne in the county of Wilts, with all their rights, etc., after the death of John Saintlo, who holds them for life, in aid of the support of a common library, and of chaplains celebrating mass in their beautiful chapel.¹

December 17. This day Cardinal Langley's will was proved at 'Medilham.' It contains the following clause:

Item lego communi Librariæ Cantabrigg Lecturam integram Nicolai de Lira, in tribus voluminibus, et Lecturam Moralem ejusdem, in uno volumine.²

These books will be found in the Catalogue of 1473.

1440.

This year the University, in selling to King Henry VI the greater part of the property acquired from William Hulle in 1431, received a piece 68 feet from east to west by 10 feet from north to south, which was required for the erection of new schools ('pro novis scholis super dictam parcellam edificandis').³

December 24. Robert Alne, 'Parson' of the Choir at York and officer in the ecclesiastical court there, in his will of this date, besides

¹ Patent 17 Hen. VI, p. 2, m. 15. Documents I, 41-2.

² Surtees Society, 'Hist. Dunelm. Scriptores tres,' App. p. ccxlv. Bradshaw, *l.c.* pp. 25, 54.

³ Willis and Clark, 'Arch. Hist.' iii, 8.

bequeathing several books to the cathedral church there, and to other places, adds :

Item lego communi librariæ Universitatis Cantabrigiæ Archidiaconum in Rosario, Sanctum Thomam Secunda Secundæ et librum cum Problematibus Ar^{is} et alium librum cum tabula super Boecio de Consolacione Philosophiæ, et aliis Tractatibus, et Ricardum de Hampull vocatum Melos, cum Orilogio Divinæ Sapienciæ qui fuit [antedicti] Magistri Thomæ Hebbeden, ad orandum pro anima ejusdem ; et librum cum Francisco de Remedio Utriusque Fortunæ, cum aliis Tractatibus ; ita quod magister Johannes Otryngham, magister sancti Michaelis Cantabrigiæ, habeat usum dicti libri ad terminum vitæ suæ.¹

These books are also found in the Catalogue of 1473.

1441.

At Gonville Hall this year the first library was built on the west side of the quadrangle, the books having been previously kept in a strong room.²

1442.

Walter Crome is stated to have presented books to the library in this year, still in the collection,³ but the fact cannot be substantiated.

1443.

Thomas Rotherham, afterwards Archbishop of York and Lord Chancellor of England, a great benefactor of the library, was elected fellow of King's College in this year.⁴ It is worth pointing

¹ Surtees Society, 'Testamenta Eborac.', ii, 78. See Bradshaw, *l.c.* p. 54.

² Willis and Clark, 'Arch. Hist.' iii, 411.

³ Venn, 'Biographical History,' vol. i, p. 5. For his gifts see *post* 1444 and 1452.

⁴ A. Austen Leigh, 'King's College' (1899), p. 21.

out to those not familiar with the buildings that the college at this time was contiguous with the schools on the west side.

1444.

November 17. On this day Walter Crome, D.D., gave to the library the volume of St. Augustine, 'De verbis Domini et de Verbis Apostoli,' at the end of which is the following inscription:

Liber beati Augustini, etc., donatus communi librarie
scolarum Universitatis Cantabrigie per Magistrum
Walterum Crome sacre Theologie Professore, anno
Domini millesimo quadingentesimo quadragesimo quarto;
studentes orate pro eo et anima ejus. Primus liber
donatus in ordine, 2^{us} donatus liber Armakanus cum
Augustino contra Donatistas.

It now stands MS. Ii. 1. 28. The 'Armachanus cum Augustino contra Donatistas,' which is mentioned as 'secundus donatus,' was the work 'De pauperie Christi,' but it has disappeared, unless indeed in a mutilated state it is MS. Ff. 4. 32.¹ Crome also gave on the same day another volume consisting of St. Augustine 'De doctrina christiana' and other works, which he had bought in 1432.² It contains the following inscription [MS. Ii. 3. 9]:

Donatus iste liber Augustini de doctrina christiana per
M. Walterium Crome Communi Librarie Universitatis

¹ MS. Ff. 4. 32. It was mutilated before the seventeenth century, see Abraham Wheelock's curse on the miscreant, written in the volume.

² 'Liber magistri Walteri Crome sacre Theologie Professoris emptus ex magistro Willelmo Lavender, pret xxviii s. viii d, solutum ex pecuniis dicti Walteri dicto Willelmo per manus magistri Willelmi Lacebi, Capellani Margerie Sparwe de Colcester A.D. 1432 juxta festum exaltationis sancte crucis.'

Cantabriggie, A.D. 1444 in festo Sancti Hugonis Episcopi, et est sextus liber in ordine donatorum.

He also gave Augustine, 'Sermones' [MS. II. 4. 23]:

Communi librarie scolarium Universitatis Cantabrigien-sis per Crome, A.D. 1444, in festo Sancti Hugonis manu propria scriptus, et est decimus in ordine librorum dona-torum.

Mr. Bradshaw speaks of this gift of Crome's¹ seeming to 'point to the feast of St. Hugh as having been in some measure an opening day of the new Library.'²

1446.

July 25, St. James' Day. This day King Henry VI, the first royal benefactor of the library, laid the foundation-stone of King's College Chapel in the adjoining plot of ground.³

October 21. William Lyndwode, the compiler of the 'Constitutiones Provinciales,' dying this day, bequeathed his 'Commentarius super Codicem' and 'Bartolus super F nov' (the New Digest) to the library.⁴ Both books have disappeared.⁵

1447-8.

March 12. The will of King Henry VI, dated this day, 'provided a noble library, one hundred and ten feet long by twenty-four feet broad, on the

¹ Bradshaw, Coll. Papers,' 18, 54. Crome was rector of S. Benedict Sherehog in London (Cooper, 'Memorials,' iii, 67).

² *Op. cit.* 185.

³ A. Austen Leigh, 'King's College' (1899), p. 19.

⁴ See Venn, 'Biog. Hist.' i, 8, and *post* 1473. Catalogue 172.

⁵ Cf. A. Ogle, 'Canon Law in Medieval England' (1912), p. 199.

western side of the proposed quadrangle of King's College' (Willis and Clark, 'Arch. Hist.' iii, 408). This would have been ten feet longer than the present Catalogue Room of the University Library, the old Senate House of the University.

1448.

Marmaduke Lumley, bishop of Lincoln and Chancellor of the University, bequeathed a manuscript bible in three volumes to Queens' College Library. Horne's 'Catalogue,' p. xi. (MS. Add. 5090).

1450.

In Peterhouse Library is a MS. of the Commentary of Johannes Canonicus on the Physics of Aristotle, written by Tydeman, a Swede, at Cambridge this year (C.A.S., 'Proceedings,' ix, 403).

1452.

June 25. On this day Dr. Walter Crome presented another volume of St. Augustine, consisting of the 'Contra Faustum,' the 'Sermo Arianorum,' and the 'Contra Perfidiam Arianorum.'¹ This brought the number of books presented by him to the library up to 93:

Donatur liber iste . . . communi librarie Universitatis Cantabrigiensis per magistrum Walterum Crome, A.D. 1452 ad usum studentium in eadem in crastino Johannis Baptiste et est in numero librorum donatorum 93.²

¹ Bradshaw, Coll. Papers, 18, 54. He also left seven books in this year to Gonville Hall. Six of these are certainly still there. Venn, 'Caius College,' p. 260. Cf. Cat. of MSS. V, 253.

² MS. li. 4. 29. At Pembroke Hall this year a storey was added over the Hall for a library. Willis and Clark, 'Arch. Hist.' iii, 411.

August 5. Crome's will was proved this day.¹

1453.

A catalogue of the old library of King's College, dated this year, contains 174 volumes.²

1454.

June 25. The library and new chapel of the University were now rising together :

Item in crastino natiuitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste pro
plumbo noue capelle et librarie extractum vj Marc

And later in the same year :

Item pro obturatione foraminum librarie et capelle xvijd.

Item pro clauis paruis ad reparacionem fenestralium in
libraria ob.³

c. 1455.

Gift of John Salle (MS. II. 2. 28) :

Rationale Divinorum.

Ex legato M^r Joh^{is} Salle decretorum doctoris nuper
socii Aule Sancte Trinitatis.⁴

There is no date, but the book must have been given between 1440 and 1473, as it appears as no. 246 in the catalogue of the latter year. The donor may have been John Salle, Vicar of Happisburgh in Norfolk, 1429-55.⁵

1456.

Item pro catenacione librorum in communi libraria xiiijd.⁶

¹ Venn, 'Biographical History,' i, 5. Cf. MS. Add. 5090.

² Willis and Clark, 'Arch. Hist.' iii, 404.

³ Grace Book A, fols. 2a, 2b. The name of the bookbinder of the period is Gerard Wake, as another entry on the same page shows, relating to books, not necessarily from the library. See G. J. Gray, 'Earlier Cambridge Stationers,' p. 10.

⁴ Bradshaw, 'Collected Papers,' 47, 54. See seal of J. Salle in C.A.S. 'Comm.' vol. vi, p. 345.

⁵ H. Bradshaw in C.A.S. 'Comm.' ii, 278.

⁶ Grace Book A, fol. 8a.

A 'cautio' of this year occurs in a manuscript :

Cautio . . . exposita in cista de Turvyll anno domini mccccvj decimo die mai et jacet pro III marcas IX solidos et 4d.¹

1457.

July 5. On this day the commission for building new schools or a library was appointed, no gremial being forced to contribute :

Anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo septimo quinto die Julii in plena congregatione regencium et non regencium facta fuit commissio Cancellario in absencia sua vicecancellario magistro Millyngton Magistro gay Magistro Stoyll Magistro Edmundo Cunnyssburgh duobus procuratoribus Magistro Waltero Smyth Magistro Willelmo Raynoldson consencientibus omnibus doctōribus secularibus et religiosis vt ipsi habeant plenam et plenariam potestatem disponendi providendi excogitandi pro edificacione Noue Scole philosophie et iuris civilis vel librarie in fundo vniuersitatis prouiso semper quod per hanc commissionem nullus ad tunc gremialis artetur ad soluendum aliquid de propriis.²

1457-8.

The fire which broke out in King's College (then west of the library) this year seriously endangered the collection. To this the proctors' accounts bear witness :

Item pro custodia librorum communis librarie tempore quo ignis erat apud nouum collegium xijd.

Item doctōri thome Stoyle pro diuersis expensis factis per ipsum circa salvationem communis librarie tempore quo ignis estuabat in regali collegio vs. vjd.³

¹ MS. Ff. 3. 27. For the Turbeville chest see *ante* 1293.

² Grace Book A, 6*a*. See Willis and Clark, 'Arch. Hist.' iii, 12.

³ Grace Book A, fol. 10*a*.

1458.

April 9. A syndicate, consisting of the Chancellor and others, including the two Proctors, was appointed to supervise the building work.

June 30. A second Grace betrays that the Schools of Philosophy and Civil Law are in a state of irremediable decay and ruin, and must shortly fall to the ground unless some remedy be applied. The Schools to be built next to the School of Canon Law.¹

1458-9.

The expenses incurred from the fire were not over by the following year:

Item roberto Coker pro ceruisia et pane laborantibus
circa librariam in tempore incendii camerarum in
nouo collegio. xxd.²

Also an ordinary expense:

Item in opere ferreo fenestris vitriis in liberaria. iiijd.³

1459.

March 25. This day another part of the ground now occupied by the library was leased to the University for ninety-nine years at an annual rent of two shillings, by John Botwright, Master of Corpus Christi College. The plot measured 30 by 29½ feet, and was surrounded by a stone wall. The School of Civil Law had already been built on part of it.

A plan or sketch of the Schools as they then existed is preserved in the White Book ('Liber albus') at Corpus Christi College. It shows the

¹ Willis and Clark, 'Arch. Hist.' iii, 12-13.

² Grace Book A, fol. 13*b*. ³ *Ib.* 13*a*.

new Library ('*Libraria noua*') over the School of Canon Law, now the Periodical Room.¹

1461-2.

Ordinary charges:

Item pro catenis librerie vniuersitatis. viijd.²

1462-3.

Item pro ligacione duorum librorum communis librerie
xxiiij³d

Item pro catenacione libri medicinalis jd⁴

1463.

November 3. This day in full congregation it was ordered that the Librarian should receive an annual salary of 40 shillings from the rent of the School of Canon Law.

Memorandum quod Anno domini m¹⁰ cccc^o sexagesimo
iiij^o die 3^o Nouembris decretum est in plena con-
gregatione Regencium et non Regencium quod
Custos librerie recipiet annuatim de denariis scola
canonici iuris xl⁵.

One payment of this sort is entered:

Item pro custode librerie de pecuniis scola Juris
canonici xx⁶.

1464-5.

Item pro reparacione tecti librerie xxij⁷d.

¹ The sketch is reproduced in Willis and Clark, '*Arch. Hist.*' iii, 5, where the whole history of the schools site is very carefully described.

² Grace Book A, fol. 23a. Venn, '*Caius College*,' p. 260.

³ *Ib.* 25a.

⁴ *Ib.* 25b.

⁵ *Ib.* 27b.

⁶ *Ib.* 29a. The entry has been drawn through.

⁷ *Ib.* 33a.

1465.

John de Breton, a priest, who died this year, is said to have paid for the glazing of the windows of the library.¹

1466-7.

Item pro emendacione fenestrarum in Cappella et
Libraria vjs.²

1468.

October 2. This day John Beverley, fellow of Gonville Hall and prebendary of Lincoln, gave by deed fifteen volumes to his college. The magnitude of the gift, valued at £40, was acknowledged by the establishment of an 'obit' in his memory. If this was omitted the Chancellor might claim the books for the University Library.³

1469-70.

Item solutum Loppeham vitreario pro vna fenestra
vitrea xvj pedum iuxta gradum ducentem ad
nouam librariam viijs.⁴

1470.

Item pro deposicione le crane erecte in orto collegii
Regis pro noua fabrica vniuersitatis iiijd.
Pro fenestris in turri scholarum xxjd.⁵

The east wing of the building was commenced this year, when payment was made 'for building two new schools next the schools gate.'⁶

¹ C. H. Hartshorne, *Book-rarities*, p. 4. For the destruction of this glass see *post* 1748.

² Grace Book A, fol. 38 b.

³ Venn, '*Biog. Hist.*' iii, 282.

⁴ Grace Book A, fol. 83 a.

⁵ Univ. Accounts, 1470, p. 84 a. See Willis and Clark, iii, 14.

⁶ Willis and Clark, *ibid.*

1470-1.

Chains and donors' names are attached to the books this year :

Item pro quatuordecim cathenis pro libris	iijs. viijd.
Item pro factura vnius stalli in libraria et hostii in turri et pro clavis pro eisdem	iijs. iiijd.
Item pro coopertoriis quatuordecim librorum	xs. vjd.
Item pro tenui cornu et clavis ad insinuacionem nominis collatoris librorum predictorum	xs.
Item in expensis pro litera vniuersitatis missa archiepis- cupo eboracensi [George Neville] pro libris datis vniuersitati per comitem Wigornie	ixd.
Item pro mundacione librarie	iijd.
Item pro uno grate in libraria	vjs. viijd.
Item pro vno lates ad idem	xijd. ¹

John Tiptoft, Earl of Worcester, here mentioned, was beheaded for high treason in this year, 18th October, 1470.² By his death his intention was apparently frustrated.

1471-2.

One of the earliest documents relating to the history of the Library is the Statute regulating restricted admission. Owing to some previous informalities it is ordered that no one, not being a graduate, shall presume to enter the library unless with a graduate, and that he must leave it with him; that no graduate, not being a gremial, shall come in except in his proper academic dress; and that any one who shall be convicted before the chancellor or his representative of disobeying these

¹ Grace Book A, fol. 64a.

² See Cooper, 'Memorials,' iii, 67. The earl was a donor to Oxford. See W. D. Macray, *Annals*, pp. 11 and 400. His tomb is on the south side of the choir of Ely Cathedral.

injunctions, shall be excluded for ever.¹ The document is so interesting that it is here reprinted:

De communi libraria universitatis.

Saepe contingit quod ea quæ ad remedium sunt provisa ad noxam tendere cognoscuntur, quod equidem experientia edocet et ipsa res manifestat. Cum enim retroactis temporibus nobis permittentibus consuetum fuerat scholares nostros quoscunque in communi libraria nostra ad suum commodum et ut credidimus incrementum virtutum ita libere quemadmodum gremiales nostros usum librorum inibi habuisse quod in grave præjudicium nostræ universitatis cedere non dubitamus, EA PROPTER NOS volentes circa præmissa remedium providere ordinamus et statuimus quod de cetero in dictam nostram communem librariam qui graduatus non fuerit nisi cum graduato intrare non præsumat et cum eodem recessurus: adjiciendo quod nullus graduatus non gremialis intret in bibliothecam sive librariam præfatam absque habitu suo gradu competenti et quod si quis hujus statuti violator extiterit et super eodem coram cancellario vel ejus vices gerente convictus fuerit perpetuam bannitionem incurrat ipso facto: quod quidem statutum per singula collegia et hospitia infra octo dies volumus publicari.²

This is referred to in the following entry:

Item deliberatum M. Hanson pro vino dato presidenti
et doctoribus in edificatione statuti pro ingredientibus
librariam ix d³

1472.

Geoffrey Champneys, Vicar of St. Stephen's, Norwich, dying this year, bequeathed certain books

¹ Statuta Acad. Cantab. (Cantab. 1785, 4^o), p. 83. This statute at the time of its promulgation was ordered to be published throughout the colleges and hostels within eight days.

² *Ut supra.*

³ Grace Book A, fol. 68 a.

to Gonville Hall and others to the University Library.¹

Do . . . librarie communi universitatis librum notabilem scilicet communem glosam super quinque libros sapientiales et Hugonem de Vienna in margine.

1473.

The second extant catalogue of books is preserved in the same volume with the catalogue of 1424 in the Registry. It has been printed *in extenso* more than once, and will be found in Henry Bradshaw's 'Collected Papers,' pp. 35-53. It shows the library to have contained at this date 330 volumes, arranged as follows:²

NORTH			SOUTH		
I	Grammar	(19)	(15)	Civil Law	I
II	Medicine	(21)	(17)	Canon Law	II
III	Natural Philosophy	(18)	(14)	"	III
IV	Moral Philosophy	(19)	(14)	"	IV
V	Theology	(26)	(27)	Theologia Disputata	V
VI	"	(26)	(21)	Theology	VI
VII	"	(24)	(15)	"	VII
VIII	"	(17)	(23)	"	VIII
			(14)	"	IX
	170	+	160	=	330

1474-5.

Tables were hanging up in the library at this time:

In primis solutum Magistro Songer pro tabulis pendentibus in libraria xs.³

¹ Norwich Consistory Court Register, 'Jekkys,' fol. 275. See J. Venn, 'Biographical History,' vol. i, p. 7. Information and extract kindly supplied by the Rev. Dundas Harford, of Hampstead, 24th December, 1910. The book occurs in the catalogue of 1473, see *post*, under nos. 279 and 305, but has apparently since disappeared. See Bradshaw, *l.c.* 187. ³ Grace Book A, fol. 77 *b*.

Item pro factura duorum descorum in libraria tribus hominibus per decem dies	xiiij s.
Item pro factura omnium sedilium in libraria noua	xls. xxd.
Item pro lignis et mensulis ad idem opus emptis in foro.	ixs. vjd.
Item pro vno Estrysch borde	xiiij d.
Item pro factura le crestes in libraria	vs. iiij d. ¹
Item solutum Alano Semper bedello pro diuersis expensis in libraria	xs. xd. ²

1475.³

May 13. Before this date Thomas Rotherham, Bishop of Lincoln, afterwards Archbishop of York, had completed his first gift to the University, for on that day a statute was passed placing him among the 'first' benefactors of the University, and decreeing that a mass should be said for him annually on the first day of the Easter Term during his life, and a requiem mass after death. The clause relating to the University Library was as follows :

in honorem Dei, incrementum studii, et universitatis nostræ profectum, scholas novamque superius librariam polito lapide, sumptuosa pompa, ac dignis ædificiis perfecerit, eamque, omnibus ut decuit rebus exornatam, non paucis vel vilibus libris opulentam reddidit etc. . . .⁴

The gift consisted of some 200 volumes, many of which still remain.⁵

¹ Grace Book A, fol. 79*a-b*.

² Luard, 11.

³ We have the catalogue of books presented to Catharine Hall, at its foundation in this year by Dr. Woodlark. They were placed in seven stalls. (Camb. Ant. Soc., Quarto Series, no. 1, 1840.)

⁴ Documents i, 414.

⁵ Among the MSS. given by him is a Catholicon (Dd. 1. 31), and among printed books the 'Speculum Historiale,' 1473, F^o. (This has the date of gift 1484.) The list of Rotherham's books

The arms of Rotherham, vert, three bucks trippant argent armed or, are on the tower of Great St. Mary's Church. These arms, with the badge of the white rose, to show his affection for his patron Edward IV, were in every pane of glass in the old library; and possibly remained until September, 1748.¹

For Rotherham's benefactions at Jesus College, Rotherham; Lincoln College, Oxford; Whitehall, and elsewhere, see D.N.B.:

Humphry, duke of Gloucester, gave 20 marks, and the Earl of Oxford (whose chaplain the said Rotherham was) gave 10*li*; whose arms are inward, on the wall of the little library.²

1476.

April 20. Hugh Damlet bequeathed 'to the common library of the University, Hugo 'de Sacramentis,' the 'quodlibeta' of Scotus, Sutton and others in one volume.'³

1477-8.

Item pro scriptoribus indenturarum inter dominum cancellarium et vniuersitatem pro libris receptis xxd.

