

THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE, CORK.

FROM the annual report just issued by the president (Dr. Sullivan) we learn that besides transactions of learned societies, scientific and literary periodicals, and similar serial publications, the library was increased during the year by more than 1,100 volumes. Of these 322 volumes were purchased, and the rest presented. The latter included Mr. Crawford's third gift of about 700 volumes. The "Crawford Library" now contains nearly 1,600 volumes, and is especially rich in the Monumenta Historica of the different nationalities of Europe. The college library, owing to the facilities afforded to scholars and students, especially since the formation of the Crawford Library, is now regarded as the public library of the South of Ireland. In order that it may fulfil this new function as well as that for which it was primarily intended, increased accommodation must be provided at once. This may be done either by building a new library or by building a new natural history museum, and converting the present museum into a students' library and public reading-room. Mr. W.H. Crawford has fulfilled his offer to give £2,750 to provide one-half the cost of enclosing and laying out the additional land recently acquired by the college as a botanic garden, of building suitable plant-houses, and making a much needed new entrance and road to the college. The new entrance bridge and road have been completed and opened to the public. The plant-houses are completed, and will be ready to receive plants in a few weeks. In connection with the plant-houses a biological laboratory adapted for chemical, histological, and other experiments on plants and animals has been built. Provision has also been made to enable a lecture-room and a suitable room for the herbarium to be hereafter attached to the plant-houses and laboratory. The ground for the new botanic garden has been levelled, improved, and laid down in grass preparatory to the formation of the beds. Considerable progress has also been made with the erection of the observatory. To complete the building, and furnish it with necessary instruments will cost about £2,500, towards which Mr. W. H. Crawford has given £1,000, and the Duke of Devonshire £500. A small tower, provided with a room for meteorological instruments has also been built. Owing to the want of funds it cannot be furnished at present. The new Materia Medica Museum has been completed, and fitted with cases, and the first instalment of a fine collection of drugs has been arranged. The new anatomical and pathological museum has also been completed.

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