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library that its past has been a struggle. In fact, the library's history for the last two or three years is all that deserves mention from the standpoint of actual growth. We have every reason to expect that henceforth its strength and size will increase rapidly.

As members of the University, we look upon its present success with pride, for we know with what it has had to contend. In the report for the year ending January 5, 1891, of the Newberry Library, in Chicago, we find that this library, which is only three and one-half years old, has added an average of 17,315 volumes each year — more in one year than we have in twenty-five years. This thought fills us with a longing desire to be able to furnish the young people of Kansas with more of the rich literary treasures of the past and present, that they may not be deprived of intellectual stimulus. They now have the use of about 15,000 volumes. While this collection makes only a beginning and is much smaller than we wish, what may we not expect in the future, since we have accomplished good results in the pioneer years? Our ambition is mainly directed towards making a strong and useful support for each department in the University, especially to the optional