Item pro scribentibus tabulas omnium librorum in libraria communi et ad dominum cancellarium missas xijd.⁴

is given in the 'Donors' Book,' in the University Library, pp. 3-9. The accuracy of this list has been denied by Dr. M. R. James.

¹ Cole MSS. v, 13. See *post* 1748. Quoted by Hartshorne, p. 4 note.

² Baker MSS. 10, p. 337. [U.L.C. Add. MS. 3332 (E) p. 35.] Also quoted by Willis and Clark, 'Arch. Hist.' iii, 14.

³ Baker MS. 26 [U.L.C. Mm. i, 37]. He was also a benefactor of Pembroke Hall. See Cat. of MSS. v, 253.

⁴ This list still exists. See Grace Book A, preface by S. M. Leathes, p. xlii.

Item exposuimus pro reparacione liberarie	pro vno
foder de calce et sabulo	iijs iiijd. ¹
Item pro catenacione xxv librorum	iijs xd.
Item pro catenis	vjs viijd.
Item tradidimus quibusdam laborantibus circa ordinem	
et impositionem librorum in libraria	vjd.
Item tradidi laborantibus pro reparacione librorum in	
libraria	iiijd.
Item pro reparacione librorum in libraria domini	
cancellarii	ijd. ²

1478-9.

The sum of eightpence was paid for gilt nails for the books given by the Chancellor (Rotherham) :

Item solutum pro duodecim catenis pro libris domini	
[cancelarii] et pro alio libro in magna libraria	
catenato	iijs.
Item pro catenacione librorum domini cancellarii	xijd. ³

It may not be out of place to mention at this point that in 1478 Friar Laurentius Gulielmus de Saona compiled at Cambridge his 'Nova rhetorica,' which was printed by Caxton about 1479, and at St. Albans in 1480. A copy of the latter is in the University Library.

1479-80.

The following charges are presumably for the library :

Item pro x catenis emptis de Seymper	iijs. viijd.
Item pro catenis xxviiij emptis londoniis	vjs.
Item pro vectura mensurarum et catenarum	iiijd.
Item pro vectura xxvij voluminum que dedit dominus	
cancellarius	ijs viijd.
Item Magistro Rooch pro littera [missa] ad dominum	
cancellarium	ijs.

¹ Grace Book A, fol. 88 a.

² *Ib.* 89 a.

³ *Ib.* 92 a.

Item pro 6 cathenis in anno preterito emptis de sempar
xxijd.¹

In this year, 1480, a special additional statute was made for the library at Peterhouse. It is printed in Willis & Clark, 'Arch. Hist.' iii, 395.

1480-1.

Item pro cathenis libri M. Bowre viijd.²

1483-4.

Item solutum pro ligacione trium magnorum librorum
in libraria vniuersitatis scil lire³ et duorum iuris
viijs. iiijd.⁴

Item pro scriptura vnus indenture et pro intitulatione
viginti librorum quos dominus Cancellarius dedit
vniuersitati quando hic ultimo aderat vjd.⁵

1484-5.

Both of these probably refer to the library :

Item Waltero⁶ pro ligacione vnus magni libri ijs.

Item to floryse pro cathenacione librorum viijd.

1487-8.

Item pro cathenacione libri ex dono magistri Greyn iiijd.⁷

Item pro clauris librorum in libraria viijs.

October 24. Vincentius in Speculo Morali delivered to John Butler, the Chancellor's servant, to copy.⁸

¹ Grace Book A, fol. 98b.

² Grace Book A, fol. 104a (Luard, 18). Luard queries this for Archbishop Bourchier?

³ Lyra.

⁴ Grace Book A, fol. 135b.

⁵ *Ib.* 136b.

⁶ Grace Book A, p. 199. For Walter Hatley, stationer, see G. J. Gray, 'Earlier Cambridge Stationers,' pp. 12, 13.

⁷ Grace Book A, p. 219.

⁸ Luard, 21.

1488.

Item pro ligatura ix librorum communis librerie xiiij^s vj^d.Expenses connected with the gift of a Bible:¹Item pro carriagio biblie et xx^{ti} solidorum collatorum
vniuersitati per magistrum Lyndsey — xij^d.Item pro catenacione vnus biblie — viij^d.

1489.

Item pro vigesies duodecim paribus signaculorum pro
libris in libraria² ij^{li} v^s iij^d.

1490.

Item³ pro reparacione cere et noue clave ad hostium
librerie viij^d.*October* 16.⁴ Item sol' pro Reparacione noue bibliothecae
plumbario xix^s ix^d.Item pro Reparacione fenistrarum am-
barum librariarum, scole theologicæ,
scole canonice, scole artium, scole
ciuilis xvj^s viij^d.

1492.

Expenses connected with the structure:

Expense facte per dictos procuratores Johannem Syclyng
et Iohannem Wall circa reparaciones vtriusque Librerie et
alia necessaria vniuersitatis:Memorandum that the cysterne & the pype of the
gargyll of the librerie nexte y^e college gate weyth 1 Cⁱⁱ
et di 1^{qr} & ix^{li}Item Waltero Bechin vno die & di super librariam ix^d.¹ Grace Book B, fol. 14. (Luard, 22.)² Grace Book B, fol. 25. 'Signacula.' Possibly what we should
now call labels. The word is used once again in this book (fol.
228), but then in its usual sense of seal. The word for a clasp
was 'clausura,' see *post* 1493.³ Grace Book B, fol. 34.⁴ *Ib.* 35.

Item Johanni Nycolson carpentario vno die ibidem vj^d.
 Item pro xxvj pedibus de asseribus pro reparatione
 librarie vj^d.
 Item pro dim C de 4 peny nayle pro dicta reparatione ij^d.
 Item pro dim C de 3 peny nayle ij^d.
 Item pro cathenacione duorum librorum iiij^d.
 Item pro duabus cathenis pro eisdem vj^d.
 Item pro cathenacione & cornu libri a M^{ro} Doctore
 Fyrby vniversitati legati ¹ iiij^d.
 Memorandum quod nos dicti procuratores pro repara-
 cione vtriusque librarie recepimus de plumbario
 xxvj C. dim. quarta. et xvij^{li} precium cuiuslibet li
 ob q^a. Et precium C. vij^s.
 Summa totalis ix^{li} viij^s iiij^d ob q^a.
 Item pro labore vnus lathomi uno die et dim. super
 librariam ix^d.
 Item pro uno modio carbonum et tribus ffasculis pro
 igne iiij^d.
 Item pro Clavis pro reparatione dicte librarie ij^d.
 Summa totalis xv^d.

With other entries.²

April 6. William Woode, Warden of the
 College at Sudbury, bequeathed a work by Henricus
 Bouhic :

Lego Librarie Universitatis Cantabrigie Henricum
 Bouhic in duobus voluminibus cathenandis.³

In the Proctors' accounts occurs note of a book
 given by Archbishop Rotherham :

¹ Grace Book B, pp. 46-7.

² *Ibid.*

³ Information supplied by Frederick Johnson, Esq., of Norwich,
 18th December, 1911. This must have been a manuscript, as
 the 'Distinctiones' were not printed till 1498. There is no trace
 of the manuscript in the library.

Item pro catenacione vnus libri quem dedit Archiepiscopus Eboracensis cum scriptura duorum librorum
x^d.¹

1493.

Item pro clausuris duodecim librorum catenatorum
in communi librarie ex dono Magistri W. Tornour
xviii^d.

The plumber's account for this year is also preserved, and the cost of the carriage from London of the books given by the Archbishop is given.²

1495-6.

Item pro reparatione veteris librarie et pro plumbo
empto pro reparacione eiusdem³ xvj^s x^d.

1498.

Item soluitur vetriario pro reparacione fenestre finalis
in libraria vniuersitatis⁴ ij^s.

June 25. This day died John Gunthorpe, formerly master of King's Hall, and afterwards Dean of Wells. Four manuscripts in the library contain his name.⁵

1500.

Archbishop Rotherham left, through his executors, a large number of additional volumes, some of which were manuscript, to the University this year.⁶

¹ Grace Book B, p. 53.

² *Ib.* 62 (Proctor's Accounts).

³ *Ib.* 97 (Proctor's Accounts).

⁴ *Ib.* 129.

⁵ MSS. Dd. 7. 1, 2; Dd. 10. 29; Ff. 6. 20 (used by him as a cautio in 1452, and afterwards given to Jesus College, Cambridge), and Mm. 3. 4. C. H. Cooper in the 'Memorials of Cambridge,' iii, 67, speaks of the Jerome as his bequest, perhaps, on insufficient evidence. Gunthorpe also gave books to Syon Monastery. See D.N.B. for a notice of him.

⁶ 'Cat. of MSS.' I, vii.

This year the Statute was relaxed in favour of monks studying for a time in this University:

Conceditur monachis studentibus in ista vniuersitate pro tempore studii in eadem ut possent liberum habere introitum in librariam communem vniuersitatis non obstante statuto.¹

Also the inevitable plumber appears :²

Item pro plumbario et reparacione vtriusque librarie
iiij^{li} vj vjd^d.

1500-1.

Item Walter hattle pro ligacione librorum diuersorum in biblioteca et reparacione eorundum et aliorum v^s³.

The plumber at last reveals his name :⁴

Item solui Johanni Mervell plummer pro reparacione librarie et scholarum cum famulo xvjd^d.

II.

1500-1640.

1507.

A GRACE was passed allowing two monks, bachelors in arts, John Spylman, canon, and Robert Browenn, canon, to enter the Common Library, notwithstanding the statute restricting the use of it.⁵

¹ Grace Book B, p. 145.

² *Ib.* 150.

³ *Ib.* 166. See *ante* 1485.

⁴ *Ib.* 169.

⁵ *Ib.* I, fol. 35^b (Luard 31).

1509.

At last the name of a library keeper, Hobbes, appears:

Item magistro obbis pro confeccione cuiusdam Instru-
menti xij^d

Item plumbario pro emendacione librarie per super-
uisum magistri obbis¹ xlijs.

1510.

From the proctors' accounts:²

In primis pro scriptura statuti imponendi ostio librarie
iiij^d.

1511.

This year Erasmus was elected to the Lady Margaret Professorship, and it may reasonably be presumed that this illustrious man taught in the Divinity School, now the ground floor of the Catalogue Room.³

1513.

We find the following loan of books, on deposit of a silver cup or of money as caution:

Memorandum quod doctor Schyrton habet de noua libraria Crisostomum super epistolas pauli ad corintheos usque ad festum sancti michaelis prox' pro quo posuit caucionem in manibus magistri Osteby viz. vnum ciphum argenteum stantem cum coopertorio partim deaurato.⁴

¹ Grace Book B, fol. 268. He seems to have been also clerk of St. Mary's. ² *Ib.* 281-2.

³ He had been allowed to incept in theology in 1506. Grace Book B (1903), p. 222.

⁴ Grace Book B, fol. 317. Osteby was cross-bearer in the following year. See H. P. Stokes, 'Chaplains' (1906), p. 83.

Item D. Naase habet Alexandrum Super Metaphisicam de magna libraria vsque ad idem festum pro quo posuit caucionem in manibus iunioris procuratoris et est x^s in auro.

1515.

Item fabro lignario pro reparacione stallorum in bibliotheca et aliis scolis¹ xvj^d

Item Nycholao stacionario pro ligatura libri iniuste abstracti a bibliotheca tandem restituti universitati² ij^s iiij^d.

1518.

This year a fire broke out in the Terence School or west wing.³

1520.

Item⁴ recepi de Magistro belt pro dispensatione scil. abesse in generalibus processionibus et intrand' bibliothecam sine habitu ij^s iiij^d.

1522.

October 20. Richard Sharpe, chaplain to Bishop Fisher, writing to Nicholas Metcalfe, the master of St. John's, says:

My lorde . . . desireth your maistershippe that by your gude means he may have wryten iiij sermons of seynt John Chrisostome *contra iudeos* with certaine homelies *de incomprehensibilitate dei* & other moo as they follow in the same boke. The boke lyeth in the new lybrary of the

¹ Grace Book B, fol. 337.

² *Ib.* 338. N. Spering. See G. J. Gray, 'Earlier Cambridge Stationers,' pp. 43, etc. ³ *Ib.* 365, 381.

⁴ *Ib.* 406. 'Item eidem [Doctor Nicholas] pro potu et aliis expensis circa combustionem librorum Martini Lutheri. ij^s' (*Ib.* 416).

Universite (that byshop Rotheram made) and was de-lyuered at the last beyng of my lorde ther. For he had borowd y^t of the Uniu^rsite before.¹

1523.

Item concedebatur Johanni pereson ordinis Minorum vt possit intrare communem librariam ad placitum.²

1528.

July 4. Cuthbert Tunstall, bishop of London, shortly before his translation to Durham, presented various books, including the Complutensian Bible and several Greek books, from the Aldine and other early presses, as well as some manuscripts, the earliest Greek books the University possessed. They all bear the manuscript inscription: 'Cuthbertus Londoniensis episcopus studiosis dono dedit.'³

1529.

September 12. The West Room (as it is now called) from this time to 29th September, 1545, was devoted to the teaching of 'Literae Humaniores.'⁴

1530.

Item⁵ pro noua cera in noua bibliotheca vj^d.

1533.

John Leland's account of the books in the library is as follows:

¹ See Mr. G. J. Gray, 'Letters of Bishop Fisher' (THE LIBRARY, April, 1913). ² Grace Book B, fol. 452.

³ See Donors' Book and H. Bradshaw's annotated list in MS. Add. 4595.

⁴ John Caius, quoted in Willis and Clark, 'Arch. Hist.' iii, 20.

⁵ Grace Book B, fol. 518. 'Item pro facibus ad libros comburendos iiij^d.' The trial of Sygar for heresy is recorded at the same time (*Ib.* 520).

In bibliotheca publica majori.

Collectiones Wallensis. 'Cum collectionis huius.'
Hildebrandus super evangelia, qui postea Gregorius
septimus dictus fuit.

Nicolaus Trivet super Genesim.

Distinctiones theologicæ Gulielmi, Lincolniensis ecclesiæ
cancellarii. 'Arcus dicitur Christus.'

Expositio Nicolai Trivet super libros Boetii de consolacione.
'Explanatio librorum Boëtii &c.'

Boetius de consolatione, Anglice.

*In bibliotheca pub. minori, quam Cuthbertus Tunstallus
insigni numero Græcorum voluminum auxit.*

Lincolniensis de doctrina cordis.

Compendium de dictis & factis memoralibus incerto
autore. 'Sapientiam antiquorum.'

Andronici Calysti Byzantii interpretatio in libro : Arist
: de generat : & corrupt.

Summa philosophiæ, autore Grostest.

Barptolomæus Facius de felicitate vitæ. furto sublatus.¹

1534.

Some further security was necessary about this
time, for we find in the Grace Book :

Item yt ys grauntyd y^t for y^e more saffgarde of yo^r
books yn youre comon library y^t y^e ouermer [*sic*]
dore at y^e stayrs hed may be locked so y^t yt shall
be lawfull for only gremyall or graduat & nonother
to provyde them & have a key to go yn & study
at ther pleasure.²

¹ J. Leland, 'Collectanea,' iii, 15 (Ed. T. Hearne, Lond.,
1770, vol. iv, pp. 15, 17).

² Grace Book Γ, fol. 148a. For the University Stationers
appointed at this time see C.A.S. 'Comm.' xxvi, p. 289.

1535.

A grace was passed to sell the useless books in the chests, and to place any useful ones, which are now being moth-eaten, in the library:

Item concedatur ut magister vicecancellarius et procuratores vestram habeant auctoritatem vendendi vestras vacuas cistas modo in earum locis illarum pretio subtelia erigantur & præterea eos libros ex quorum lectione nihil præsentis utilitatis capi potest ita tamen quod pecunia in illis reponatur cistis unde sumuntur libri, & reliqui si qui utiles reperti fuerint qui modo tineis & blattis corroduntur & corrumpuntur in communi vestra bibliotheca cathe-
nentur & si quid pecuniæ supersit reponatur in cista communi.¹

The Royal Injunctions of this year forbidding the study of Canon Law, the school on the west side on the ground floor, previously given to this, was assigned to Logic.²

1536.

Extracts from Robert Stokes, the Junior Proctor's, accounts:

Expenses ffor y^e Reparationes off the lybraryes oth
common scholys.

In primis to one laborer for diggyng one dore thorow
the brick wall iiiij^d.

Item for naylles to the setting vp off the braise an
thangell in y^e gret lybrary ij^d.

Item for the removying off the bookes and makying
clene off the lybraryes xij^d.

Item to my servandes helpying vp off y^e lede and downe
and contynuall watyng vpon the workmen by the
space off three weekes to take hed to the bookes and
lede ij^s

¹ Grace Book I, fol. 152a.

² Willis and Clark, iii, 20.

1536-7.

- Item to the provincyall off the austen-frers for iij C
and j quarter off old lede xij^s vj^d.
- Item to James caryer for 7 C and 3 quart. of lede
caryng from bennytt colledge to the blak frers and
6 new webbes from y^e frers to the scholys vj^d
- Item to M^r generall off the blake frers for one foder
and a halff off lede almost all in webbes vj^{li} xij^s iij^d.
- Item to Roger glasyer for glase, workmanship and
byndyng off all such quaryes as were loose in y^e
new lybrary x^s
- Item to James the caryer for bryngyng from the blak
frers 7 C off lede to benyt colledge wich the
vnyuersite borrowed off them, and for caryng the
gret long ledder ffrome the scholys to the blak frers
vj^d
- Item I dyd gyve among ix or x scholers for takyng
the seid ledder down ij^d.
- Item for carrying away from afore the scholys dust
that was cast owt off the tower¹ ij^d.

1540.

Roger Ascham in this year borrowed the work
of Polyaenus to transcribe.²

1541.

Sir John Cheke this year borrowed commen-
taries on Homer and Hesiod for sixteen months in
order to edit them, his printer, Veale, to give
security for their return with copies of the printed
edition.³

¹ Grace Book B, fol. 575.² Grace Book Γ, fol. 170b.³ Grace Book Γ, fol. 174a.

1543.

Cheke borrowed in this year Leo 'de aciebus instruendis' under a bond of five pounds. The book was to be returned before Christmas, 1544.¹

The old library had fallen by this time into complete decay, and it was determined to use the room for a new theological school:—'*formandi ex vetusta bibliotheca novam scholam theologicam quoniam ut nunc nulli est usui & formosior schola ex ea formari potest quam ulla est reliquarum.*'² This arrangement remained in force until 1586, when the room was restored to its original use.

1549.

John Bale, in the introduction to a register of English writers, annexed to 'The Laboryouse Journey and Serche of Johan Leland,' published about this time, says:

Sens I returned home agayne from Germany, whereas I both collected and emprented my symple worke, *de Scriptoris Britannicis* i haue for the full correccyon and further augmentacyon of the same, perused many libraries both in Cambridge and Oxforde. In the famouse cytye of London, is but one knowne library, so farre as I can learne. This year the West Room, which had so far been known as the Terence School, was converted to the study of Rhetoric by the Visitors of King Edward the Sixth.³

1550.

Among the Junior Proctor's accounts:⁴

Item pro mundanda bibliotheca. et exportando pulvere
et fimo columbarum vi^d.⁴

¹ Grace Book Δ, fol. 3*b*. ² Grace Book Δ, fol. 19*b* (Luard 43).

³ Willis and Clark, iii, 20. ⁴ Audit Book, 1545-69, fol. 33*b*.

1556.

The Catalogue of the Library written by Hugh Gwin, junior proctor, is preserved,¹ and enumerates 172 volumes, set out in shelf order; ten stalls on the right hand, and ten on the left. Seventeen years from this time the library only contained five more volumes.

1561.

At the end of the University accounts for this year occurs:

Memorandum quod duæ sunt obligationes magistri Jo. Cheke pro quibusdam libris mutuo acceptis e publica bibliotheca academie que remanent in custodia D. vice-cancellarii.²

1564.

August 5. Queen Elizabeth was in the building, if not in the library, during her visit to Cambridge.³

1566.

November 23. Specimen of the voucher of this period:

Memorandum that I Thomas Byng Orator of thuniversity of Cambridge have borrowed of M^r D. Beaumont Vicechancellor of the same vniversity, one of the vniversity books entituled 'Αιλιάνου στρατηγικά written in greek. In witnes whereof I have to these presents subscribed my name the day & year above written.

Thomas Byng.⁴

¹ Proctors' Accounts, Audit Book, fol. 60*b*.

² Audit Book, fol. 90*b*.

³ J. Caius, 'Hist. Canteb. Acad.' (1574), p. 88.

⁴ Registry MS. 31. 2. 2. A note by H. Bradshaw says: 'There is no further trace of the history of the volume, any more than of those borrowed by Sir John Cheke. MS. Add. 4560, pp. 21-2.'

1572.

A view of the library in this year is found in Archbishop Parker's 'De antiquitate Britannicæ Ecclesiæ'¹ (Lond., 1572, F^o.).

1573.

Two catalogues made in this year of the books in the library still exist. They show an increase of only five volumes, and one list adds that there are thirty chains 'lacking their books' on one side of the library, and twenty-six 'voied chaynes' on the other, and notes: 'Most parte of all theis books be of velam and parchment but very sore cut and mangled for the lymned lettres and pictures.'²

February.

Mr Stokes,

I have not forgotyn y^e Vniuersitie in my talk with my Lord of Canterbury and my Lord of Winchester, as you shall know at my returne. In the meantyme I praye you send me the just lenkthe, breadthe, haythe and number of all the stales in the Vniuersitie Librari and remove all the bokes of the furthestmost stale on the right hand as you entre into y^e librari and place those bokes removed on other stalles in the librari and then wright what bokes be on every stale and I do trust to get of my L. a store of notable bokes to occupie the foresayde furthest stale and to have all ther names printyd that are on every stale. Yf you will have the waightes of brasse³

¹ Reproduced in S. Drake's edition of 1729.

