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# *Annual Report of the Librarian*



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## *For 1962-1963*

*To The Trustees of Trinity College:*

In accordance with Section III of Article Fifteen of the Statutes of the College, I submit the Report of the Librarian for the year ending June 30, 1963.

The late Robert Frost was fond of saying "there is a book side to everything." This was his way of declaring that books are the carriers of the thoughts, aims, and aspirations of the universe past and present and that, by extension, libraries are the great repositories of the ideas and scholarship of the past and present. At the same time, in his disarmingly understated fashion, Frost was inviting the individual to put himself into the world of books and to become a scholar in the broadest sense of the term.

It is for this kind of invitation that an academic library is furnished with a continuing flow of appropriate books and other research materials and is staffed with a corps of intelligent, trained workers to help make the materials useful. It is for this purpose that a liberal arts college such as Trinity stretches its resources to provide as good a library as it possibly can. The quality of an academic institution's library has a direct relationship to the quality of the faculty it is able to attract and hold and to the quality of teaching and research the faculty is able to perform. Obviously there is a similar relationship between the quality of the faculty and its library and the nature of the academic work which a carefully chosen student body is inspired to produce.

Paul Buck, the director of the Harvard University Library, once observed that a first-rate library enables the university to adopt the teaching methods it chooses as the inevitable necessity for curricular changes occurs. This is no less true for a college of Trinity's size if it is to fulfill its share of the mission to produce well-trained leaders in all areas of endeavor.

This became quite apparent during the past year here at Trinity as we began to lay the ground work for the fuller use of the Library by upperclassmen studying under the new curriculum. Although these students were relatively few in number, the nature and variety of their requests, particularly in the humanities and the social sciences, was an alarming forecast of what can be expected before the decade of the 1960's has run its course.

In anticipation of this, we shall, at the start of the coming academic



year, occupy as a study area for seniors doing honors and thesis work under the new curriculum part of the sub-basement area now temporarily housing Connecticut Educational Television. Space will also be provided here for graduate students who are actively pursuing their master's thesis work. We plan to enter upon this new venture in an experimental fashion and to let it develop according to the needs and wishes of the students involved. We shall be providing study carrel space for between fifty and sixty seniors without making any substantial changes in the room or lighting arrangements. During the year each occupant will be asked to comment upon his experience and tell us what the *ideal* arrangement would be. Involved in this development is the matter of hours of service. We plan to operate on an honor basis and to permit occupants of this space almost unlimited freedom of access. Through a locking arrangement we shall seal off this study area from the main library after closing hours and allow the seniors and graduate students to remain at their studies as long into the night as they wish. We hope that the flexibility that we have in the library building can be combined with an understanding of current study needs and habits to produce a satisfactory *modus vivendi* for all concerned.

## THE USE OF THE LIBRARY

### *Circulation Department*

The statistics of recorded use, i.e., loans for use outside the library building, have remained practically constant in recent years. What does not show statistically is the heavy use within this open-stack library. This can be measured only indirectly, namely by the greater number of man-hours involved, mainly by student assistants, in re-shelving books and generally keeping the stacks in good array. The circulation statistics for the most recent three years follow:

	<i>Students</i>	<i>Faculty</i>	<i>Others</i>	<i>Total Stack Loans</i>	<i>Reserve Loans</i>
1960-61	33,807	5,094	1,012	39,913	25,056
1961-62	36,530	5,039	1,145	42,714	26,024
1962-63	39,256	4,243	1,385	44,884	26,077

### *Reference Department*

The Reference Librarian reported increased demands by students for advisory services during the year, primarily from seniors working on their thesis projects. It is becoming increasingly apparent that in the very near future we should have more than thirty-five hours of reference service during our library week of over eighty hours. As I have

indicated at other times, the expansion of the new curriculum is going to require additional "readers' advisers" to assist both students and faculty in their literature searches.

Interlibrary loans showed a marked decrease this year as we attempted to place a curb on requests by undergraduates and insisted that they make primary use of our abundance of research materials. An increasing number of letters of introduction to other libraries were written for those seniors who appeared to have legitimate needs for reference privileges in order to bring papers to successful conclusions. 274 books were borrowed from other libraries for our faculty and graduate students while we lent 393 to other libraries, an inexplicable drop in the latter category of over 100 per cent from the previous year.

### GROWTH OF THE COLLECTIONS

Despite continuing accretions to our book funds each year, our accessions by purchase continue about constant due to the steadily rising costs of scholarly books and periodicals. Of the total of 6,206 volumes added (as compared with 5,939 last year) approximately three-fourths were by purchase, the remainder by gift.

