

itself continue in a prosperous condition. Notwithstanding the unusual outlay of the first year incident to the removal and the consequent reorganization of the Library, the income has not fallen short of the expenses. The company has just been informed of a bequest under the Will of the late Mr. Persifor Frager, of \$1000. A bequest was also made by the late Dr. King of the large and valuable library of the late Hon. Edward King to which he had succeeded. The will of Dr. King, however, being now the subject of litigation, it is not possible at present to say whether eventually the company will ^{derive} ~~take~~ any benefit under it. The addition of the rent of the old building to the resources of the company will add largely to the usefulness of the Library, in the purchase of books and in facilitating its operations.

The Directors have thought it not inexpedient to spend a comparatively small sum in laying out the grounds attached to the Building, in grass and flowers, in such a manner as to make it an attractive and agreeable spectacle to the eyes of the public, ^{especially} not excluding those who from poverty or otherwise are unable to use its collections of books. In a large city where there are so many who never have a chance to escape from the heat and weariness of summer, those who possess large open spaces of ground, should not grudge the ~~small sum~~ ^{trifling expenditure} necessary to make them a pleasure instead of an offence. ~~to all.~~ And most of all is it due from us to whom the public has been so generous.