² Liber Gratiarum Δ, fols. 330^b-331^a.

³ The Elizabethan Bushel Measure, dated 1601, is still preserved at the Registry. C.A.S. 'Proceedings,' xi, 219.

and the Q. Ma^{ties} armes wright to me lykwise. Thus fare you well. From Lambeth the xiiij of Februarij 1573.

You^r lovinge friende
Andrew Perne.¹

1574.

May 16. James Pilkington, bishop of Durham, gave twenty volumes.²

May 24. Mathew Parker, archbishop of Canterbury, gave twenty manuscripts and twenty-five printed books.³

September 22. Sir Nicholas Bacon gave seventy-three volumes.⁴ Some of these are still distinguished by his gift-plate in colours, probably the earliest English bookplate.

Robert Horne, bishop of Winchester, gave fifty 'Magna volumina.'⁵

Caius in his 'Historia Cantebrigiensis Academiae,' published in this year, speaks of the books that had been by then stolen (suffurantium vitio). But he also gives a very clear account of the

¹ Registry MS., 31. 2. 3.

² Donors' Book, p. 17.

³ Donors' Book, p. 10. The contemporary list is on the fly-leaf of MS. Dd. 2. 5. 'In 1566 the then Dean and Chapter (of Exeter) had given to Abp. Parker that well-known MS. of the Anglo-Saxon Gospels, Leofric's gift to his Church, which was transferred by the Archbishop in 1574 to the University.' W. D. Macray, 'Annals' (1890), p. 28 note. Parker's gifts are described in Bernard's Catalogue of 1697 as preserved 'in cista quadam' in the Library.

⁴ Donors' Book. C. H. Cooper, 'Memorials,' iii, 67, says 103.

⁵ Donors' Book.

library at the time. He distributes the extant volumes under the following heads:

1. Grammatica, Poetica.
2. Dialectica, Philosophica.
3. Rhetorica, Historica.
4. Arithmetica, Geometria, Astronomia.
5. Cosmographia, Musica.
6. Biblica, Doctores.
7. Theologica.
8. Legalia.

Speaking of the two libraries he says: 'Altera privata nova, altera publica seu vetus dicebatur' (p. 39).¹

Among the Vice-chancellor's accounts:²

Item for 27 chaynes for the newe books in the librarye vij ^s vj ^d for 34 rynges xxij ^d for 4 libs of copper ij ^s viij ^d for wyer iiij ^d for nayles ij ^d to John Shires setting out 72 chaynes ij ^s to hillyare helping hym viij ^d and for setting on my lorde keepers armes and wryting the names of the books and figures iiij ^s vj ^d	} xvij ^s viij ^d .
Item for a frame for my lorde of Canter- buries armes xij ^d & for a wryting deske xvij ^d	
	} ij ^s vj ^d .

1575.

February 27. This day came up to Cambridge John Bois, afterwards the famous divine and translator of the Bible (d. 1644). He 'is said to have worked in the university library from four in the morning till eight at night.'³

¹ Cf. 'Cat. of MSS.' i, pp. vii, viii.

² Audit Book, 1545-1659, fol. 129^b (given in Willis and Clark, iii, 431).

³ His diary, 1627-39, is MS. Add. 3855. F. Peck, 'Desiderata,' ii, 329.

1575-6.

Among the Senior Proctor's accounts:¹

Item for bynding of xx bokys geven by the }
 Lorde keper & pro alijs necessarijs ut } lxijs vij^d.
 patet per billam

1576.

Thomas Perkinson, S.T.B., rector of Willingham, presented a copy of the editio princeps of Homer (Florence, 1488, F^o.).²

1577.

July. This month W. James, M.A., of Peterhouse, was elected librarian, at an annual stipend of £10. Educated under Perse and probably chosen by him, he is probably the person who succeeded Matthew Stokys in this year as Registrar of King's College.³

At the same time a grace of the senate was passed (on 10th July) fixing £10 as a yearly stipend to the Keeper.⁴

August 15. A letter was addressed by Giles Fletcher, deputy orator, to Wotton, nephew of the late Dean of Canterbury, Nicholas Wotton (d. 26 January, 1567), partly of thanks and partly to beg some of his uncle's books for the University.⁵

Among the Senior Proctor's accounts:

¹ Audit Book, 1545-1659, fol. 131 b.

² Donors' Book, p. 21.

³ See Bradshaw, 'Coll. Papers,' p. 191. James only held office till Midsummer, 1581.

⁴ Grace Book Δ, fol. 121 b.

⁵ 'Epp. Acad.' ii, 455.

Item to widdow Brickman for certayne
 books brought in to the librarye at the
 commandment of the L keper and as
 yet by his lordshipe not payed

} iiij^{li} 1

1580.

June 22. On this day John Parker, a son of the Archbishop, presented a portrait of his father; and Edward Grant portraits of Lady Margaret, and of Robert earl of Leicester.²

1581.

Richard Moodie, formerly school-keeper,³ was appointed librarian with a salary of 5 marks a year.

June 30. By grace passed this day graduates of the rank of B.A. contribute 4d., M.A. 8d., B.D. 12d., and all Doctors 16d. for the Salary of the Librarian.⁴

July 7. A Syndicate was appointed to draw up rules for the government of the library.

Richard Barnes, bishop of Durham, gave ten books,⁵ the list of which is preserved.

December 6. On this day Theodore Beza presented the famous Codex of the Four Gospels, known as Codex D, and also after himself Codex Bezae, to the University. In a letter he declares his reasons for depositing it here.

Item for a boxe & cotton to send lres to
 theodorus beza who sent iij old books
 to thuniversitie⁶

} v^d

¹ Audit Book, fol. 135.

² Grace Book Δ, fol. 326*b*. The first and last are still in the Library.

³ Moodie only held office till 1583.

⁴ Grace Book Δ, fol. 134*a*.

⁵ Donors' Book, p. 21.

⁶ Grace Book Δ, fol. 141*b*.

Item to Mr. Thomas for byndyng books }
 geven by y^e bishop of Durham [R.
 Barnes] viz for Chronica Othonis ij^s
 iiij^d Rosimi ij^s iiij^d, Crispini duobus iiij^s
 viij^d hispanie ij^s vj^d p. Jovij opera 2^{bus} } xxvij^s 1
 v^s theatr hortelij v^s Cronitrij {hap
 metrop} ij^s
 iiij^d ejusdem Danea suecia &c ij^s vj^d &
 certayne statutes with strings ij^s ij^d }

1582.

Payments :²

Item Richardo Modye & henrico frogg pro custodia
 librarie lxvj^s viij^d.

1583.

Henry Frogge, of Trinity College, was appointed
 librarian this year.³

March 2. Bishop Whitgift borrows the Codex
 Bezae, on a bond of £10, not to go away from
 Cambridge.

In the Vice-Chancellor's accounts :⁴

Item to mr Stokys for the exchange of the centuries⁵ in
 7 volumes xij^s, for lengthenyng of xiv chaynes x^d
 for chayning certayne books in the librarye iiij^s iiij^d

1584.

October 10. Bishop Whitgift allowed the Codex
 Bezae again.

October 12. Lupold von Wedel, a German
 noble, saw the Codex Bezae on this day.

To *Kameriz* or *Kamerich* (Cambridge) twelve miles.
 Here is a high school, and we visited the Colleges fourteen
 in number; in one of them we saw a book which one of

¹ Fol. 142.² Univ. Audit Book, fol. 143 *verso*.³ Scrivener, pp. x, xiv. He held office till 1587.⁴ Audit Book, fol. 145 *verso*.⁵ See p. 54.

the disciples of St. John the Evangelist had written with his own hands. It was in Greek.¹

December 16. Boethius borrowed, under a bond, by Robson of St. John's, on this day.

George Gardiner, dean of Norwich, presented 'Ecclesiastica Historia Magdeburgica' (Basil, 1564), in seven volumes.²

In the Vice-chancellor's accounts:³

Item for a carte to bring certayne written books	} ij ^s
from peter howse to the schooles gyven by	
m ^r D ^r perne to the libraye x ^d for twoe y ^t did	
helpe to lade and unlade the same viij ^d and	
for one booke browght from London vj ^d	}

1586.

December 16. It was decided to restore the Old Library, now known as the First Room, which had been converted into a new Theological School in 1547. A Grace providing for this was passed this day;⁴ and from the University Audit Book we learn the expenses incurred:⁵

Item for the changes of y^e libraye vt per librum
cxxv^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d.

1587.

John Matthew was appointed librarian this year in succession to Henry Frogge.⁶

About this time the University made an official request for books.

¹ Royal Historical Society, Trans. N. S. ix, p. 249.

² Donors' Book, p. 46.

³ Fol. 147.

⁴ Grace Book Δ, fol. 153 a.

⁵ Fol. 148 b.

⁶ He held office till 1594. The first payment appears MS. 1587-MS. 1588, fol. 150 verso. See R. Bowes, 'Printers,' pp. 335-6.

August 24. The letter is preserved in which Lord Lumley promised books and duplicates to the library:

To the right worshipfull my very loving freendes the
Vicechancellor, the non Regents, & Regents, in the
Vniversitie of Cambr.

Were I as able to declare my love vnto learnyng as I am willing to wytnesse my affection to yo^r Vniuersitie you should bothe receive greater monuments for common benefitt, and my best furtherance for yo^r honest studdies. I have not been inflexible to yo^r request, as yo^r solicito^{rs} can reporte, neyther wylbe vnmindful of yo^r petition, as the advente shall prove. Yet let not the staye of present performance take awaye yo^r right judgement of my intente. For my purpose is to conferre the catalogue of yo^r bookes with myne, and the Authors w^{ch} I fynd double, and be wanting in yo^r librarie, I promys shalbe yours. Whereto I wyll ioyne some convenient number of other bookes, as an increase of my former inclination, and good wyll towards you. Thus desiring onlye yo^r good tolleracion of some tyme, and a friendlie acceptance of yo^r assured frendly disposition, I commit you to gods good favo^r. From Nonesuche this xxiiij of Aug. 1587.

Yo^{rs} assuredly

Lumley.¹

The books did not come for ten years, but the gift then was a noble one. The history of the collection will be found at the later date (October, 1597).

1588.

March 20. William Chaderton, bishop of Chester, formerly president of Queens' College, gave the Bomberg Hebrew Bible in 4 vols. F^o.²

¹ Registry MSS. 'Liber Rer. Memorab.,' fol. 187*a* (178?).

² Donors' Book, pp. 21, 40.

1589.

April 26. This day died Dr. Andrew Perne, dean of Ely, and the library's great benefactor. His Will,¹ dated 25th February, 1588, contains the following :

Item. I do give to the Chancellor Masters & Scholars of the University of Cambridge . . . to the augmentation of a stipend of a learned scholar that shall be appointed for the safe keeping of the books of the University Library forty shillings yearly, for that I being the chief procurer of all the said books did promise the giver of them towards a stipend for the safe keeping of the same for ever by orders of the University the which I would wish always to be done by one that is both honest faithful and learned. . . .

Item. I do give my greatest black book of Antiquities of Gold & Silver and coynes of Emperors & Consuls of Rome and other antiquities in the same to the Chancellor Masters & Scholars of the University of Cambridge and their successors, to be kept always in the inward Library of the University in a chest with three keys whereof the Vice Chancellor to have one, & the two Proctors to have eyther of them another.²

1591.

May 1. This day died Thomas Lorkin,³ M.D., Regius Professor of Physic. He bequeathed a valuable collection of medical works (about 140 in number).

¹ Diocesan Registry, Peterborough. It appears that the University Librarian is an ex-officio Visitor of the Peterhouse Library. His visit takes place towards the end of April, and for this he receives one shilling from the College Bursar (Registry MS. 31.2.6).

² Cooper ('Memorials,' iii, 68) gives these under 1581, and adds that the collections are now in the Fitzwilliam Museum.

³ He was educated at Peterhouse. See D.N.B.

William Cecil, Lord Burghley, and Chancellor 1559-98, gave during his chancellorship a number of Greek and Latin authors in law and medicine.¹

1591-2.

Item for writeing a Catalogue of such bookes as D ^r Larkin gave to the Vniuersitie	} iijs ^s iiij ^d .
Item to Birdsall the ioyner for a presse for D ^r Larkins bookes by the hands of M ^r Smith Bedell ²	
	} 1s.

1593.

Item to m ^r Duckett for a keye and certayne hengills about the library & to one that made cleane the library for him at diverse tymes	} ijs ^s x ^d . ³

It would appear from this that Gabriel Duckett, M.A. Trin., was appointed librarian before Michaelmas, 1594, in succession to John Matthew.⁴

1594.

This year Robert Hare presented MS. Ff. 6. 13. *December* 10. This day the books bequeathed by T. Lorkin in 1591 were received at the Library.⁵

1596.

The handsome plaster-work upon the ceiling of the Catalogue Room may be attributed to a date not earlier than this year. It contains at the west end on the north side the arms of JEGON. John Jegon, D.D., Master of Corpus Christi College,

¹ He was educated at Peterhouse. See D.N.B.

² Univ. Audit Book, fol. 161 b.

³ *Ib.* 165.

⁴ *Ib.* fol. 170 verso. He held office till 1623.

⁵ Donors' Book, p. 24.

was Vice-Chancellor from 1596 to 1599, and the arms have been attributed to him.¹

1597.

October 20. Lord Lumley's promise of ten years earlier was now remembered, and on this day Anthony Watson, bishop of Chichester, wrote to the Vice-Chancellor:

To the right Wor^{ll} my very good friend M^r D^r Jegon,
Vicechancellor of the Vniuersitie of Cambridge.
Sir, it was a parte of my Lord Lumley, his promise, to the Vniuersitie of Cambridge, that such Bookes as were double in his library, & not conteyned in their Catalogue, should be bestowed vppon their Library.
That promise is now performed, and the said bookes are sent by Hobson the Charrier, whose names as also the Kyes of the hampers I have enclosed in this letter, prayinge you to give ordre that they may be receyved & that my Lord may understand of your good acceptance, which may be some inducement to a better remembrance. When D^r Howland now Bishopp of Peterborough was Vice-chancellor, I obtayned to satisfy my Lord Lumleyes desire an old copy of Boetius englished, which at the appointed tyme was restored. My Lord is now againe desirous to see the same Booke, for which I will give my word or letter, or any caution that it shall be safely sent backe, when he hath taken his pleasure. Thus with my hartly commendations, wishing all happinesse to yourselfe and the whole Vniuersitie, I committ you to the tuition of the all mighty god. *October 20th*

Your assured lovinge frend

Antho : Cicestrensis.²

¹ Willis and Clark, 'Arch. Hist.' iii, 82. He was Vice-Chancellor again 1601-1602. His brother, Dr. Thomas Jegon, Master of the same College, was Vice-Chancellor 1608-9.

² Registry MS. Letters, 1596-7, p. 123. Cf. U.L.C. MS. Mm. 1. 35, p. 375 *sqq.*

October 22. The letter was acknowledged by the Vice-Chancellor, who apparently was so grateful that he entirely forgot the Boethius, though offering 'if there be aught wherein you may use my service, to command me.'¹ Bishop Watson replied on the 27th, asking for it again.²

November 2. This day the thanks of the University were offered to Lord Lumley and to the bishop, and in turn acknowledged by the latter on the 30th.³ The books were eighty-seven in number.

1597-8.

In the University accounts appears:⁴

Item to Hobson for carienge bookes given to the Vniuersitie by the Lord Lumley	} xvj ^s iiij ^d .
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1599.

Item spent by m ^r Brooke about Lettres to y ^e :	} v ^{li} ij ^s .
Chancellor, y ^e L. Lumley, y ^e L. B. of	
Chichester about bookes given to the	
Librarie vt patet per billam	

Item for a paire of gloues presented then by m^r Brooke
vj^s viij^d ⁵

1600.

In this year appeared Thomas James' 'Ecloga Oxonio-Cantabrigiensis' (London, 4^o), containing an account of the MSS. in this library. He gives them as 259 in number. Archbishop Parker's MS. donations are given separately, the list not being quite accurate.⁶

¹ Registry MS. Letters, 1596-7, p. 120.

² *Ib.* 126.

³ *Ib.* 129, 130, 143.

⁴ Audit Book, fol. 176*b*.

⁵ *Ib.* 178*b*.

⁶ The MSS. appear, at some time in the seventeenth century, to have borne the number given by James. See MS. Ec. 6. 11, which still bears '181' printed in gold on the back.

1601.

Philip Baker, formerly provost of King's College (1558-69), at this time resident beyond seas, presented Gregorius de Valentia 'Commentarii.' 4 tom. Venetiis, 1598-1601. F^o.¹

1603.

March 24. 'The reign of James the First, is an entire blank in the library. A volume of the King's own works, with a letter signed by the King, and two volumes of Bacon's given by himself, are the only matters to be noticed during the first quarter of the seventeenth century.'²

1603-4.

The University fee for bachelors at this time was 4d. per head. The following entry in the Audit Book will show its extent:³

Item solutum Magistro Duckett pro feodo	} iij ^{li} i ^s 4 ^d
suo in custodiendo [<i>sic</i>] Bibliothecas ad	
184 Bachalaureos pro singulis 4 ^d in toto	

1605.

Lionel Duckett, fellow of Jesus College, this year gave three books.⁴

1606.

The charges for the library at this time were: M.A.'s 8d., Doctors of Divinity and Physic as usual. The amount paid this year was £6 12s.⁵

¹ [G*. 8. 7-10.] See Donors' Book, p. 46, and A. Austen Leigh, 'King's College,' s.v.

² Henry Bradshaw, 'Collected Papers,' pp. 193-4. ³ Fol. 198.

⁴ Donors' Book, p. 46.

⁵ Univ. Audit., fol. 202 *verso*.

1607-8.

The number of Inceptors in Arts paying the library fee this year was 143, and Doctors 10; Inceptors in Medicine and Law 6; Bachelors in Theology 33.¹

1610.

July 28-9. Casaubon, on the occasion of his visit to Cambridge, does not seem to have visited the library.² He was shown over the Colleges, the morning after his arrival, by Richard Thomson, his old correspondent.³ But during the three months following this date, while this distinguished man was living at Downham with Bishop Andrewes, it appears that he drew on Cambridge for books. The account of the books read by him then is still extant. He stayed again in Cambridge at the conclusion of the visit, and was entertained officially at the vice-chancellor's. He then saw over the rest of the colleges also.⁴

October 28. On this day Archbishop Bancroft drew up his will bequeathing his library to his successors, and failing them to the college of Chelsea,

¹ Audit Book, fol. 208.

² He lodged at Peterhouse, the master of which, Dr. Richardson, afterwards Master of Trinity, lent him some books for use during his visit to Downham (Pattison's 'Life of Casaubon,' 2nd edition, p. 347).

³ 'Hodie mane Collegia Cantabrigiensia lustravimus, Pembroke-anum, Reginale, Regale, Clarens in quo Thomson, Caii medici, item Trinitatis, et S. Iohannis quæ duo postrema omnium sunt quæ hæcenus vidi maxima et magnificentissima' ('Ephemerides,' ed. Russell, ii, 855).

⁴ The University Audit Book contains the entry: 'Item pro expensis in excipiendis Dno Causabone & Doctõribus tunc presentibus liij^s iij^d.'

and failing that to the University. The subsequent history of the library will be given later.¹

1611.

April 11. This day died Robert Hare, of Gonville Hall, antiquary. He spent the greater part of his life 'in collecting and arranging the numerous documents which elucidate the history, rights, and privileges of the University and Town of Cambridge. The result was a series of valuable volumes now preserved among the academical archives. These he presented to the University, receiving its special thanks, and being enrolled among its chier benefactors.'² He gave two MSS. to the library.³

1612-13.

February 9. Some time previous to this date Thomas Erpenius probably visited this library; for we are told that before his appointment as extraordinary professor of Oriental languages at Leyden (on this day) he visited the libraries of London, Oxford, Cambridge, Milan, Heidelberg, Venice, etc.⁴

1613.

A view of the University Library, engraved on copper by L. Gaultier, is to be found on the title-page of the Eton Chrysostom of this year.

¹ See *post* 1645, 1647, etc. The Catalogue of Lambeth books is MS. Ff. 2. 34 and Oo. 7-51.

² D.N.B. The binding of one of the volumes of archives, with Hare's coat of arms, was discovered by Mr. F. Jenkinson in a shop in Botolph Lane, offered for sale in the form of a blotting case. He presented it to the Library in 1913. ³ Ff. 6. 11 and 13.

⁴ J. E. B. Mayor, 'Visit to Cambridge of Z. C. von Uffenbach, published in 1911.

1614.

*August 19.*¹ There was a deputation of the heads of houses to the Earl of Suffolk, Lord Treasurer, at Audley End, then newly elected Chancellor of the University,² to ask his countenance and authority for undertaking the new library. The business, however, was not concluded, and the heads returned to Cambridge 'having been very honourably entertained and richly feasted.' The deputation must have been an imposing one. Lorkin, who describes the visit during the week, says that there were '20 Doctors in their formalities and upon their footeclothes, and four score other of a second and inferior rank. After dinner the Vicechancellor made a speech in Latine, which was seconded by another from the University Orator. His Lordship answered them in English, and announced that he had moved the King to pay a visit³ to the University.'

(Letter from Thomas Lorkin to Sir Thomas Puckering, who was then at Tours: 'The heads of y^e houses are the primi motores who are already about to buy y^e soile, & to provide y^e materials.'))

