

volumes, there were three hundred and forty-seven illustrated with cuts finely engraved, and colored from nature; and four thousand one hundred volumes of manuscripts, together with an infinite number of rare and curious works of every kind.

Sir Thomas Bodley gathered his library and manuscripts in the latter part of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, which formed the nucleus of the noble Bodleian Library of Oxford, since augmented by many additions to 22,000 volumes; and in many departments, these collections are unique and invaluable.

The subsequent manuscript additions to the British Museum, since the Sloane and Cotton foundation, have been very large. The collection of Robert Harley, earl of Oxford, numbered over 7,600 volumes, containing 40,000 documents; the Lansdowne Mss., consisted of 1,245 volumes; while the Hargrave, Burney, Grenville and other collections, have served to swell this great storehouse of manuscripts to magnificent proportions, enriching and elucidating every department of historic, scientific, and miscellaneous literature.

Auction sales of autographs began in London early in this century; and since about 1823, they have been quite frequent both in London and Paris.

The pioneer autograph collectors in the United States were Israel K. Tefft, of Savannah; Rev. Dr. Wm. B. Sprague, of New York, and Robert Gilmor, of Baltimore: followed by B. B. Thatcher, Hon. Mellen Chamberlain, Dr. John S. H. Fogg and Chas. P. Greenough, of Boston; Howard K. Sanderson, Lynn; Nathaniel Paine, Worcester; Maj. B. P. Poore, Newburyport; Mrs. Wm. Hathaway, New Bedford; Prof. E. H. Leffingwell, New Haven; Mrs. E. H. Allen, Providence; Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet, Col. T. B. Myers, Almon W. Griswold, Jos. W. Drexel, Hiram Hitchcock and D. McN. Stauffer, New York; Hon. Henry C. Murphy, and Gordon L. Ford, Brooklyn; Hon. H. S. Randall, Courtland Village, N. Y.; Henry C. Van Schaak, Manlius, N. Y.; Dr. Lewis Roper, Ferd. J. Dreer, Simon Gratz, Robert C. Davis, J. J. Mickley, Henry C. Baird, Charles Roberts and Geo. M. Conarro, Philadelphia; Maj.