Sir Fulke Greville intended a gift of £100, to be returned if the ground was not fully prepared by 1st November, 1615. If the work was begun, he promised £100 a year for ten years. If by that time it was not finished, the money was to be re-

¹ The Tuesday before 20th August, according to T. Lorkin (Registry MS. 31. 2. 6a).

² He had succeeded his uncle, Henry, Earl of Northampton, who had died.

³ He came on 7th March next year, and again on 13th May.

turned. The whole gift was conditional on at least £300 a year being spent on the building.¹

There was some question of purchasing this year the collection of manuscripts made by William Crashaw. They were eventually bought by the Earl of Southampton († 1624), and presented by his heir to St. John's College, Cambridge. Bradshaw, in speaking of an early Flemish engraving in this collection, says of our loss on this occasion: 'They have certainly been better cared for than they would have been if they had gone to the larger collection; and the engraving . . . would have disappeared in company with Occleve's portrait of Chaucer and other precious things which used to lie exposed to the common chance of pillage on the open shelves of the University Library in the eighteenth century.' The entry in the University accounts is:

Item pro itinere Stationariorum London in examinanda
bibliotheca Magistri Crashawe xxj²

1615.

Stephen Perse, M.D., senior fellow of Gonville and Caius College, bequeathed this year £100 towards a new library, on condition that it was commenced within five years.³

The eleventh part of Sir Edward Coke's Reports, published this year, was presented by the author.⁴

¹ MSS. Gonv. and Cai. 73 (51). Not signed nor dated.

² Audit Book, fol. 232. H. Bradshaw, 'Coll. Papers,' 250-1.

³ C. H. Cooper, 'Memorials,' iii, 68.

⁴ Donors' Book, p. 20.

1616.

Francis Godwin in his 'De præsulibus' has a passage in praise of Rotheram's Library.¹

Patrick Young, librarian to James I and Charles I, collated Codex Bezae about this time.²

Pierre de Laune presented the French translation of the Book of Common Prayer with an inscription.³

John Pits, dying this year, leaves but a sparse account of the library. ('Relationum pars I,' 1619, 4to, p. 51.)

1619.

February 17. Robert Johnson, the founder of Oakham and Uppingham Schools, in a letter to Gwynn, the master of St. John's, says:

I heard there was the purpose of building a new library . . . I know some that would funder it much. I praye you help it forward, it would be a most worthy monument to the benefit of posteritye.⁴

1620.

King James the First presented a copy of his works, with a prefatory inscription in Latin rehearsing his desire to find a safe repository for them and the advantages of Cambridge in this respect.⁵

¹ Quoted in Louis Jacob 'Traicte des plus belles bibliothèques,' Paris, 1644, 12mo, p. 270.

² Scrivener, p. xiii.

³ [B* 5.26 (D).] Pierre de Laune, Peterhouse. See W. J. C. Moens, 'The Walloons and their Church at Norwich' (Huguenot Society Publications), vol. i, pp. 230-1.

⁴ Registry MS. 31.2.7. With it are two copies of a draft of a reply encouraging him to get subscriptions.

⁵ Copy signed Robt. Naunton. Registry MS. Vol. of Letters, F^o, no. 2. Also 'Epp. Acad.' ii, 799.

May 18. The University answered in a letter couched in extravagant language, already printed more than once.¹

In the University accounts :²

Item to Woodroffe for making the deske for the Kinges
book £13 " 6 " 8.

Item to Moody for trimming the desk ut patet per
billam³ £10 " 13 " 2

December 16. Richard Montague, B.D., borrows Gildas and Nennius' 'Historia Britonum' under bond for eight months.⁴

October 31. This day Francis Bacon, Lord Verulam, the lord chancellor, presented a copy of his 'Novum Organon,' with a Latin letter.⁵

November 4. The thanks of the University were conveyed to him in a letter by the public orator, George Herbert.⁵

Item for entertaininge the messenger that brought
the L^d Chancellor Bacons booke to the Uni- } xxx^s
uersitie⁶

The Vice-Chancellor's account supplements this with the following entry :⁷

¹ Cooper, 'Annals,' iii, 134, from Herbert's 'Remains,' 213. For an account of the reception of a similar gift to Oxford, see Hearne, 'Reliquiae Hearnianae,' ed. Bliss, i, 74-6.

² There is an entry in the college books at Caius College this year : 'for carrying up to the Treasury the chaines and the iron barres that were taken from the bookes and off the desks in the library.' Venn, 'Caius College,' p. 259.

³ Univ. Audit Book, fol. 255.

⁴ Grace Book Z, p. 19.

⁵ 'Epp. Acad.,' ii, 800. Printed in Bacon's 'Letters and Life,' ed. Spedding, vol. vii, pp. 135-6.

⁶ Audit Book, fol. 256.

⁷ *Ib.* 257.

Imprimis to M^r Jones my L^d Chancellor his }
 gentleman who brought my L^{ds} newe booke } xj^{li}
 to y^e Vniversitie }

1622.

June 25. This day it was ordained that the University printer should send a bound copy of every book printed by him to the library within a month, under penalty of four times its price.¹

1623.

This year Thomas Brooke, M.A., Trinity College, was appointed librarian in succession to Gabriel Duckett.²

Bacon also presented his 'De augmentis scientiarum' to the University, with a Latin letter.³

1624.

November 13. The date of the death of Thomas Erpenius leads us to the history of the donation to the University by the Duke of Buckingham, then Chancellor, and his widow, of the MSS. of this distinguished linguist. It is best told in Sir Henry Wotton's words:

Here it were injurious to overslip a noble act in the duke during the employment [of pawning the crown jewels at the Hague in 1625] which I must, for my part, celebrate above all his expenses: there was a collection of certain rare manuscripts, exquisitely written in Arabick . . . whereof the duke getting knowledge . . . gave . . . for them £500; a sum above their weight in silver, and a

¹ Grace Book Z, p. 40.

² He held office till 1629, and is possibly identical with the printer of this name. See R. Bowes, 'List of Printers,' p. 298.

³ 'Epp. Acad.' ii, 541. Printed in Bacon's 'Letters and Life,' ed. Spedding, vii, 438-9.

mixed act, both of bounty and charity, the more laudable, being out of his natural element.'¹

1626.

June 16. Archbishop Ussher to Sam. Ward: 'I have dealt with your chancellor very effectually for the erecting of your library, to which he is of himself exceedingly forward: I have procured him to send unto Leyden for all the printed books of *Erpenius* his library; which, together with his manuscripts which he hath already, he purposeth to bestow on your university. I have also persuaded him to send thither for the matrices of the Syriac, Arabick, Æthiopick, and Samaritan letters, and to bestow them likewise upon you.'

June 23. Same to same: 'Since I wrote unto you last, I have received intelligence from Leyden, that both *Erpenius*'s printed books are already sold; and his matrices of the Oriental tongues are bought by Elzevir the printer there; so that you must now content yourselves with his manuscripts only, which are a very rare treasure indeed, and for which your university shall rest much beholden unto your chancellor.'²

1627.

March 24. Letter of Joseph Mead to Sir Martin Stuteville: 'We talk here of a magnificent library which our great Chancellor will build, and bestow no less toward it than £7000 presently.'³

¹ 'Life and Death of George Villiers,' duke of Buckingham. Quoted by Professor Mayor in his 'Uffenbach,' *ut infra*, and by Professor E. G. Browne, in the 'Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society,' July, 1894, pp. 419 *seq.* See *post* 1632 and 1633. The MSS. are in Bernard's 'Catalogus,' nos. 2440-2502.

² J. E. B. Mayor, 'Visit to Cambridge of Z. C. von Uffenbach.'

³ Heywood and Wright, ii, 357.

Certificate respecting the site and houses to be pulled down for the new library, 1627.¹

August 7. This day Gerard Johann Vossius presented his 'De historicis latinis' with a long Latin letter.²

1628.

On 18th January, 1851, Mr. C. Howard Kenyon communicated to 'Notes and Queries' (Ser. I, iii, 37) the following sonnet, said to have been published in a 'Collection of Recent and Witty Pieces by several eminent hands,' London, printed by W. S. for Simon Waterson, 1628, p. 109:

ON THE LIBRARIE AT CAMBRIDGE.

In that great maze of books I sighed and said,—
It is a grave-yard, and each tome a tombe;
Shrouded in hempen rags, behold the dead,
Coffined & ranged in crypts of dismal gloom,
Food for the worm and redolent of mold,
Traced with brief epitaph in tarnished gold—
Ah, golden lettered hope!—ah dolorous doom!
Yet mid the common death, where all is cold,
And mildewed pride in desolation dwells,
A few great immortalities of old
Stand brightly forth—not tombes but living shrines,
Where from high sainte or martyr virtue wells,
Which on the living yet work miracles,
Spending a relic wealth richer than golden wines.

J. M. 1627.³

¹ Heywood and Wright, ii, 359.

² 'Epp. Acad.' ii. 543. He gave three other books and one manuscript. See Donors' Book. p. 40.

³ As Milton was in residence at Cambridge from 1625 to 1632 it was natural that Mr. Kenyon should ask: 'Is it possible that this may be an early and neglected sonnet of Milton's?' But the question has not been favourably answered. No copy of the 'Collection' is known to exist.

1628.

August 23. This day the Duke of Buckingham, Chancellor of the University, and a good friend to its library, was assassinated by John Felton.

September 30. This day died Fulke Greville, Lord Brooke, who bequeathed £200 towards a new library, with £100 a year for its endowment, provided the building should be finished within a prescribed period.¹

1629.

This year Michael Honywood, fellow of Christ's, afterwards Dean of Lincoln, gave Bradwardinus 'De Causa Dei,' London, 1618, Fo.; John Alsop gave 'Briggij professoris savilliani, Oxonio-Cantabrigiensis, Logarithmeticam,' London, 1624; Mr. Clapham, Londiniensis, M.A., Christ's College, gave Novum Testamentum (Ebr., Grec. Lat. and German); William Williams, bookseller, of Cambridge, gave 'Draudij Bibliotheca,' Francofurti, 1625.²

August 27. A letter from Dr. John Boys to Abraham Wheelock, S.T.B., Trinity College, shows Wheelock already hoping to succeed Thomas Brooke as librarian. He must have been appointed shortly afterwards, as on 26th September he gave his bond in accordance with the statutes of 1582,³ for £200 for due discharge of his duties as librarian.⁴ He held office till 1653. Sixteen volumes are entered as his gift in the Donors' Book, p. 41. A curse by him is in MS. Ff. 4. 32.

¹ Cooper Memorials, iii, 69.

² Registry MS. 31. 2. 9. Donors' Book, pp. 40-1.

³ MS. Dd. 3, 12, fol. 146.

⁴ Registry, Drawer xxxi, 1.

1630.

September 12. In a letter from William Bedwell to Abraham Wheelock, on this day, the writer renews his promise to bestow his Alcoran upon the library.¹

Bishop Joseph Hall's 'Occasional Meditations,' published first in this year, contains the lines 'Upon the sight of a great Library,' inspired in all probability by this library.

Books were presented by Dr. Love, Clare Hall; Henry Hopkins, formerly fellow of Clare; John Siclemor, of Ipswich; and D^r. Barnes, of Clare.²

1631.

William Bedwell, sometime fellow of Trinity College, fulfilled his promise by presenting an 'Alcoranum Mahumedæ Arabicum,' and other books were given by the librarian, by John Heyward, rector of Coton (co. Cambs.) and Mr. Philips, former fellow of Magdalene.³

June 11. The librarian to have 5 marks annually,⁴ to be paid in two equal portions at the Feast of the Annunciation and Michaelmas.

'The Tournament of Tottenham' was published by William Bedwell this year, from a manuscript in this library.⁵

¹ Original in MS. Dd. 3, 12, with other letters.

² Registry MS. 31. 2. 9. Donors' Book, pp. 21 and 44 (omitting Barnes).

³ *Ibid.*

⁴ Grace Book Z, p. 213, and MS. Mm. 5, 53.

⁵ MS. Ff. 5. 48. It was then attributed to Gilbert Pilkington, as also in the reprint by R. Butcher, in his 'Survey of Stamford,' in 1717. Pilkington was merely the transcriber. Thomas Wright reprinted the 'Tournament' in 1836, in 12^o.

1632.

June 13. The University sent a Latin letter¹ to the dowager Duchess of Buckingham, containing condolences, nearly four years late, on her husband's murder. An English petition, 'no doubt,' says Professor J. E. B. Mayor, 'sent with the above,' prayed for the library of Erpenius.² To this the duchess replied: 'The manuscripts you desire are not as yett in my power, yett I will endeavour to gett them, and prevent your sending againe unto mee in this particular.' The books came in the same month.

The inscription upon the press containing the books was on vellum, framed:

Quod felix faustumque sit reipublicae litterariae. Codices eleganter manu exaratos, nostro orbi hospites, universo vix parabiles, ad hastam locatos a Thomae Erpenii Leidensis vidua magno pretio coemptos a magno duce Buringamae, tum temporis apud ordines Belgii legato, cancellario postea nostro, nobisque inter cetera quae divinus heros meditabatur ingentia donaria Cantabrigiensibus donatos, non nisi Cantabrigiae servari tandem voluit principis praecellentiss. fidissima coniux, maestissima (proh scelus et dolor!) vidua pientissimaque Catharina, ducissa Buckinghamiae, mense iunio MDCXXXII.³

William Bedwell, M.A., bequeathed a MS. Arabic lexicon with types for printing.⁴

¹ 'Epp. Acad.' ii, 603. It is also given in Add. MS. 3126 (fol. 55).

² Baker MS. 33, p. 214-5 (transcripts in Registry MS. 31.2.9a).

³ The inscription was seen and copied by Uffenbach, when he visited the library on 5th August, 1710. It has long vanished, and no other copy, as far as I am aware, exists.

⁴ For a full account of this and its subsequent history see D.N.B. iv, 120 a (by W. Robertson Smith).

October. The University Audit Book for this academic year contains the following entries:

For the carriage of the Arabicke bookes to and from the schooles	1 ^s 0 ^d . ¹
Paid to Edward Woodruffe for a presse for the Arabicke bookes	£6. ²
Item for carrying the Trunke of bookes to the schooles y ^e second time	1 ^s 0 ^d . ³

In this year Caleb Dalechamp presented his 'Christian Hospitalitie' (Cambridge, 1632, 4°), with a MS. inscription.

1633.

Mr Clerks charges that brought M ^r Bedwells bookes	2 ^{li} 16 ^s 6 ^d
Item to Edward Woodruffe for a newe presse in the Library on the East side	5 0 0
Item to Anthony Nicholson for binding vpp the old Manuscripts in the Library	13 0 0
Item to the Smith for Locks, barrs and plates for the presse in the Library for the Dukes bookes	1 4 0
Item for wrighting the Dukes inscription vpon his deske of bookes in the Library ⁴	10 0

January 13. A royal decree was issued to Laud for the purchase of Greek type to print MSS. from the Royal Library or the Libraries of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.⁵

1635.

February 14. On the fly-leaf of MS. Dd. 8. 14 is the following inscription:

14th Feb. 1635. This booke, intituled *Compilationes Roberti Prioris de Berlintonia in Epistolas Pauli Apostoli*,

¹ Univ. Audit Book, fol. 313. ² *Ib.* 314. ³ *Ib.* 315. ⁴ *Ib.* 324-5.

⁵ T. B. Reed, 'Hist. of Old English Letter Foundries,' p. 143.

being bequeathed to the publike Library of this University of Cambridg by the last Will and Testament of Mr Thomas Peirson, Rector of Brampton Brian in the County and Diocess of Hereford, sometimes Master of Arts in Emanuele Colledg, was brought and delivered by Mr Christopher Hardy one of the Executors of the saide Mr Peirson.

This Mr Peirson was in his yonger days a frequent coadjutor to the great theologue Mr Perkins.¹

1636.

About this time the library became possessed of the manuscript of Waterhouse's Songs, the inscription in which is here set out :

The gyfte of M^r Henry Bury clerke deceased ; that branch of his last Will which concerneth this book is as followeth, viz. Item my will is that my two song bookes, either of which containeth all M^r Waterhouse' song of 2 parts in one, upon the plaine song of Myserere about a 1000 waies, shall be given, the one of them to Oxford & the other to Cambridge ; whear I hope they shall be kept or published in print for the credit of Englishmen and for better preserving & continewing that wonderful work.

Wheelock's interest in Arabic studies is evident from the following :²

Item to him for Avicen in Arabick for the Vniuersitie
Library 8^{li} 10^s 0^d

1637.

June 30. A letter from Sir Henry Spelman, to Wheelock, thanks him for the loan of Gildas and Simeon of Durham (probably Ff. 1. 27).³

August 4. In a letter to Wheelock, dated this

¹ Cat. of MSS. i, 342. Cf. William Perkins.

² Audit Book, fol. 351. ³ Letter in MS. Dd. 3. 12.

day, Sir Henry Spelman writes: 'Yesternight, late as I was going to bed, your transcript of some part of Ælfrick's Saxon Canons was brought me.'¹

'As amanuensis of the public library,' Wheelock 'came to be employed by Sir Henry Spelman to copy Anglo-Saxon manuscripts, and in order to remunerate him for his services, as well as to found a school of Anglo-Saxon, Spelman (who had endeavoured without success to obtain promotion for him from the bishop of Ely) established in 1638 a chair for a "lecturer and reader of the Saxon language and the history of our ancient British Churches," for which he provided a stipend, besides presenting Wheelock to the living of Middleton in Norfolk.'²

Michaelmas.

Item to a painter for setting figures on 113 manuscripts
in the Library³ 3^s 4^d.

Thomas Waley, vice-master of Trinity College, presented Varro 'De re rustica,' and a Hebrew manuscript.⁴

1638.

June 12. Thomas Morton, bishop of Durham, having presented £600 towards a new library, the University this day returned him their thanks in a Latin letter by the public orator, Robert Creighton.⁵

Wheelock's further purchases included a 'Proclus

¹ Original in MS. Dd. 3. 12. Printed in Camden Society, 'Letters of Eminent Men,' p. 153. The letter is addressed to Wheelock, 'Arabick Lecturer, at his house near Queen's College, Cambridge.'

² D.N.B. *s.v.* Wheelock.

³ Univ. Audit Book, fol. 360.

⁴ Donors' Book, p. 44.

⁵ 'Epp. Acad.' ii, 619.

his theolog : Platon' and 'Eusebius his prepar : Euan : et Demon.'¹

April 4. John ?oden, Master of Arts, of Clare Hall, presented 'Liturgia Suecica,' Stockholmiae, 1576, F^o, with an inscription.

1639.

'Buckstone his Dictionary' cost the University £1 18s. this year.²

September 13. Spelman sends back 'your Pub. Library Psalter.'

September 17. Spelman to Wheelock : 'Will make the same present to the Publick Library and to Benet as to Trinity College.'³

February 11. Lord Herbert, of Cherbury, having presented his book 'De veritate,' the University returned him their thanks in a Latin letter.⁴

1640.

From the Accounts :

In publica Bibliotheca

Tabule Topographice et historia Regum Anglie in 2 ^s voluminibus per Johannem Speed	}	3 ^{li} 10 ^s 0 ^d
Pro bullis et fibulis eisdem affigendis		
Varia et selecta volumina de novo ligata		3 0 0
		4 15 0
Liber chartaceus eleganter compactus in quo Commemoratio Benefactorum Academicie quotannis publicanda	}	1 6 8
Liber Chartaceus ad vsum Bibliothecarij in quo librorum omnium Academicorum Catalogus		
		13 4
Johanni Hickman in expensis per billam		6 3 0

¹ Audit Book, fol. 367.

² *Ib.* 375.

³ MS. Dd. 3, 12.

⁴ 'Epp. Acad.' ii, *571. Donors' Book, p. 21.

Guil. Scambler et Nath : Bridge pro diuersis }
 expensis in ffabrica eiusdem Bibliotheca } 5 1 0¹

John Hickman, who is thus probably the writer of the Catalogue, was also about this time appointed Sub Library-Keeper, a post which is now mentioned for the first time.²

June 11. He was allowed £6 annually for taking care of and transcribing MSS.³

October 27. William Bedwell was enrolled among the benefactors for presenting his Arabic Lexicon.⁴

III.

1641-1800.

1643.

December 21. Between this date and 3rd January, 1643/4, it is probable that the building was visited by William Dowsing, the iconoclast. An eye witness describes him as going 'about the Country like a Bedlam breaking glasse windows, having battered and beaten down all our painted glasse, not only in our Chapples, but (contrary to order) in our publique Schooles, Colledge Halls, Libraryes, and Chambers.'⁵

1645.

February. A petition was presented to Parliament by the University praying that the library of Archbishop Bancroft might be delivered to them.⁶

¹ Audit Book fol. 382. ² *Ib.* 389. ³ Grace Book Z, p. 392.

⁴ H. R. Luard, List of Documents, p. 7. ⁵ D.N.B. xv, 407.

⁶ Lord's Journal, viii, 171-2. 'Epp. Acad.' ii, 583. Heywood and Wright, ii, 467. C. H. Cooper, 'Annals,' iii, 399.

1646.

February 15. Parliament this day granted the request of the University for the Lambeth Library.¹

1647.

March 24. The Commons passed resolutions to spend £2000 on the Library, and £500 on the purchase of a collection of Hebrew books which had formerly belonged to an Italian Rabbi, Isaac Pragi. The former resolution did not take effect, but the latter was entrusted to Selden and Lightfoot to carry out.²

1648.

Among donors at this time, Sir Symonds D'Ewes presented some medals;³ Robert Sheringham, M.A., fellow of Caius College, presented his 'Joma,' Codex Talmudicus; and Christopher Cartwright, of Peterhouse, his 'Electa Thargumico-Rabbinica,' both printed in London this year.⁴

1649.

August 29. This day died the Rev. Richard Holdsworth, D.D., Master of Emmanuel College (1637-44). His library was originally intended for his own college, but eventually passed to the University.⁵

¹ Willis and Clark, *op. cit.* iii, 27, note 3. The books did not come till 1649.

² C. H. Cooper, 'Annals,' iii, 420-1. Henry Bradshaw, 'Collected Papers,' pp. 195-6. See a forthcoming paper by Mr. I. Abrahams, in the 'Trans. of the Jewish Historical Society,' vol. viii.

³ 'Epp. Acad.' ii, *591.

⁴ Donors' Book, pp. 40-1.

⁵ See *post* 1664. The library consisted of 10,095 volumes, including 186 manuscripts. For the catalogue of it see MSS. Dd. 8. 45, and Ff. 4. 27.

September 3. By this date the Lambeth books had arrived, and a Grace was passed to provide additional room.¹

Samuel Crooke, rector of Wrington, co. Somerset (1602-49), presented the works of Gregorius Nazianzenus and Gregorius Nyssenus.²

1650.

Christopher Arnold presented his 'Templum Pacis Germaniae,' printed at Leyden in this year.³

April 8. This day died Sir Symonds D'Ewes. In addition to the gift already mentioned, he had given a manuscript Anglo-Saxon-Latin glossary and preparations for a Lexicon of those languages.⁴

Dury's 'Reformed Library Keeper,' printed at London in this year, contains the following passage:

'I understand that all the book-printers or stationers of the Commonwealth are bound of every book that is printed to send a copy into the University Library,' etc.⁵

August 20. J. Hevelius gave his Σεληνογραφία with an inscription dated this day.

1652-3.

Item⁶ for a banket, and wine in the University Library, when the Commissioners about the Fennes were here } 2^{li} 16^s 0^d.

¹ Univ. Audit Book, fol. 456. Willis and Clark, iii, 28.

² Donors' Book, p. 40.

³ For him see 'Allg. Deutsch. Biographie.' This book is not there given among his works.

⁴ MS. Ll. 1. 4.

⁵ Quoted in R. Garnett's 'Essays in Librarianship' (1899), p. 186.

⁶ Univ. Audit Book, fol. 484.

1653.

September. This month died Abraham Wheelock, librarian.¹

October 11. This day William Moore, M.A., fellow of Caius College, was elected librarian in succession to Wheelock.

November 30. Dr. Metcalfe bequeathed £20 to the library.²

To Pindar for his pains in the Universitie Librarie, 4¹.³

Forty books were given by Francis Ash, merchant of London. They contain a book-label with inscription.

1654.

August 31. John Evelyn visited the University:

‘The Schooles are very despicable, and Public Librarie but meane, ’tho somewhat improv’d by the wainscoting and books lately added by the Bp. Bancroft’s Library and MSS. They shew’d us little of antiquity, onely K. James’s Works, being his owne gift and kept very reverently.’

This year, Simon Ash, M.A., of Emmanuel College, presented the works of Albertus Magnus, Lugd. 1651, in 21 volumes, folio.⁴

This year also died Alexander Ross. He bequeathed £50 to the library.⁵

¹ See D.N.B.

² Grace Book H, p. 122. Donors’ Book, p. 46.

³ Harl. MS. 7028, p. 245. Printed in Hartshorne’s ‘Book-Rarities,’ p. 333 note. Mr. Robert Bowes, in his ‘Notes on the University Printers,’ gives a collective note on the Pindar family. (C.A.S. ‘Comm.’ v, 310.)

⁴ There is a commemorative label in each volume.

⁵ See D.N.B. Also Donors’ Book and Registry MS. 31. 1. 12. His books bear a commemorative label.

1655.

April 23. William Morden, bookseller of Cambridge, gave Edward Lively's MS. Commentaries.¹

July 16. Osbert Fowler, registrar of King's College, presented a manuscript bestiary.²

Nicholas Hobart, M.A., fellow of King's College, gave a collection of Greek and Oriental manuscripts acquired by him on a journey to Constantinople.³ Henry Some, a fellow of the same college, presented his 'Valor Ecclesiasticus.'⁴

Sir William Dugdale presented his 'Monasticon Anglicanum,' printed this year.

John Rant, formerly fellow of Caius College, gave manuscripts.⁵

William Neland, Cambridge Bookseller, presented a manuscript.⁶

Thomas Fuller's 'History of the University of Cambridge,' published this year (1655), contains the following passage:

'This library formerly was furnished with plenty of choice books . . . but these books, by the covetousness of some great ones, and carelessness of the library-losers (for library-keepers I cannot call them), are for the most part imbezzled, to the great loss of the University, and learning in general.'⁷

January 18. The Protector having given Llanrhaiadr, near Denbigh, as a settlement on the librarian, a letter of attorney from the University to Thomas Bucke was granted this day to agree

¹ Donors' Book, p. 45. MS. Ee. 6. 33. ² MS. Ii. 4. 26.

³ Cooper, 'Memorials,' iii, 69. MSS. Ff. 3. 4, 30.

⁴ MS. Dd. 13. 23.

⁵ MSS. Ff. 6. 50; Ii. 1. 16, 17.

⁶ MS. Ii. 1. 6.

⁷ See 'Cat. of MSS.' I, vii-viii.

with Dr. Lewis Du Moulin for his life interest in the same.¹

August 24. Richard Foxton, M.A., of Emmanuel College, bequeathed £40.²

Bryan Walton's Polygot Bible published this year was presented by John Allen, of Gray's Inn.³

Margaret, Marchioness of Newcastle, presented her 'Natures Pictures,' published this year.⁴

1657.

May 12. This day Thomas Holler, chirurgion of London, presented the 'Herbarium' of Tabernaemontanus in High Dutch, Francofurti, 1588.

'To Mr. Hughes for the charge in procuring manuscript bookes out of Wales	13s. 0d.'
To Wardell the Smith for scouring, and mending the brass Spheare ⁵	10 . 0
To him also for mending the brass about the globe	8 . 6
To Woodruff the ioyner for mending the globes, and their frames	5 . 6
To him also for making . 3 . tables for them and the Spheare to stand upon ⁶	1 . 12 . 0
Item to Jonath Pindar ex concessione Auditorum in consideration of his paines in the library in transcribing seuerall Catalogues ⁷	5 . 0 . 0

¹ Registry MS. 31. 2. 10.

² Donors' Book and Registry MS. 31. 1. 12. The books contain a commemorative plate dated this day. For him see C.A.S. 'Proceedings,' xv, 84.

³ The letter of thanks is MS. Add. 4447 (4).

⁴ Sel. 3. 57.

⁵ This must be the 'great Latten Speare' given by Bacon in 1583. A Dutchman was paid for scouring it in 1590. (Univ. Audit. Book, ff. 145^v, 150^v, 161^v.)

⁶ Univ. Audit Book, ff. 510-11.

⁷ Audit Book, fol. 513.

1658.

June 12. Sir William Dugdale presented a copy of his 'History of St. Paul's Cathedral.'

August. This month Samuel Morland, who had been Cromwell's envoy to the Duke of Savoy, presented the Waldensian MSS. which he had collected and used in his 'History of the Evangelical Churches of the Valleys of Piemont,' published this year.¹

John Stearne, M.D., professor in the University of Dublin, presented a copy of his 'Animi Medela,' Dublini, 1658, 4^o.²

1659.

April 18. This day William Moore, librarian, was buried in Great St. Mary's Church.

'He collected into one body the university statutes, and made a catalogue of all the MSS. in the public library, except the oriental, writing the whole with his own hand, notwithstanding a severe illness. He desired to be buried in his own college chapel, but being refused by Mr. Dell, the master, the use of the liturgy, which was his last request, was laid in St. Mary's church, under the stone he used to kneel on.'³

April 26. T. Smith, B.D., Christ's College, was elected librarian.⁴

¹ See H. Bradshaw, 'Collected Papers,' pp. 1-15, and 'Memoir,' p. 84.

² The author was a pensioner of Sidney Sussex College, and the book is dedicated to the University of Cambridge.

³ Carter, 'Hist. of the University,' p. 232. Printed in R. Gough, 'Brit. Top.' i, 223. Moore's Life was written by his successor, T. Smith, and printed in 1660.

⁴ The friend and correspondent of Sir Thomas Browne. See J. Peile, 'Biographical Register' (1910), i, 468, and E. Gosse, 'Sir Thomas Browne' (1905), p. 107.

The hours of the library at this time were, from October to March, 9.0-11.0 and 1.0-3.0. In the rest of the year from 8.0-11.0 in the morning, and from 2.0-5.0 in the afternoon, excepting Saturday afternoon throughout the year. The chief library keeper was to attend two hours at least every day from April-September, and one hour at least in the other months except upon urgent occasions, approved by the Vice-chancellor. None but gremial M.A.s or Bachelors of Law or Physic allowed to study in the library, and they not until they had taken oaths not to take away or wilfully misuse anything. At the bottom of the rules is a Memorandum :

Some course to be thought on for the procuring of moderne Authors of which there have been none added the 20 last yeares.¹

*September 3.*²

1661.

October 5. Isaac Dobson, B.D., Corpus Christi College, was appointed librarian this day.

1662.

May 10. Archbishop Juxon now preferred his request for the return of the Bancroft books to Lambeth.³

¹ Registry MS. 31. 2. 11.

² For an amusing story told by Thomas Smith relating to a visit to the library of Corpus Christi College on this day, see John Peile's 'Biographical Register' (1910), i, 468. The applicant was told to come again on 6th August of the following year.

³ Registry MS. 31. 2. 12. It was suggested that as the Holdsworth books were still in London, the boxes which brought these down might take the Lambeth books back.

A temporary Act of this year provided that three copies of every printed book should be reserved for the King's library and the libraries of the two Universities.¹

1663.

July 11. The Marchioness of Newcastle presented her 'Philosophical and Physical Opinions,' 1663, F^o.

September 2. This day the new archbishop, Gilbert Sheldon, wrote to Dr. Rainbow, the vice-chancellor, formally demanding the delivery of the Bancroft books to Dr. Franke, master of Pembroke, his chaplain.²

1664.

June 11. Henry Lucas, Esq., of London, a Master of Arts of St. John's College, and sometime burgess in parliament for the University, by his will of this date bequeathed all his books to the University. The library was a very extensive one, consisting of 812 books in folio, 3,226 books in quarto, octavo, etc., and '29 bundles of several pamphletts.'³

December 10. This day the adjudicators of the Holdsworth Library gave their decision in the Hall of Doctors' Commons. The books were assigned to the University, and the University was to pay £200 to Emmanuel College.⁴

¹ 13 and 14 Car. II, ss. 2, 3, 10, 16, 17. Cooper, 'Annals,' iii, 502. See *post* 1674.

² Original in Registry MS. 31. 2. 12, with the archbishop's seal.

³ Registry MS. 31. 2. 14 a. For the Catalogue of them see MS. Mm. 4. 27 (D).

⁴ See *ante* 1649. Registry MSS. Drawer xxxi, 2.

1666.

June 1. Tobias Rustat, Esq., yeoman of the King's robes, by deed dated this day, gave £1000 to be laid out in lands, the rent to be applied in the purchase of the best and most useful books for the library.¹

August. John Ellis, rector of Waddesdon, late of S. Catharine's Hall, presented a copy of the Bible printed in Hebrew, Chaldaic, and Rabbinic (Venice, 1517-9).²

1667.

February 24. This day died Sir Thomas Adams, founder of the lecture in Arabic. He left to the library a sum of money.³

March 13. The Duke of Newcastle presented his work on Horsemanship.

March 16. Isaac Dobson resigned the librarianship.

March 18. Robert Peachey, M.A., fellow of Pembroke Hall, was this day elected librarian.

1668.

October 11. The Duchess of Newcastle presented a copy of her works.⁴

On the same day the works of Hevelius were sent by the Author to the library through Henry Oldenburgh, secretary of the Royal Society.

February 2. John Cosin, bishop of Durham, by deed this day, covenanted to give £100 for the erection of a commencement-house and new library, as promulgated in 1640. This sum to be

¹ See 'Endowments,' p. 449. ² Donors' Book, p. 60.

³ D.N.B. See MS. Or. Ec. 5. 7 for a memorial plate.

⁴ 'Epp. Acad.' ii, *598.

paid as soon as the ground on both sides of the Regent walk between King's and Caius Colleges should be purchased; and when the ground was made clear he covenanted to contribute £100 a year for four years if the works were carried on vigorously.¹

1669.

May 1. Cosmo de Medici, prince of Tuscany, afterwards Cosmo III, visited Cambridge. 'His Highness went away escorted by the vice-chancellor and heads of houses, and accompanied more especially by a retinue of the noble scholars, to see the library.'²

1670.

October 21. This day died John Hacket, bishop of Coventry and Lichfield. He bequeathed 1000 volumes to the library.³

1672.

December 20. Isaac Abendana received £5 from Dr. Mapleton for a Hebrew manuscript.⁴

1674.

May 28. This day the Stationers' Company passed an edict enforcing the Act of 1662.⁵

1676.

August 8. The Duke of Newcastle presented a copy of his late wife's works to the library.⁶

¹ Cooper, 'Memorials,' iii, 70.

² C. H. Cooper, 'Annals,' iii, 535.

³ These contain his book-plate by W. Faithorne. See H. Bradshaw, 'Coll. Papers,' 184. The books were placed in the 'little library' (*Ib.* 200).

⁴ Univ. Accounts.

⁵ Registry MS. 31. 4. 1 (2). See *ante* 1662, and *post* 1709; and Cooper's 'Annals,' iii, 558.

⁶ 'Epp. Acad.' ii, *609.

1677.

August 20. Robert Mapletoft, master of Pembroke 1664, dean of Ely 1667, dying this day, gave £100 'towards the purchase of the oriental Library of Golius for the University Library.'¹

1678.

'Sir Christopher Wren prepared Plans Elevation and Section of a Theatre or Commencement House with a library annexed ('Parentalia,' 342).²

1683.

January 18. The state of the library by this time had become so bad, so many books missed, that a grace of the senate was passed ordering all books to be returned.

January 19. As a consequence of this, librarian Peachey gave in his resignation. James Mansfield, M.A., Trinity College, was appointed.

1685.

January 22. This day John Laughton, M.A., of Trinity College, was elected librarian.

1686.

April 7. This day thirty-eight manuscripts in Hebrew, Arabic, Ethiopic, and Coptic were received, the bequest of Dr. Edmund Castell. To each of these 'the effigies of Dr. Castell was affixed, or his name inscribed.'³

¹ 'Cat. of MSS.' v, 246-7 (p. 240).

² C. H. Cooper, 'Annals,' iii, 566. The plans are in the library at All Souls College, Oxford. A photographic copy, made in 1913, is preserved in the University library. [Broadside, xvii.]

³ *June 30.* This day the library of Edmund Castell was sold by Millington, at the Eagle and Child opposite Benet Church. See J. Nichols' 'Lit. Anecd.' iv, 29 note.

July 5. A sale of duplicates was this day decreed by grace of the senate.

1687.

March 4. The Rev. Matthew Scrivener, rector of Haslingfield, by his will¹ of this date bequeathed Vittoria's 'Cantica' and 'Missæ' (Romæ, 1581-3, F^o) to the library. They bear an inscription that they were taken out of the great Church of Cadiz in July, 1596, by Robert Bacon. The will continues :

'I give fifty pounds in trust for the use of the public Library, either by buying chains for the securing the books at present therein contained, or for the increase of the number of them.'

1693.

John Spencer, dean of Ely and master of Corpus Christi College, dying this year, gave £100 to the library.

1695.

May 16. Ralph Thoresby visited the library.²

February 19. John Clerke, late fellow of Caius College, was this day deprived of his degrees and licence of preaching for stealing books from the library.

1697.

The 'Catalogi librorum MSS. Angliæ et Hiberniæ in unum collecti,' published at Oxford, by Bernard, this year, contains a list of the University collection. It is for the most part a reprint of James'

¹ H. Philpott, 'Collection of Documents relating to St. Catharine's College,' p. 125.

² Cooper, 'Annals,' iv, 30.

‘Ecloga,’ with an ‘Auſtarium e Bibliotheca v.c. Thomæ Erpenii.’¹

1699.

Humphrey Wanley’s appreciation of the Cambridge system is worthy of note: ‘The truth is, the Cambridge gentlemen are extremely courteous and obliging, and, excepting those of Bennet College [where the rules are prohibitive], I can borrow what books I please.’²

1705.

Wanley’s ‘Antiquae Literaturae Septentrionalis Liber alter,’ published this year at Oxford in folio, being the second volume to G. Hickes’s ‘Thesaurus,’ contains a list of Anglo-Saxon manuscripts in the library.³

1707.

The Armenian Patriarch visited the library and presented five volumes.⁴

1708.

August 26. The medals in the University chest were this day ordered to be placed in the library.

1709.

April 5. The royal assent was given to the Copyright Act, which provided that copies of every book published should be delivered for the Royal Library, the Libraries of Oxford and Cambridge, the four Universities in Scotland, the

¹ Bernard says Parker’s manuscripts were preserved at this time ‘in cista quadam.’

² Ellis, ‘Letters of Lit. Men,’ 289.

³ Pp. 152-65.

⁴ For an account of him, and his visit to the Bodleian Library, see W. D. Macray, ‘Annals,’ ed. 2, pp. 175-7.

Library of Sion College, and the Advocates' Library at Edinburgh.¹

June 21. William Worts, Esq., M.A., St. Catharine's College, by his will dated this day, gave a considerable portion of the annual proceeds of his estate to the library.²

1710.

August 1. This day Zachary Conrad von Uffenbach visited the library. He describes it as in

'two mean rooms of moderate size. In the first on the left-hand side are the printed books, but very ill arranged, in utter confusion. The catalogue is only alphabetical, and lately compiled on the basis of the Bodleian Catalogue. . . . In the second room, which is half empty, there were some more printed books, and then the MSS., of which, however, we could see nothing well, because the librarian, Dr. Laughton (or as they pronounce it, *Laffton*), was absent; which vexed me not a little, as Dr. Ferrari highly extolled his great learning and courtesy. *Rara avis in his terris.*

'We met here however by accident the librarian of St. John's Library, Mr. Baker, a very friendly and learned man, by whose help we saw several other things; for otherwise the maid, who had opened the door and was with us, would have been able to show us but little. I asked first for the *cod. evangeliorum Bezae*, which is the *Palladium hujus academiae*. . . . After this I enquired with great eagerness for the *ancient monuments of the church of Waldenses or Vaudois brought by Sir Samuel Moreland from Piedmont* and given here. . . . Chamberlayne is not a little mistaken when he boasts of 14,000 volumes in this library, as there seem to be at most barely 6 to 8,000, as far as I can judge from my own collection.

¹ Cooper, 'Annals,' iv, 98. See *ante* 1674 and *post* 1775.

² *Ib.* iv, 86.

‘Afterwards we saw many oriental books, all brought from the library of *Th. Erpenii*. . . . Hard by were also many turkish MSS. On the opposite side stood the 7 folios *lexici arabici MS.*, by *Bedwell*. . . . We saw also some very fine *codices anglo-saxonicos*. . . . Mr. Baker showed us also a little 12° with this title: *Edward sixième (roy d’Anglet.) petit traité à l’encontre de la primauté du pape*, written in french very neatly in the king’s own hand. Lastly we saw also a good number of ancient and modern coins, lying all covered with dust, without any order, in a deep, poor drawer, unlocked and left open. There were 20 and odd gold coins, with various silver and copper; among the last I noticed an *Ottonem aeneum magni moduli deauratum, sed spurium*, on the reverse of which was an *adlocutio populi cum inscriptione: Securitas publica*,’ etc.¹

1712.

October 3. Philip Brooke, B.D., of St. John’s College, was this day elected librarian.

1715.

September 20. King George I presented the library of John Moore, bishop of Ely, containing 30,755 volumes (including 1790 manuscripts), purchased by the king for £6,450.²

¹ See *ante* 1626.

² The circumstances at the moment gave rise to the epigram:

‘King George, observing with judicious eyes
The state of both his Universities,
To Oxford sent a troop of horse; and why?
That learned body wanted loyalty.
To Cambridge books he sent, as well discerning,
How much that loyal body wanted learning.’

Answered by Sir William Browne:

‘The King to Oxford sent a troop of horse
For Tories know no argument but force
With equal skill, to Cambridge books he sent,
For Whigs admit no force but argument.’

1716.

July 2. The room known as the Dome Room (now used for the exhibition of newly added books) was added to the library.¹

1717.

March 6. Bookcases were ordered for the West Room.²

March 8. Baker to Strype:

‘One part . . . almost finisht, tho’ it will not hold much above half the Books.’³

July 16. The Dome Room to be fitted up for manuscripts.⁴

September 28. Two years had now passed. Baker writes to Strype:

‘Not one book yet put up; nor one class towards receiving them, and when all is finished will be a very unequal Repository to so noble a gift.’

1718.

December 10. This day P. Brooke, the librarian, resigned, and Thomas Macro, M.A., fellow of Caius College, was elected.

March 6. The space allotted for the King’s books had proved quite inadequate. In consequence a Syndicate was appointed to raise

¹ Over what was formerly the Porter’s Lodge of King’s College. Up to this date, no communication existed between the South Room and the West Room except by descending into the Quadrangle. Willis and Clark, iii, 31.

² From John Austin and Coleman. *Ib.* iii, 31.

³ MS. Add. 10 (117). Probably the West Room, for the accounts for 1718-19 contain a charge ‘for carrying up the King’s books to the new library.’ (Willis and Clark, iii, 34.)

⁴ Registry MS. 31. 2. 29.

subscriptions for the purchase of houses on the north side of the Regent walk (now the Senate House).¹

1721.

December 14. S. Hadderton, M.A., Trinity College, was elected librarian.

December 15. This day the new office of Proto-bibliothecarius was created, and Conyers Middleton, D.D., appointed.

1722.

June 22. This day the foundation stone of the Senate House was laid.²

1723.

In this year Dr. Conyers Middleton printed his 'Bibliothecae Cantabrigiensis ordinandae methodus quædam' (Cantabrigiæ, 4°).

1724.

February 8. John Bellers the philanthropist, dying this day, ordered that his works should be reprinted in one volume 'on good large paper and well bound in Turkey Leather.' A copy was to be presented 'to the Envoy of every Sovereign Prince and State in Europe who shall have Envoys residing at our British Court for their respective Masters' perusal and one to every publick Library in London and Westminster and to the publick Librarys of Oxford and Cambridge.'³ There is no trace of such a book here or elsewhere.

¹ Grace Book I, p. 6.

² Cooper, 'Annals,' iv, 169.

³ Extract from his will proved 27th August, 1725, communicated by Mr. Norman Penny [MS. Add. 2717]. See D.N.B. for his life.

1725.

October 16. John Worthington, M.A., Peterhouse, presented a large number of books to the library.

1726.

The Rev. George Lewis, archdeacon of Meath, presented the cabinet containing manuscripts, coins, and curiosities, which still bears his name.¹

February 21. Thomas Baker to Thomas Hearne alludes to the general confusion. 'Fox's Martyrs,' 1563, is 'now out of its place, for he cannot find it as before.'²

1727.

April 25. West to Thomas Hearne: 'The university library is not yet put into any order. They just saw it in heaps.'³

1728.

April 25. Died John Woodward, M.D., founder of the lectureship in Geology, subsequently the professorship. By his will, bequeathing his collection of fossils to the University, he ordains that copies of the catalogues of these are to be 'reposed in the publick Library of the said University, for greater security that the said Fossils be preserved with great care and faithfulness.'⁴

1730.

May 31. A visitor to the library on this day has left the following account⁵:

¹ See *post* 1730.

² 'Reliquiae Hearnianae,' ii, 641.

³ *Ib.* ii, 661.

⁴ Clark and Hughes, 'Life of A. Sedgwick,' i, 183. See *post* 1730.

⁵ S. Dale, MS. Add. 3466.

‘Through the assistance of Mr. Hough we had admittance into the Publick Library, it now consists of 3 Gallerys. We went first into that of the South at the end of which in a separate apartment stands Dr. Woodward’s 4 Cabinets of Fossils, and in the middle a curious one of American Cedar on the front of which on the Middle drawer is a Brass plate on which is engraved in large Letters BIBLIOTHECA ORIENTALIS.¹ The upper part consists of Shelves full of Books of the Oriental Language some finely illuminated, and the Alphabets of divers on them, as Arabick, Persian, Indian, Chinese, Japonick, &c., and under is the Figure of a Chinese Idol of Alabaster in a sedent posture. In the drawer on which the Inscription is are several sorts of Oriental Money both in Silver and Gold, as likewise some of their brass weights. Here is likewise an Indian Proclamation and other writings. In another drawer is 2 boxes of Cards, one of which is on Boards finely painted containing 48 cards or 4 sets—and the other 96, or 8 sets on Tortois shell: each set contains 12 cards 10 of which are so many numbers, the other two a man on Horseback and the King on the Throne: these are distinguished by marks as Suns, Moons, Swords, Helmets, fruits, folks, Billets, etc. The Idol above mentioned is placed as in a chariot whereby it can be drawn out of the Cabinet for the better seeing it, the Back of which is made of a grey Stone, on w^{ch} is cut an Inscription in 4 Oriental Languages viz^t 2 living and two dead or scolastick: on the breast of the Idol hangs a Medal by [a] chain about the Neck. On each side of the Idol are two open places in one of which a large *Purpura Triangularia Bonan. Recreat. Ment. et Oculi*² p. 151 n^o 275 which that author writes comes from the Persian gulfe . . .

¹ Presented in 1726. The manuscripts are still in the library. The coins have been deposited in the Fitzwilliam Museum. The statue is at the Archæological Museum.

² Filippo Buonanni, ‘*Recreatio mentis et oculi.*’ Romae, 1684, 4^o.

There was likewise in that Cabinet a Book of writing on Palm leaves, cut with a graver, it resembled a file the leaves being strung upon a sort of cord . . . There are many other rarities in the collection which Mr. Had[erton] the Sub-Librarian shewed us, which I cannot now recollect. The King's Library here which K. Geo. I. gave the University is very large, a great many [*sic*] of which are set up in the Greek School . . . until the new Library is erected for them. In the East Gallery we did see a Book of plants painted: they had Arabick names to them. In the entring this last Gallery stood a Model of a building, which was designed to be erected for the Schools and Library by the D. of Buckingham . . . At the upper end of this Gallery stands an Alter on which K. Jam. I. layed his Books and was his present to this University. And about the middle of this Gallery are doors, within which are the Universities Manuscripts.

August 5. King George's books had been in the possession of the University for fifteen years, and we have seen from various letters the condition in which they had remained. On this day it was decided that the old Senate House should be fitted up for the enlargement of the library and for the reception of the King's books.¹

1731.

James Essex fitted up the old Senate House as the new library.²

August 2. A considerable theft of books was perpetrated by Dr. Nichols of Trinity Hall.³

Grace Book I, p. 277. The new Senate House had been opened on 6th July.

² Willis and Clark, iii, 469. -

³ 'Hist. MSS. Commission Report,' vi, 39 (Duke of Portland). H. R. Luard, 'Chronological List,' p. 15.

March 17. J. Taylor, M.A., of St. John's College, was elected librarian.

1733.

May 23. On this day it was agreed to make an entrance from the 'East end of the Library' into the old Senate House.¹

1734.

December 31. T. Parne, B.D., Trinity College, was elected librarian.

1735.

February 4. Henry Justice was arrested for stealing books.¹

February 18. At the same time large depredations had been made upon the books presented by King George.² It was discovered that £2000 worth of these had come into the possession of Jonas Thompson, of the city of York, gentleman. On discovery an attempt was made to ship them beyond seas.

1739.

Montfaucon's 'Bibliotheca Bibliothecarum,' published at Paris in this year, devotes two columns to the manuscripts in this library.

W. Thurlbourn, Cambridge bookseller, presented 'Hieronymi Epistolae,' Ven., 1476. Folio.

1740.

July 2. Thomas Baker, B.D., ejected Fellow of St. John's College, dying this day, bequeathed eighteen volumes of his great historical collection, and several valuable printed books.³

¹ Luard, 'Documents,' p. 16. ² Registry MS. 31. 2. 4. Luard.

³ D.N.B. R. Masters' 'Memoirs,' 1784.

1742.

March 29. A sale of duplicates was held this day.¹

1743.

April 22. The Hon. George Townshend presented a mummy.²

October 26. This day in the suit of Joseph Bentham and others *versus* Thomas and Robert Baskett various books were 'received from the Public Library.'³

1744.

June 25. This day died Roger Gale, fellow of Trinity College. He bequeathed his collection of coins to the University, with a catalogue prepared by himself.⁴

1745.

'A list of printed books in the Turiet' is preserved in the Bodleian Library.⁵

1748.

February 11. This day died John Colbatch, Vice-Master of Trinity. A large number of books with his bookplate are in the library.⁶

July 13. 902 volumes reported as missing from the old library.

September.

During Dr. Paris his vice-chancellorship, the front of the schools facing St. Marie's Church was now repaired, and the windows new glazed with crown glass, and all the

¹ The catalogue was printed.

² 'Epp. Acad.' ii, 653.

³ E.g. books now marked Rel. bb. 63. 1; Rel. d. 69. 1.

⁴ D.N.B. xx, 376a.

⁵ Bodl. MS. 17817 (3).

⁶ More, from Orwell, were presented by Mr. F. Jenkinson in 1910.

curious paintings, though perfect and complete, taken away by the glazier; to the reproach of the University, in thus defrauding the pious benefactors and founders of their just memorials.'¹

1750.

August 3. On the death of Dr. Middleton, the Rev. F. S. Parris, D.D., of Sidney Sussex College, was elected Protobibliothecarius.

1751.

June 11. The Library Syndicate dates from this time.

July 19. The Rev. Stephen Whisson, M.A., Trinity College, was this day appointed librarian, on the death of Parne.

1752.

James Burrough made a design for an eastern façade of the library, with a large room on the first floor.²

1753.

In this year a catalogue of the manuscripts was constructed by Whisson from those of William Moore (1659), of Holdsworth (1663), and bishop John Moore (1697), on the re-arrangement of the entire library.³

1754.

March 18. King George II gave £2000 to the library.

¹ Baker MSS. in British Museum. Quoted by Hartshorne, p. 3 note. See *ante* 1465.

² Engraved by Essex.

³ Note by Henry Bradshaw in MS. Add. 2842, preface p. xi. He adds that Nasmith's catalogue is a revised edition of Whisson.

June 11. A new design for the east front, by Stephen Wright, was approved this day.

July. The demolition of the old Rotherham library was begun.

1755.

Charles, King of Naples, gave Bayardi's 'Pro-dromo delle Antichità d'Ercolano.'

1757.

Further thefts are recorded during this year.¹

1759.

October 30. King George II gave £1000 in addition.

A description of the Rotherham Library (east room), written this year by W. Cole, has been printed.²

1761.

May 15. This day Dr. Edmund Law, master of Peterhouse, was elected Protobibliothecarius, on the death of Dr. Parris.

By this year £9,288 had been collected for the new library.

1762.

April 30. Ferdinand IV, King of the Two Sicilies, gave a gold coin of Augustus and other gifts.

1763.

A detailed description of the library will be found in 'Cantabrigia Depicta,' now first published.³

¹ Venn, ii, 99. W. Cole, 'Ath. Cant.' 5864, p. 318.

² By J. W. Clark (C.A.S. 'Proceedings,' x, 419).

³ Cambridge, 1763, 8vo.

1764.

April 12. Charles III, King of Spain, gave several books.

1765.

January 10. Dr. John Newcome, master of St. John's College, dying this day, bequeathed £500 to the library.¹

1768.

August 29. This day Christian VII, King of Denmark, visited the library.

1769.

October 13. Dr. J. Barnardiston, of Corpus Christi College, was elected Protobibliothecarius on Dr. Law's resignation.

1771.

January 2. Christian VII, King of Denmark, gave a volume, with his portrait.

February 11. John Wilkes, 'accompanied by some gentlemen of the University,' viewed the library.²

1772.

To this year we must attribute the loss of the unique Sarum Breviary printed at Venice by R. de Noviomago, on vellum, in 1483.³

1774.

April 26. The Public Library was at this time used as a meeting place for the University syndi-

¹ He had already given £200. For him and his collection of Incunabula, see Baker-Mayor and D.N.B.

² Cooper, 'Annals,' iv, 362.

³ For its subsequent history see G. W. Prothero, 'Memoir of H. Bradshaw.'

cate which had recently reported in favour of an annual examination of undergraduates.¹

1775.

May 22. This day the royal assent was given to an Act:

An Act for enabling the two Universities in England, the four Universities in Scotland, and the several colleges of Eton, Westminster and Winchester to hold in Perpetuity their Copy Right in Books,

And to amend the Act of 8 Anne (1709).²

December 9. Charles III, King of Spain, presented catalogues of Arabic and Greek manuscripts.

1776.

April 10. The Duke of Würtemberg visited the library.³

1778.

June 26. This day Richard Farmer, D.D., master of Emmanuel College, was elected Protobibliothecarius, on the death of Dr. Barnardiston.

1781.

November 26. A letter from Richard Gough to William Cole, on behalf of William Herbert for his 'Typographical Antiquities,' has been printed.⁴

1782.

January 25. The Duke of Marlborough presented his book on gems.⁵

December 16. This day died William Cole, the antiquary,¹ a considerable frequenter of the library.⁶

¹ Cooper, 'Annals,' iv, 371. ² *Ib.* iv, 374. ³ *Ib.* iv, 382.

⁴ C. H. Hartshorne, 'Book-rarities,' p. 293. ⁵ [Eb. 18. 13, 14.]

⁶ D.N.B. J. Nichols, 'Lit. Anec.' vi, 297.

1783.

November 11. John Davies, M.A., fellow of Trinity College, was elected librarian on the death of Stephen Whisson.

1785.

At Dr. Askew's sale in this year the University acquired some of the few Greek manuscripts in his possession. The most important of these is the Thucydides [Nn. 3. 18]. Dr. Farmer purchased the long series of *Adversaria* by John Taylor, LL.D., Fellow of St. John's College, and presented them to the Library.

'In return for a compliment' at this sale paid by Farmer, who on Lord Shelburne's earnest request, gave up a manuscript purchased, the library received from Lord Shelburne the fine twelfth-century Greek manuscript of S. Gregory.¹ The fact is notified in Farmer's own hand.

1786.

July 19. An unknown benefactor presented three manuscripts, together with a copy of St. John's Gospel 'in a lock-up class.'²

1787.

August. Charles Inglis, first bishop of Nova Scotia, our first colonial diocese, founded this year, presented his Book of Common Prayer, printed in the Mohawk language (London, 1787), with autograph inscription.³

¹ Nn. 1. 23.

² 'Cat. of MSS.' I. xi; V. 588 (Dd. 9. 70-2).

³ I. 45. 57.

1790.

A statement is made in the course of a story related of William Pugh,¹ of Trinity, to which some reference must be allowed here. It is told by J. W. Clark in his 'Cambridge.' Pugh is there said to have been 'engaged upon the catalogue of the printed books in the University Library,'² where 'instead of reading only the title-pages, he read the works themselves through.' The statement is given on the authority of Professor Adam Sedgwick, being indeed taken down from his lips as he had told it in the Combination Room.

1793.

January 29. The library was now opened from 10 till 2.

April 29. Dr. Kipling's edition of the Codex Bezae was published this day.³

July 5.

1794.

Two beautiful copies of the Codex Theodori Bezae Cantabrigiensis, magnificently bound in grain morocco by Mr. Bowtell of Cambridge, are just finished at the expense of the University. The one as a present for H.M. the King of Denmark, the other for his Grace the Duke of Marlborough;⁴ in return for the royal and noble presents, by them made to the Public Library of this University.

¹ Fellow 1790, M.A. 1792. 'Trinity College Admissions.' J. W. Clark, in the quotation cited above, calls Pugh vice-master of Trinity. His name is not given in the list prefixed to the 'Admissions.'

² See notes by H. Bradshaw made in the Class Catalogue of Class Cc; and in MS. Oo. 5. 44 (Adv.).

³ 'The fruit of five years' toil.' Scrivener, p. xii. On it see T. B. Reed, 'Old English Letter Foundries' (1887), p. 322.

⁴ 'Camb. Chronicle,' 5th July, 1794.

1796.

September 17. Nat. Marchant this day presented two cases of casts of his gems.¹

October 22. Twelve volumes of Unitarian literature were this day presented by 'A Friend of the University and of Free Inquiry into the Christian Scriptures.'²

A full account of the library is to be found in 'A Description of the University, Town, and County of Cambridge,' first printed in this year.³

1797.

Marshall, the library keeper, crippled through rheumatism. His assistants could not stay above three years, as the library 'was so extremely damp that few could pass any length of time in it with impunity.'⁴

September 8. This day died Dr. Richard Farmer, Protobibliothecarius.

September 21. T. Kerrich, M.A., Magdalene College, was appointed as his successor.

1798.

November 22. Within the astonishingly short space of three years Nasmith had completed the catalogue of the manuscripts.⁵

¹ These now hang in the West Gallery. The catalogue was printed in 1792.

² Accession Book, 1789-1817 (fly-leaf).

³ Cambridge, 1796, 8vo, p. 20.

⁴ H. Gunning, 'Reminiscences' (1854), ii, 78.

⁵ The writer of the preface to the 'Catalogue of MSS.,' published in 1856, says of his work: 'If his endeavours were not altogether successful in the present instance, the failure is more attributable to the magnitude of the task imposed upon him than to his deficiency either in knowledge, accuracy, or judgment.' ('Catalogue of MSS.' I. xi.)

1799.

June 11. Mr. Alexander Davison presented two medals struck to commemorate the glorious victory of the Nile on 1st August, 1798, the one of silver, the other of copper bronzed.

July 13. Sir Richard Worsley, Bart., K.C., presented some books, including a manuscript said to be written by Dante, besides gems and other works of art.¹

1800.

The New Donation Book was begun this year.

IV.

1801-1900.

1801.

A LONG description of the library at this time is printed in Britton and Bailey's 'Beauties of England and Wales.'²

December 21. Richard Porson, professor of Greek, presented two editions of the Articles (London, 1571, 4^o) bought at Dr. Farmer's sale.

1802.

February 25. Mrs. Heberden presented the portrait of Conyers Middleton, formerly Protobibliothecarius.

November 16. Two thermometers of a new construction³ were presented by E. D. Clarke, M.A., afterwards librarian.

¹ Grace Book Δ, p. 379. ² London, 1801, 8^o, vol. ii, pp. 95-7.

³ See *post* 1830.

1803.

July 1. The statue of Ceres, from the Temple of Eleusis, weighing one and a half tons, was this day placed in the vestibule of the library, being the gift of Dr. E. D. Clarke and Mr. Cripps, of Jesus College, who brought it over. The pedestal was designed by Flaxman.¹ The 'column placed on the tomb of Euclid' was also presented by them at the same time.

1804.

June 11. Claudius Buchanan, vice-provost of the college established by Lord Wellesley at Fort William, presented nearly a hundred oriental books.

1805.

Basil Montagu published this year a pamphlet of 'Enquiries and Observations' respecting the library. He showed that legislation had not diminished the privileges, but that not six per cent. of the books published in London about 1803 were ever sent. He gives a list.²

March 21. The following slip is inserted in a book in the library :

College of Fortwilliam

March 21st 1805.

Accounts have been just received here that the Ship on board which was the remainder of the Oriental Works for the University of Cambridge has been captured and carried into the Mauritius. A new set shall be prepared by next Season.

C. Buchanan.

¹ 'The Cambridge Guide' (Cambridge, 1830, 8°), p. 41. The inscription for the statue was written by Porson. It is printed in his life by J. S. Watson (London, 1861, 8°), p. 257.

² Chr. Wordsworth, 'Scholae Academicæ' (1877), p. 392.

October 13. This day died Joseph Merrill, bookseller, of Cambridge. He gave £200 to the library.¹

October 25. The College of Fort William in Bengal this day presented a collection of sixty-five volumes of oriental literature, all of which had been printed in Calcutta or Serampore between the years 1798 and the current year.

The present west court was still at this time the court of King's College. Stratford Canning, afterwards Viscount Stratford de Radcliffe (1786-1880) occupied rooms, the site of which is still known, on the ground floor, immediately to the south of the west gate.²

1806.

April 18. This day the Committee for the Sufferings of the Society of Friends presented thirty-five volumes relating thereto.³

December 8. The East India Company gave three manuscripts from Tippoo Sahib's library.⁴

1807.

Professor Edward Christian this year published 'A Vindication of the Right of the Universities of Great Britain to a Copy of every new Publication.'

April 15. The Rev. J. Mainwaring, fellow of St. John's College, Lady Margaret Professor (1788-

¹ C. H. Cooper, 'Annals,' iv, 483.

² A. C. Benson, 'Fasti Etonenses (1899), p. 259.

³ The list of these is given, copied on to the fly-leaf of W. Sewel's *Geschichte* (1742, F^o) [Dd. 3. 1].

⁴ Grace Book A, 499.

1807), dying this day, bequeathed £300 to the University for the purchase of divinity books.¹

June. In the copy of Machlinia's edition of the 'Chronicles of England' at Pembroke College, Cambridge, is a note by Clement Chevallier, librarian of the college, stating that the imperfections have been supplied from Caxton's edition in the University Library.

1808.

February 15. The Christian Institution in the East presented the Synoptic Gospels in Sanskrit, and St. Matthew in Mahratta.

October 16. This day died the Rev. James Nasmith, D.D., rector of Leverington, who had made the manuscript Catalogue of MSS.²

November 16. Cesar Morgan, D.D., this day presented the Haarlem Prize Medal awarded him by Teyler's Godgeleerd Genootschap for his Dissertation in 1786, together with a copy of the work.³

T. F. Dibdin visited the library in this year. He writes:

Well do I remember the congenial hours I spent in the *closet* holding the most precious part of Bishop Moore's collection, with my friend the Rev. Mr. * * * * *, tutor of one of the colleges in the same University, at my right-hand—(himself 'greatly given to the study of books') actively engaged in promoting my views, and increasing my extracts—but withal, eyeing me sharply 'ever and

¹ Registry MS. 31. 3. 50; 31. 2. 45.

² Now MS. Nn. 6. 42-6. He is buried at Leverington, where a monument was erected by his widow. (D.N.B.)

³ 'A Demonstration, etc.' The book is handsomely bound, apparently by Bowtell.

anon'—and entertaining a laudable distrust of a keen book-hunter from a rival University! I thank my good genius that I returned, as I entered, with clean hands.¹

1809.

For a description of the library in this year see W. Gilpin's 'Observations.'

February 20. This day died Richard Gough, the antiquary. As he had been a member of Corpus Christi College in this University, it might have been anticipated that his magnificent and unique library would have come to his own University. But there is reason to believe that his career in Cambridge was not a happy one. He left without a degree.² The collection had been designed as a gift to the nation. It was offered by its owner under certain restrictions to the British Museum, and was refused. Under these circumstances, Gough left the whole to the Bodleian Library.³

July 12. Fifty volumes bought at Porson's sale were this day added to the library.

1810.

June 29. The Rev. Bailey Wallis, D.D., presented two engravings by Albrecht Dürer, 'Melencolia' and 'The Knight, Time, and Death,' still exhibited in the library.

November 1. Mr. Patterson, of Hull, this day presented a portrait of Richard Ling, chancellor of the University in 1339 and 1345.⁴

¹ 'Bibliomania' (1811), p. 419.

² D.N.B.

³ W. D. Macray, 'Annals,' 285.

⁴ Donation Book, p. 22. See a letter on the donor by B. W. Downs in MS. Add. 4251.

1811.

June 27. Dr. Wallis presented 'A Brief Genealogical Table of the House of Hanover.'¹

July 5. He also presented an alto relievo portrait of Queen Elizabeth, still exhibited.

Dr. Claudius Buchanan published his 'Two Discourses, etc.,' relating to Hebrew manuscripts in the library.²

1812.

May 22. The Hon. Shute Barrington, bishop of Durham, presented a copy of the Bible in the Arabic language, printed at Newcastle in 1811.

May 26. Louis XVIII, King of France, who had arrived at the Rose Inn on the previous day, viewed the public buildings and colleges.³

July 4. A Hebrew MS. of the Pentateuch was bought this day.⁴

November 13. The African Institution presented its report.

November 20. The Court of King's Bench this day decided an action by the University against Bryer, under the Copyright Act, 8 Anne.⁵

May 1. Maria Edgeworth wrote the following description in her letters:

We next proceeded to the University Library, not nearly so fine as the Dublin College Library. Saw Edward the Sixth's famous little MS. exercise book:

¹ MS. Add. 153.

² 'Cat. of Hebrew MSS.' p. 4.

³ C. H. Cooper, 'Annals,' iv, 502.

⁴ See 'Cat. of Hebrew MSS.' p. 4. This is probably the one of which a collation was published this year by Thomas Yeates (Camb. 1812, 4°).

⁵ C. H. Cooper, 'Annals,' iv, 504.

hand good, and ink admirable; shame to the modern chemists, who cannot make half as good ink now! Saw Faustus' first printed book and a Persian letter to Lord Wellesley, and an Indian idol, said to be made of rice, looking like, and when I lifted it feeling as heavy as, marble. Mr. Smedley smiled at my being so taken with an idol, and I told him that I was curious about this *rice-marble*, because we had lately seen at Derby a vase of similar substance, about which there had been great debates. Mr. Smedley then explained to me that the same word in Persian expresses rice and the composition of which these idols are made.

We saw the MS. written on papyrus leaves: I had seen the papyrus at the Liverpool Botanic Garden, and had wondered how the stiff book could be rolled up; and here I saw that it is not rolled up, but cut in strips and fastened with strings at each end.

In this Library were three casts, taken after death—how or why they came there I don't know, but they were very striking—one of Charles XII., with the hole in the forehead where the bullet entered at the siege of Friedericks-hall; that of Pitt, very like his statue from the life, and all the prints of him; and that of Fox, shocking! no character of greatness or ability—nothing but pain, weakness, and imbecility. It is said to be so unlike what he was in health, that none would know it.¹

Richard Duppa published anonymously 'The Case stated between the Public Libraries and the Booksellers.'²

¹ 'Life and Letters of Maria Edgeworth,' edited by A. J. C. Hare (London, 1894, 8°), vol. i, pp. 199-200. The casts, together with those of the face of Sir Isaac Newton and the Right Hon. Spencer Perceval, were afterwards presented to the Anatomical Museum by the Syndics ('Catalogue of the Anatomical Museum,' Cambridge, 1862, 8°, nos. 1264-8).

² Reprinted in 'The Pamphleteer, vol. ii, no. iv.

He also printed: 'An Address to the Parliament of Great Britain on the claim of authors to their own copyright. Third edition not published: by a member of the University of Cambridge.'¹

1814.

June 1. Ackermann's view of the East Room and Law School was this day published in London.

July. The library received a visit from Mrs. Siddons. Her daughter describes the incident:

In the public library my mother received the honour of an address from Professor Clarke, who presented her with a handsome Bible from the Stereotype Press.²

July 29. The royal assent was given to a Copyright Act.³

September 3. A. J. G. De Vay, doctor in theology, and 'Socius Sorbonicus,' presented his 'Biblia Sacra . . . exacte translata,' of which he had printed one hundred copies at his own expense.

1815.

February 9. This day died at Broxbourne the Rev. Claudius Buchanan, D.D., aged forty-eight, the generous benefactor of the library.⁴

¹ 'The Pamphleteer,' vol. ii.

² T. Campbell, 'Life of Mrs. Siddons' (2 vols. London, 1834, 8°), vol. ii, p. 353. Mrs. Siddons' visit was probably at the commencement time, 5th July, when General Blücher was entertained by the University.

³ 54 George III, c. 156, § 2. This was repealed by Stat. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 45.

⁴ The Catalogue of Oriental MSS. and Printed Books presented by him to the University is now MS. Add. 4223.

This month E. D. Clarke, LL.D., presented a collection of dresses, etc., of the Esquimaux Indians in Hudson's Bay, brought by H.M.S. 'Rosamund' in 1814. These numbered thirteen separate objects.

November 20. The Missionary Society presented a copy of the New Testament, translated into the Chinese language by R. Morrison (Canton, 1813).¹

December 6. 10s. 6d. a week to be paid for an assistant to John Marshall, the sub-curator.²

J. M. F. Wright has a humorous description of the library at this time. In summing up the possible posts to be obtained at the University he adds at the end of the list :

A Principal Librarian; to lay the books on the shelf.

A Librarian; to brush the dust off them.³

1816.

June 11. Count Ferencz Széchenyi gave books.⁴

1817.

February 13. The Rev. Edward Daniel Clarke, of Jesus College, was this day elected librarian.

June. This month the Rev. Dr. Seall, late fellow and tutor of Christ's College, presented a little Latin Vulgate of the fifteenth century.⁵

¹ Accessions Book.

² Grace Book M, p. 173 (Luard, 291). John Marshall's handwriting occurs in the Class Catalogue entries of AB 6. 1-23. See H. Bradshaw's notes on the fly-leaf of MS. Oo. 5. 44, and in the Class Catalogue entry of AB 4. 18. It is probable that the assistant here mentioned was Joseph Tollworthy. See *post* 8th April, 1818.

³ 'Alma Mater' (1827), ii, 172.

Grace Book M, p. 188.

⁵ MS. Dd. 15. 35.

1818.

March 3. Sir Egerton Brydges obtained leave to introduce his Bill to amend the Copyright Act of 54 George III.¹

April 3. Against this Bill a petition was sealed by the University.

April 8. Joseph Tollworthy to be paid 21s. and J. Bowtell 10s. 6d. a week while assisting in the library.²

This day the Senate sanctioned a Grace for a new catalogue at a cost of £500. The compiler of this was John Bowtell.³ The rate at which it was completed may be of some interest :

A, B (1 Dec. 1819), C—E (Oct. 1820), F, G (June 1821), H—K (Feb. 1822), L—N (Feb. 1823), O—Q (June 1824), R—Z (2 November 1825).³

May 6. W. Webb, vice-chancellor, gave his evidence before the Commissioners on Copyright.

September 2-5. The Duke of Sussex paid a visit to the various colleges, libraries, and other public buildings.⁴

¹ Cooper, 'Annals,' iv, 519. Mr. Macray has set out the facts relating to copyright at this period in his 'Annals.'

² Grace Book M, p. 249 (Luard, 300). See *ante* 6th December, 1815.

³ Luard, *sub annis*.

⁴ C. H. Cooper, 'Annals,' iv, 522. It was in October of this year that Macaulay came up to Trinity, and remained in residence till 1824. This would hardly be worthy of note in this place, but as late as 1834 we find him writing to his sister: 'If I had at this moment my choice of life, I would bury myself in one of those immense libraries that we saw together at the universities, and never pass a waking hour without a book before me.' ('Life,' by G. O. Trevelyan, 1881, 8°, p. 281.)

1819.

William Clark's 'Repertorium Bibliographicum' published anonymously in this year devotes eleven pages to this and other Cambridge libraries.

July 6 (Commencement Day). This day the Duke of Gloucester, chancellor, visited the library with the duchess, and the Princess Sophia Matilda of Gloucester.¹

1822.

March 9. This day died E. D. Clarke, librarian.²

March 26. This day John Lodge, M.A., of Magdalene College, was elected librarian.³

May 15. The University granted £80 to Mr. Durham to collect books for the University under the Copyright Act.

June 22. The Act of Parliament to allow an exchange of lands for the enlargement of the library this day received the royal assent.⁴

This year the British and Foreign Bible Society presented a collection of fourteen Bibles, eighteen New Testaments, and various other books, in various languages. They also made donations, in succeeding years, of a similar character.

1823.

November 26. A syndicate was appointed to consider the best method of warming the library.

1824.

Dyer's 'Privileges of the University of Cambridge' contains some account of the manuscripts.

¹ Cooper, 'Annals,' iv, 524.

² He was buried in Jesus College Chapel. (D.N.B.).

³ Luard, 'Documents,' 313.

⁴ 3 George IV, Pr. c. 17. Luard, 'Documents,' 315.

It also mentions the fact that a plan of Cambridge was at this date to be seen at the entrance to the library, and contains 'Loose Hints' upon the plan by the Rev. J. Ashby, B.D., late fellow of St. John's College.¹

May 5. This day for the office of Protobibliothecarius and librarian a fixed salary of £105 each was agreed upon in place of the fees hitherto allowed.²

July 1. A bust of the Rev. E. D. Clarke, former librarian, was this day placed in the vestibule.³

The Rev. T. F. Dibdin relates his visit to the library 'towards the end of the month of October' in company with Mr. Lodge, and states that he is 'armed with documents' to prove that the library did not at this time contain 65,000 volumes; and, further, that it was declared to have 90,000 twenty years ago.⁴

1828.

May 14. This day died the Rev. T. Kerrich, Protobibliothecarius of the University, having held the post since 1797.

May 22. This day John Lodge, M.A., librarian, was elected Protobibliothecarius.

December 3. This day a proposal to allow B.A.'s to enter the library and to take out books under certain restrictions was thrown out by the Caput.⁵

December 6. This day the Rev. John Lodge was elected to the office of sole librarian at a stipend of £210, and the office of Protobibliothecarius lapsed.

¹ Vol. ii, 117. Cf. 'Catalogue of MSS.' I, xi-xii, note.

² 'Ordinationes,' 1863. ³ Now in the Fitzwilliam Museum.

⁴ T. F. Dibdin, 'The Library Companion' (London, 1824, 8°), pp. 656-7.

⁵ Luard, 358. See 18th March, 1829.

1829.

March 18. A Grace passed the Senate allowing resident Bachelors of Arts to take out books under certain restrictions.

A visitor to the library in this year would have found, in addition to the pictures still remaining, the Ceres of Dr. Clarke, the casts by Nollekens of Pitt, Fox, and Percival, and the cast of Charles XII, seen here by Miss Edgeworth in 1812, a mummy brought from Egypt, and the canopy carried over Queen Elizabeth when she visited Cambridge¹; some designs for an intended building at Cambridge by Mr. Soane; and a design for a Bath by Mr. Humphrey.²

The Rev. John Manistre, M.A., fellow of King's College, bequeathed £5,000 for the purchase of books.³

April 3. This day the University agreed to purchase the old court of King's College, now the second court of the library, for £12,000.

May 6. A syndicate, afterwards known as 'The First Syndicate,' was appointed to consider how the new site could be 'converted to Academic use.'⁴

This year appeared 'The Book Rarities in the University of Cambridge,' by the Rev. C. Hartshorne.⁵

¹ Now in the Museum of Archæology. See C.A.S. Proc. vii. 194.

² Hartshorne's 'Book-rarities' (London, 1829, 8°), pp. 479-81.

³ 'Endowments' (1904), p. 453.

⁴ Willis and Clark, iii, 101. The history of the building is there set out and need not here be repeated.

⁵ London, 1829, 8°. On the title is a steel engraving by J. Le Keux of the original entrance gateway and eastern wall of the library, copied from Loggan. The description of the library extends to 173 pages.

1830.

The library was open at this period every day from 10 till 3, except on Saturdays, when it was open from 10 till 1, and on Saints' days from 12 till 3. The collection was then spoken of as containing 100,000 volumes. Among the curiosities considered noteworthy at the time, 'two thermometers upon a new construction, brought from Paris, exhibiting at one view the scales of Celsius, Fahrenheit, and Reaumur, are suspended in the north window of the Old Library.'¹

Four columns are devoted to the Cambridge libraries in Haenel's 'Catalogi' printed this year.²

It was probably in this year that T. F. Dibdin visited Cambridge in company with Joseph Haslewood, of whom he says, 'There was no getting him out of Bishop Moore's black-letter closet. I thought Mr. Lodge must have had recourse to "the strong man" to pull him away from the editio princeps of "The blind beggar of Bethnal Green."' ³

1833.

February 13. This day Prof. Farish proposed to introduce a Grace to abolish the oath respecting the library, and to substitute a subscription before the Registry.⁴

April 30. This day the Rev. John Lodge, principal librarian, struck off 'to be preserved for

¹ 'The Cambridge Guide' (Cambridge, 1830, 8°), pp. 41-8. See *ante* 1802.

² 'Cat. of MSS.' I, xii, note.

³ 'Reminiscences of a Literary Life' (1836), p. 419 note.

⁴ Luard, 279.

ever in the University Library' a copy of a folio sheet at the Pitt Press, recording the occasion when the Marquis Camden, chancellor of the University, handed over the key of that building to Dr. Webb, vice-chancellor.¹

1834.

April 14, 30. Dr. Lee having applied for the loan of two Wiclif MSS., the Grace was deferred till the manuscripts were exhibited.²

May. This month ninety volumes of French plays were bought at Heber's sale (from Garrick's library)³ with other purchases.

November 17. An order was passed for a bell to be placed in the library to be rung by all undergraduates and persons not members of the University before entering the library.⁴

On a brass plate on a wall in the basement under Cockerell's building is the following inscription :

In this Room Professor William Hallowes Miller constructed the new Standards of Weight to replace those which were destroyed by the burning of the Houses of Parliament, A.D. 1834.

1835.

April 2. An example of the enthusiasm for the new library is given by a meeting of members of the University, which was held at Wakefield this day, the Earl of Mexborough in the chair. An association for the purpose was formed, which was

¹ A copy of this sheet still hangs in the library. ² Luard, p. 38.

³ Sale, no. 5848.

⁴ Registry, University Papers.

to meet every Wednesday and Saturday at 12 o'clock.¹

1836.

This year Thomas Wright published 'The Tale of the Basyn' and the 'Frere and the Boy' from two manuscripts in the library.²

May 10. A Bill to repeal the Copyright Act was introduced this day.

September 29. The first stone of the new wing was laid this day by Gilbert Ainslie, D.D., master of Pembroke, vice-chancellor. The architect was C. R. Cockerell, R.A., after whose name the building is generally called. The estimated cost was £23,945.³

1838.

Richard Rowe was library keeper at this time.⁴

August 17. An auctioneer's poster is preserved describing a 'Beautiful Stone Wall' belonging to the library, 45 ft. 6 in. long by 16 ft. 6 in. high, surmounted by nine balls, to be sold by Elliot Smith and Son.

1840.

June 8. The Rev. R. J. McGhee presented a collection of anti-papal documents, in a special cabinet.

The Rev. R. W. Johnson, of Packwood, Henley-in-Arden, presented the English translation of Paleario's 'Trattato,' with the autograph of King Edward the Sixth.

¹ Registry, University Papers (1835), 40. 5.

² From MSS. Ff. 5. 48 and Ee. 4. 35.

³ See a full account, Willis and Clark, iii, 120.

⁴ Luard, 'List,' 472, etc.

1841.

In this year appeared 'The Manuscript Rarities of the University of Cambridge, By James Orchard Halliwell,'¹ formerly scholar of Jesus College. The book contains a summary catalogue of the University MSS., Dd. 1. 1—Ff. 5. 48; the second part consisting of the briefest possible notes on the college libraries.

1842.

March 11. The east room of the library was this day appropriated to the pictures and books left to the University by Viscount Fitzwilliam (died 1816), now in the Fitzwilliam Museum.²

June 22. The Rev. Thomas Halford, M.A., formerly of Jesus College, presented £2,000 towards the erection of a new wing of the library.³

July 1. The Copyright Act passed.⁴

November. The fittings of the new wing of the library were now complete.⁵

An appeal appeared in the local press at this time for an *undergraduate* reading room. 'Three fourths of the resident members of the University are excluded,' etc.⁶

1843.

October 26. This day Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort visited the library. They were received by the Syndics.

¹ Afterwards Halliwell-Phillips.

² They had been deposited in the Perse School in Free School Lane. See S. P. Widnall, 'A Gossiping Stroll' (1892), p. 49.

³ Luard, 497, 553, 624.

⁴ Revised in 1911.

⁵ Willis and Clark, iii, 121. The new building had cost over £35,000.

⁶ Registry, University Papers, 1840-3, no. 842.

'The Librarian exhibited some of the treasures, viz. the Codex Bezae, the Anglo Saxon version of the Gospels, a manuscript of Wickliff's translation of the Bible, the Pastoral Gregorii translated by Alfred the Great, Coverdale's Bible 1535, the book of Chess, 1474, and the earliest printed books at Oxford and Cambridge' &c.¹

1845.

April 9. The Rev. Joseph Power, M.A., Clare College, was elected librarian.

June 11. This day hot-water pipes for warming the library were installed.

1846.

June 29. This day John Dearle was prosecuted for stealing books. He was sentenced to seven years' transportation.

July 4. J. O. Halliwell printed the 'Romance of Syr Tryamour' for the Percy Society from MS. Ff. 2.38 this year.

1847.

May 31. W. Maskell writes a note in the Winchester Pontifical of the XII Century, which had been lent him at Broadleaze, near Devizes, to collate with the Salisbury use.²

1848.

January 7. This day appeared the 'Index to the Baker MSS. by four members of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society.'³

May. During this and the following month the

¹ 'Cambridge Chronicle,' 28th October, 1843.

² MS. Ee. 2. 3. See his 'Monumenta Ritualia Ecclesiae Anglicanae.'

³ J. J. Smith, C. C. Babington, C. W. Goodwin, and Joseph Power.

Fitzwilliam collection of books, pictures, etc., was removed from the east room.¹

1849.

October. This month the manuscripts were removed into the new (Cockerell) building. They remained there, in Class 11, until 1865.²

1851.

In the spring of this year the Pitt Press Syndicate issued their instructions for the preparation and subsequent publication of the Catalogue of MSS., the first volume of which appeared in 1856. The names of those who assisted in the production of the work are given in the preface:

1. Anglo-Saxon, Anglo-Norman, & Early English Literature Mr. C. Hardwick, St. Catherine's Hall, Editor.
2. Classics. Churchill Babington, St. John's College.
3. Heraldry. C. C. Babington, St. John's College. 4. History. W. R. Collett, Caius College. 5. Law. Prof. Abdy, Trinity Hall. 6. Music. W. W. Hutt, Caius College. 7. Science, Medicine &c. Dr. Webster, Jesus College; & J. Glover, Trinity. 8. Theology. H. R. Luard & C. B. Scott, Trinity: assisted by J. E. Cooper, St. John's College; W. W. Howard, Sidney; F. J. A. Hort, Trinity.

June. Dr. Walmisley presented the manuscript of Dr. Boyce's 'Installation Ode (June, 1749) for Voices and Orchestra.'³

1852.

October 18. The King of Prussia presented a copy of Lepsius 'Monuments of Egypt.'⁴

¹ Cooper, 'Memorials,' iii.

² See *post* 1865.

³ [Nn. 6. 38.] It had been given to Wm. Shield, the glee-writer, by a son of the composer.

⁴ Luard, 560.

The librarian appeared before the University Commissioners. The Commissioners reported, specially recommending a reading room.¹

1853.

January 21. An estimate and elevation for a reading room, by T. Smith, was received this day.²

Francis Bashforth published 'Observations on some recent University buildings together with remarks on the management of the Public Library and Pitt Press.'

The 'Catalogus Bibliothecæ Burckhardtianæ' appeared this year. It was by Theodore Preston, afterwards Lord Almoner's professor of Arabic.

1854.

February 8. The first Library Syndicate was this day appointed.

Henry Bradshaw to Oscar Heun:

It would be a charity to rescue from the dust in which it lies buried a copy of Wynkyn de Worde's 'Nova Legenda Anglie.' Fol. Lond. 1516. It by rights belongs to K* 10. 38; but it is lying (or was when I left) on the top of the bookcase next the staircase leading up to your room.³

September 19. Mr. G. C. Norling, a Swedish gentleman, presented through the Swedish and Norwegian Minister, his MS. 'Emanuel Swedenborg,'⁴ with an expressed wish 'that it may not be printed neither in original nor in translation.'

¹ Luard, 563.

² *Ib.* 565.

³ G. W. Prothero, 'Memoir of H. Bradshaw,' p. 32. ⁴ Nn. 6. 35.

1855.

November 13. This day died John Bowtell, the writer of the Old Catalogue, finished in 1826.

1856.

January 1. The first volume of the Catalogue of MSS. was issued this year.

April 7. The Collection of University Papers made by Dr. Webb (master of Clare) were purchased.

April 30. The collection of coins in the library was this day transferred to the Fitzwilliam Museum.¹

August 23. Twenty-two pictures and prints were this day transferred to the Registry.²

October 29. It was agreed to add the Divinity School, then used as a storeroom, to the library, and to provide an approach to it from the room above by an iron spiral staircase; and also to add the newspaper, music, and novel rooms.³

November 10. This day Henry Bradshaw, of King's College, was elected to fill a vacancy in the library.⁴

1858.

Vol. III of the Catalogue of MSS. was issued this year. E. Ventris, of Peterhouse, assisted in the historical and legal parts of this, G. Williams and T. Bendyshe, of King's College, in the monastic and heraldic parts.

¹ Grace Book II, p. 74.

² Registry Books (with a list).

³ Willis and Clark, iii, 121.

⁴ Prothero, 'Memoir,' 62.

February 17. Eighty-six editions of Horace, collected by M. D. Babington, of Trinity College, were purchased this day from his son, Churchill Babington.¹

October 1. In their preface, dated this day, the authors of the 'Athenæ Cantabrigienses,' C. H. and T. Cooper, pay a marked tribute to the assistance given them in the library.

1859.

In this year John Percy Baumgartner, Esq., of Milton Hall, near Cambridge, presented part of the manuscripts which subsequently bore his name. They consisted mainly of the manuscripts of Strype and Patrick, collected by Dr. Knight.² The rest were given in 1861, and the catalogue of them appeared in 1867.³

1860.

A collection of Private Acts, in 112 volumes, was purchased from Mr. W. Salt.

1861.

Vol. IV of the Catalogue of MSS. was issued this year.

The use of printed slips for the General Catalogue was introduced this year.⁴

1862.

March 28. The Rev. George Williams, B.D., senior fellow of King's College, put forward a scheme for extending the south wing of the library

¹ 'Minute Book,' ii, 145, 149.

³ 'Cat. of MSS.' vol. v.

² Luard, No. 638.

⁴ Prothero, 'Memoir,' 61.

westward, up to the limit of the ground opposite Clare Hall, with a continuation northward to join the old gateway; and for adding an additional storey to the old south building.¹

October. A paper on 'Manuscripts at Cambridge' was contributed to the second number of the 'Home and Foreign Review,' by F. A. Paley. The manuscripts noticed are all liturgical.

November 19. A duplicate of Caxton's Royal Book was this day exchanged for the 'Nova Rhetorica' of Laurentius de Saona, written in Cambridge in 1478, and printed at St. Alban's in 1480.²

December 10. The syndicate issued their report recommending the scheme for the new wing, at an estimated cost of £15,800. This was to include a second storey along the whole length of the south side of the library.³

1863.

January 28. Henry Bradshaw's letters on Simonides appeared in 'The Guardian.'⁴ In the same year he identified the Sarum Breviary of 1483 in the Bibliothèque Nationale as stolen from Cambridge.⁵

1864.

February 26. The Rev. John E. B. Mayor, M.A., St. John's College, was elected librarian.

May 21. The first stone of the new south

¹ He embodied it in a printed letter on 'University Library Extension.'

² See H. Bradshaw's letter to the Vice-Chancellor.

³ Willis and Clark, iii, 122-3.

⁴ Prothero, 'Memoir,' 95-9.

⁵ *Ib.* 101.

(Scott) wing was laid this day by the Rev. George Williams, B.D.

F. H. Scrivener's edition of the 'Codex Bezae' was published this year.

The original roof of the first room, partly concealed by a modern ceiling until this year, was opened to view.¹

The 'Catalogue of Adversaria,' prepared by Churchill Babington and H. R. Luard, was issued this year.

1865.

February 6. J. E. B. Mayor's 'Notes on the Statute and Ordinances affecting the Library,' dated this day, were issued to the Senate on 5th May.²

May 24. The Greek marbles brought by Clarke and Cripps, and the bust of Clarke, were this day removed to the Fitzwilliam Museum.³

This year the manuscripts were brought from Cockerell's building to the new Scott building.⁴

A sale of duplicates in this and the following year was superintended by C. H. Cooper and J. E. B. Mayor.

1866.

April 19. G. R. Crotch, M.A., of St. John's College, was appointed to his first post in the library.⁵

May 31. The annual grant was raised to £2,500.

¹ Willis and Clark, iii, 95.

² An additional statement by the librarian was printed this year dated 18th November. Luard, 739.

³ *Ib.* 741.

⁴ See *ante* 1849, *post* 1891.

⁵ Prothero, 'Memoir,' 90. See *post* 1874.

1867.

January 26. This day the librarian, J. E. B. Mayor, announced his resignation.¹

February 1. Vol. V of the Catalogue of MSS. was issued with preface dated this day.

March 8. This day Henry Bradshaw was elected librarian.

By this month the south-west wing was used, in the upper part, for examination purposes.²

October. For some time a discussion had been continued upon the Lambeth Library. A letter to the 'Times' of 5th October contains the case of the University as claimants for that collection. A draft case for the opinion of counsel was prepared. Archbishop Longley decided to keep up the library at his own expense.³

The sum of £100 was placed at the disposal of the librarian for the purchase of incunabula at the sale of the famous Enschedé collection, which took place at Haarlem. This was one of the first steps taken towards the formation of a 'museum of typography,' which has since become an important feature of the library.⁴

This year R. E. Lofft, Esq., of Troston Hall, near Bury St. Edmund's, gave a large number of Persian manuscripts.

1868.

In the spring of this year Bradshaw presented to the library his own collection of books printed

¹ In a fly-sheet of three pages.

² Grace, 28th March, 1867. Willis and Clark, iii, 124. It was so used for twenty years.

³ Luard, nos. 796, 802. Prothero, 'Memoir,' p. 159.

⁴ *Ib.* p. 157.

in the fifteenth century, fifty-eight in number. Shortly before this he had presented twelve folio volumes of Sanskrit works printed at Bombay.¹

November 14. A collection of 40,000 pamphlets was purchased this day from Mr. Ebenezer Palmer.²

This year Cotton Mather presented various Indian books and manuscripts.³

1869.

May. R. E. Lofft, Esq., made a further large donation of oriental manuscripts.

November. A very considerable number of incunabula of the Low Countries were purchased this month in the sale at Ghent of the De Meyer collection.⁴

1870.

February. The Syndics placed £300 at the librarian's disposal for the purchase of incunabula at the sale of the Culemann Library.⁵

March 30. On this day Bradshaw presented to the University his collection of books, pamphlets, and other printed papers relating to Ireland. It contains about 1,000 bound volumes and about 500 folio, 700 quarto, and 2,700 octavo pamphlets.⁶

This year the Rev. H. G. Williams, professor of Arabic, gave 102 volumes of Arabic and Persian manuscripts.⁷

¹ 'Prothero,' 158. Holtrop in this year makes acknowledgment of Bradshaw's help to him in his 'Monuments Typographiques,' p. 75.

² Minutes, iii, 16. ³ Minutes, iii, 23. E. G. Browne, Hand-list.

⁴ Bradshaw, 'Collected Papers,' pp. 207-36.

⁵ Prothero, 'Memoir,' 200.

⁶ Luard, 847.

⁷ MSS. Add. 746-847.

1872.

January 30. A considerable number of Low Country books of the fifteenth century were bought at the sale of G. H. M. Delprat at the Hague.¹

March 6. The sum of £425 was spent upon a collection of books formed by the Rev. R. Willis, M.D., professor of anatomy.

1873.

March 12. Mrs. George Grote presented her husband's manuscripts.²

1874.

June 16. This day died G. R. Crotch, M.A., aged 33, formerly sub-librarian.³

1875.

April 7. £150 were placed at the discretion of the librarian for the forthcoming Capron sale.⁴ A further sum was expended on books of architecture, machinery, etc., belonging to the late Prof. Willis.

May 26. This day by a new rule any undergraduate could be admitted to the library at any hour when it is open, on presenting to the librarian a recommendation from his tutor.⁵

1876.

The first volume of the Catalogue of Hebrew

¹ Cf. also *post* 1875. [MS. Add. 4307.] This included a large number of duplicates from the Royal Library at the Hague.

² [Add. 1931-3.]

³ The formation of the department of Natural History had been entrusted to him. See Prothero's 'Memoir' and the 'Entomologist's Monthly Magazine,' vol. xi, pp. 70-2 (1874). Cf. MS. Add. 5713.

⁴ See Adv. MS. 2849.

⁵ 'Cambridge University Reporter,' 1 June, 1875, Annual Report.

MSS., by S. M. Schiller-Szinessy, was published this year.

February 9. Seventy-eight Greek and oriental manuscript fragments, formerly the property of Dr. C. von Tischendorf, were purchased.¹

May 10. Several German universities, in reply to a communication from the Prussian Minister of Public Instruction, agreed to present copies of their publications, programmes, and dissertations.²

November 23. The annual grant was this day raised to £3,000.

This year the University acquired the Epistle of St. Clement to the Corinthians in Syriac.³

1877.

March 7. The books left by the late Richard Shilleto, with his annotations, were purchased.

July. The library was officially inspected by Mr. H. B. Wheatley.⁴

Twenty-six Sanscrit manuscripts were purchased, procured from Nepaul by Mr. D. Wright.⁵

1878.

May 8. Prof. Ritschl's collection of 6,000 dissertations was purchased.

October 19. Mr. H. B. Wheatley presented his second report on the state of the library.

¹ MS. Add. 1877-94.

² These were to be delivered to the University's agent at Leipzig. 'C.U.R.' 16th May, 1876.

³ MS. Add. 1700. Described by Bishop Lightfoot in his 'Clement of Rome' (1877). The manuscript was edited by R. L. Bensly and R. H. Kennett in 1399 (Cambridge).

⁴ His printed report, dated 15th October, extends to eleven quarto pages.

⁵ MSS. Add. 1682-99 and 1701-8.

1879.

This year, at the invitation of the syndicate, Mr. H. R. Tedder reported on the state of the library.

May 14. The question of a reading room having again become acute, a long report was submitted by the syndicate to the Senate.¹

1880.

Mr. H. B. Wheatley again reported to the syndicate on the state of the library.

This year, the New Divinity School having been completed, the old Divinity Lecture Room was added to the library, and a new office for the registration of books taken out and returned, was made out of the south entrance to the quadrangle.²

1881.

October 18. The report of the syndicate, made in 1879, recommending a reading room, was this day reissued.³

1882.

May 25. The annual grant of the University was this year raised to £3,500.

1883.

March 1. A copy of the Coverdale Bible (1535) with an unique title was purchased of the Rev. J. T. Fowler, M.A., of Durham.

October 1. Cecil Bendall's Catalogue of the Buddhist Sanskrit MSS. in the library was published.

¹ 'C.U.R.' 1879. This report was reissued on 18th October, 1881.

² Willis and Clark, iii, 124.

³ 'C.U.R.' 58-63. The report was discussed on 25th October (pp. 81-4). See also a letter in the 'Cambridge Review,' iii, 50-1.

1884.

Bookcases were this year added in the Arts School.¹

February 7. A Grace was passed, authorizing the removal of the statues of Kings George I by J. M. Rysbrack, and George II by Wilton, from the Senate house to the library.²

May 2. This day died at Milverton, near Leamington, the Rev. Edward Grey Hancock, M.A., formerly fellow of St. John's College. To the University he bequeathed the whole of his trust property,³ amounting to £10,482, afterwards used for erecting the new west wing, now called after his name.⁴

1885.

September 14. This day Theodor Mommsen visited and worked in the library.

December 4. E. Magnússon this day issued a description of a proposed new library, on the principle of the nautilus.

1886.

January. The fitting up of the Law School for library purposes was commenced this month, and an entrance into it was made at the foot of the staircase.⁵

The system of double-headings, on the printed slips of the catalogue, began also this year; the

¹ Willis and Clark, iii, 600.

² The former had been originally designed for the library. They were placed where they now stand, at the west end of Cockerell's building.

³ 'C.U.R.' 1885, pp. 528, 591.

⁴ *Ib.* 11th February, 1890.

⁵ Willis and Clark, iii, 602.

two columns of the catalogue were increased to three; and the Weekly Bulletin first issued.

February 10-11. This night died Henry Bradshaw, librarian. His life and work are recorded in Dr. G. W. Prothero's 'Memoir.' His liturgical and Irish collections were presented by his family; other volumes by subscribers.

February 24. William Robertson Smith, professor of Arabic, was elected librarian.

1886.

June 18. Sir Frederic Madden's collection of Ballads, in twenty-five volumes, was purchased this day.¹

October 11. Sir T. F. Wade, K.C.B., this day presented all his books relating to China, Korea, Japan, the Malay Peninsular, and any Asiatic country.²

November 25. This day the honorary office of keeper of the Chinese books was conferred upon the donor.

In this year the King of Italy presented the Turin edition of Dante, published at the time.

1887.

A volume, missing since 1846, was restored at the cost of H. M. Taylor, M.A., of Trinity College.³

June 16. The contract for the new Hancock building, at £13,685, was accepted by the Senate.

November 10. The annual grant was raised to £4,000.

¹ See 'C.U.R.' p. 843, Grace 10 note.

² 'C.U.R.' pp. 43-4. An account of the library, by Dr. H. A. Giles, appeared in the 'Cambridge Review,' November, 1902.

³ [Now Syn. 8. 54. 20 and 117.]

1888.

Dr. John Venn, fellow of Gonville and Caius College, presented his library of books on Logic, comprising more than 1,000 volumes.

The oriental books and manuscripts of the Rev. George Percy Badger, D.C.L., the Arabic scholar, were presented by his widow. The collection contains sixteen Arabic and Syriac manuscripts.¹

Pope Leo XIII presented a copy of the 'O-maggio,' published on the occasion of his jubilee.

1889.

February 19. This day the Rev. C. Taylor, D.D., Master of St. John's College, presented the sum of £400, being the amount of his stipend as vice-chancellor for the past year. This sum was expended upon the statues erected upon the new Hancock building.

October 1. W. Robertson Smith resigned the librarianship.

October 12. F. J. H. Jenkinson, M.A., fellow of Trinity College, was elected librarian.

The trustees of the British Museum, in this year transferred about 1,200 volumes of duplicates to the library.

1890.

April 21. On this day Arthur Cayley, Sadlerian Professor, presented £500 towards the new Hancock building.²

December 3. By this time the new Hancock wing had been completed, at a total cost of £16,175.³

¹ 'University Reporter,' 6th November, 1888, p. 143.

² This was expended upon the oak cases in the Manuscript Room, and the Star Room (which contains the old library of the University).

³ 'C.U.R.' p. 290.

1891.

June 4. The grant to the library was this day raised to £5,000.

This month seven manuscripts were bought from the trustees of the parish library at Brent-Eleigh, Lavenham, Suffolk.¹

This year the manuscripts were removed from the Scott building to the new Manuscript Room.²

1892.

January 21. John Couch Adams, M.A., F.R.S., Lowndean Professor of Astronomy, dying this day, bequeathed 1,500 early printed books.

February 11. This day, a volume, probably missing since 1859, was picked up on a stall in Farringdon Road, and presented by Mr. C. Higham, bookseller.

May 25. The syndicate recommended the addition of a gallery round the catalogue room, but this obvious improvement was not approved.³

June 8. The donation of fifteenth century books to the library by S. Sandars, M.A., received this day special acknowledgment on the part of the syndicate. Among them were two books printed by Caxton.⁴

December 8. About this time Professor Aufrecht of the University of Bonn commenced a catalogue of the Sanskrit manuscripts in the library. This task he was afterwards compelled by ill-health to abandon.

¹ MS. Add. 3037-43. There had been a previous sale in 1889. MS. Add. 3327 and 4077 were bought later on.

² See *ante* 1849 and 1865.

³ 'C.U.R.' p. 837.

⁴ *Ib.* p. 1050.

1894.

March 31. W. Robertson Smith, formerly librarian, dying this day, bequeathed his Syriac and Arabic manuscripts, and twenty volumes of printed books.¹

May 24. This day resident undergraduates who had passed Part I of a Tripos Examination were permitted to borrow books.

June 15. This day died Samuel Sandars, M.A., of Trinity College. He bequeathed to the University, besides a number of books and manuscripts, £500 for the exclusive purchase of early English books. He also left £2,000 to found a Readership in Bibliography, Palæography, etc.²

November 22. The oriental library of the late Prof. R. L. Bensly was this day presented by his friends as a memorial to him.³

1895.

The King of Siam presented thirty-nine volumes of the Buddhist Sacred Canon, printed in Pali with Siamese characters.

March. The representatives of the Rev. Joseph Griffith, LL.D., St. John's College, deceased, gave a collection of old volumes of English literature.⁴

December 5. The widow of Prof. R. L. Bensly presented sixty-two oriental manuscripts from her husband's library.⁵

¹ Annual Report, p. 1.

² 'C.U.R.' 27th November, p. 251. 'Cambridge Review,' xvi, 54 (8th November, 1894).

³ 'C.U.R.' 6th November, 1894, pp. 160, 251.

⁴ *Ib.* 3rd June, 1896, p. 877.

⁵ *Ib.* p. 305.

1896.

February 5. This day was published Mr. E. G. Browne's Catalogue of Persian MSS. in the University Library.

February 13. The Committee of the Memorial to the late Prof. Robertson Smith, formerly librarian, presented the sum of £335 for the purchase of oriental manuscripts.¹

March 12. Certain Singhalese and other manuscripts having been inspected by Mr. Wickremasingha, an order was sanctioned for the temporary deposit of them in the British Museum, to facilitate the preparation of a catalogue.²

June 4. The friends of the late Prof. Sir T. F. Wade offered a sum of money to be spent in making a catalogue of the Chinese library presented by him.³

June 11. The privilege of taking out books was this day extended to Advanced Students.⁴

June 18. The widening of the galleries in Cockerell's building, at a cost of £1,300, was undertaken this day.⁵

1897.

June 10. The privileges of the library were this day extended to University teachers appointed by the Special Board of Indian Civil Service Studies.

July 1. This day died Frank Chance, B.A., M.B., M.R.C.P., of Burleigh House, Sydenham Hill, a distinguished Hebrew scholar and linguist,

¹ 'C.U.R.' p. 499.² *Ib.* p. 619.³ *Ib.* p. 926.⁴ See *ante* 1894.⁵ 'C.U.R.' 1062.

one of the Old Testament Revision Company. He bequeathed 400 volumes of philology and criticism.

July 5. Mr. S. Schechter, reader in Talmudic, in a letter in the 'Times' (dated 1st July) announced the discovery of further fragments of the Hebrew original of Ecclesiasticus.

August 3. To-day Mr. Schechter described in the 'Times' his investigations and discoveries:

Mr. Schechter, through the interest and generosity of Dr. Taylor, the master of St. John's College, and two other members of the University had made a special journey during the preceding winter to Cairo, in order to investigate and, if possible, procure the contents of the 'Genizah' or burial place of superseded literature, connected with the synagogue of Old Cairo. These burial places form a distinct feature in the economy of Jewish life, and from their great antiquity cannot but contain materials of priceless and often unique interest. Mr. Schechter had been able to transport the debris, preserved in this way at Old Cairo, to England, and for some weeks had been examining his harvest in one of the rooms in the library. As already stated, he had found some fragments of the Ecclesiasticus, and he summarized his result in his published article. Furthermore, Mr. Burkitt, in examining some of the fragments, found a palimpsest of Aquila's Greek translation of the Old Testament, belonging to the sixth century.

Mr. Burkitt announced his discovery in a separate letter, also in the 'Times.'¹

¹ On the following day appeared a letter, signed 'Suum Cuique,' asserting that the mine, thus described by Mr. Schechter, had been known at Oxford for some years; making mention of Dr. Neubauer's work, and of Mr. Adler's papers of March, 1896. A brief reply to this was given by Mr. Schechter in the same journal.

August 20. Several fragments more of Ecclesiasticus came to light during this month, and to-day a leaf of Georgian manuscript, being the first in the library.

The Bahadur of Khetri visited the library this month.

1898.

January 1. The system of measuring books by centimetres was commenced this day.

February 9. This day the honorary office of keeper of the Chinese books was conferred on the new Chinese professor, Dr. H. A. Giles.

February 22. This day the electric light was first used in the library.

March 9. King Alexander of Servia presented the facsimile of the Slavonic manuscript of the Gospels in the Servian form.¹

June 8. The Rev. C. Taylor, D.D., master of St. John's, and Dr. Schechter, reader in Talmudic, offered the collection of manuscripts brought from the Genizah of Old Cairo, to the University.

September 24. This day, being Saturday, the library was further opened from 1 till 2 for the first time.

November 8. This day was published the 'Catalogue of the Wade Collection of Chinese

¹ The manuscript was written by order of the Servian prince Miroslav, in the second half of the twelfth century. It was presented to King Alexander by the monks of Mount Athos in 1895. See the 'Times,' 23rd February, 1898.

and Manchu books in the library of the University,' by Professor H. A. Giles.

This year A. C. Cole, M.A., of Trinity College, presented the Court Rolls of Forncett Manor, in Norfolk.¹

1899.

March 2. To facilitate the cataloguing and arrangement of oriental books and manuscripts the senate agreed to establish a Curatorship in Oriental Literature.

April 8. This day was published the new facsimile of the Codex Bezae, reproduced by M. Paul Dujardin, of Paris, by the heliogravure process.

During this month three leaves of a sixth century palimpsest of Augustine were discovered by Mr. A. Baldrey.²

June 14. E. G. Browne, M.A., Pembroke College, was appointed first Curator in Oriental Literature.

1900.

October 1. Mr. E. G. Browne's 'Handlist of the Muhammadan MSS.' was published this day.

November 7. Mr. Richard James Wilkinson, of the Straits Settlements Civil Service, formerly of Trinity College, presented a valuable collection of Malay manuscripts and printed books.

December. The first volume of a catalogue of Early English Printed Books appeared this month.³

¹ MS. Add. 5908-28 and Rot. 112-38.

² MS. Add. 4320 (Cairo Collection). ³ Completed in 1906.

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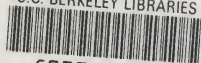
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