<i>Books added to the Library:</i>	<i>Titles</i>	<i>Volumes</i>
New titles cataloged	3,656	4,280
Replacements and added copies		253
Continuations		585
Periodicals	60	1,088
Totals	3,716	6,206
Books withdrawn		776
Books reclassified	1,061	1,352
Books recataloged	329	823
Microfilms cataloged	8	
Recordings cataloged	65	
Volumes in the Library, June 30, 1962		262,698
Additions, July 1, 1962 — June 30, 1963		6,206
		268,904
Volumes withdrawn, July 1, 1962 — June 30, 1963		-776
Total volumes in the Trinity College Library		268,128
Total volumes in Watkinson Library (estimate)		130,000
Total volumes in government document collection (estimate)		31,000
Grand Total		429,128



## GIFTS

One of the most gratifying parts of one's experience as the Librarian of the College is to be on the receiving end of a steady flow of useful gifts, large and small, all important contributions to the building of a research collection. As in years past, several thousand books were added to our collections by gifts this year. Obviously space limitations will not permit a complete listing here. As has been our practice, we list some of the most notable:

Morse S. Allen	The balance of his personal library of over 4,000 volumes of literature and literary criticism
Friends of Frank P. Bloodgood III, '50	Funds for the purchase of books in his memory
Newton C. Brainard	An early psalter (1522) and numerous art books and prints
Thomas G. Brown, '13	Memorabilia on the occasion of the 50th reunion of his class
Robert C. Black III	Canadian history books
B. Donald Burke, '36	Subscriptions to African periodicals
Richard H. Butler	Horace Walpole. <i>Anecdotes of Painting</i> . Strawberry Hill, 1762. 5 v.
Mr. & Mrs. Kimberly Cheney	<i>Bibliothèque de l'Ecole des Chartes</i> .
Francis Watkinson Cole	Funds for Watkinson Library book purchases
H. Bacon Collamore	Books on the Mayan Indians
Burt Franklin	Funds for library purchases
Henry M. Fuller, '38	Art books
G. Keith Funston, '32	Current books for the Library and Mather Hall
Karl W. Hallden, '09	Funds for the purchase of engineering books
Grom M. Hayes	Funds for the purchase of reference books
Allerton C. Hickmott, Hon. '58	Funds for Watkinson Library book purchases
Mr. & Mrs. Albert E. Holland, '34	Collection of books on the Crusades
Donald F. Hyde, Hon. '62	Funds for the purchase of books
Cyril B. Judge, '10	Collection of French literature in memory of Annie Lyman Judge
Anson T. McCook, '02	Collection of manuscripts of his father, Dr. John James McCook
Mr. & Mrs. John A. Mason, '34	Funds for the purchase of books
Mrs. Sidney T. Miller, Jr.	Collection of books printed by John Baskerville
H. D. B. B. Moore	Additions to the Moore Collection on The Far East

Robert S. Morris, '16  
George E. Nichols III  
  
Clarence I. Penn, '12  
Lloyd E. Smith, '23  
Karl Vogel  
  
Edgar F. Waterman, '98  
Jerome P. Webster, '10

Funds for the purchase of art books  
Papers of Dr. Abner Jackson, eighth  
President of Trinity College  
Recordings of poetry and drama  
Hartford imprints and other books  
Additions to his collection on the sub-  
ject of "time"  
Scrapbook relating to Trinity College  
Funds for student book collectors' con-  
test prizes and Watkinson Library en-  
dowment

## NEW BOOK FUNDS

The Class of 1929 has created a book fund to memorialize members of the class who are no longer living. Individual members of the class are presenting the Library with funds for the purchase of books in the names of specified alumni. To date six members of the class have been so remembered.

During the year several friends of the late N. A. C. Anderson, '25, presented the Library with a generous gift to create a book fund in his memory.

In what has become an annual act, the trustees of the Aaron Hollander and Simon Hollander funds again added to the book fund they founded in memory of two Hartford citizens. This fund for unrestricted book purchases has rapidly become one of our most significant book funds.

## LIBRARY ASSOCIATES

The highlight of the Library Associates' program for the year just past was unquestionably the appearance of Robert Frost on campus during October. What turned out to be one of Mr. Frost's last public appearances was arranged by the Chairman of the Associates, H. Bacon Collamore, a long-time friend of Mr. Frost and an early collector of his works. Frost spoke to an audience of over 1400 students, faculty, and friends of the Library in the Field House on the first evening and then met with students in conversation periods the following day. Along with the rest of the world, the members of the Trinity community were saddened later in the year to learn of the 88-year old poet's death but were warmed by the remembrance of a series of genial and stimulating meetings with him not long before.

Because of the impact that Mr. Frost made in his Trinity appearance,



the Library Associates invited his official biographer to speak about him at their annual meeting in April. Dr. Lawrance Thompson of Princeton selected "Robert Frost: A Search for Self" as his topic and provided his audience with an electrifying description of Frost's early family life and his struggle for recognition. We were delighted to have this return visit by Dr. Thompson, who had shared Mr. Collamore's hospitality with Mr. Frost in October.

Dr. Jerome P. Webster, '10, charter member of the Library Associates and its first chairman, again made possible the awarding of substantial prizes for the best student book collections submitted in an annual contest. First prize of \$100 was awarded to Thomas R. Knox, '63, for his collection on "Western Historiography." His entry was submitted to the national contest named for Amy Loveman, long the editor of the *Saturday Review*. Second prize of \$50 went to Dexter Cook, '65, for a collection on "Recreational Mathematics," and the third prize of \$25 was won by P. Adams Sitney, '66, for "The Nucleus of a General Library."

Major purchases with Library Associates funds included the new installments of the British Museum and National Union catalogs and other expensive sets which we otherwise would not have been able to acquire.

#### *The Officers of the Associates — 1962-1963*

Chairman	H. Bacon Collamore
Vice-Chairman	Wilmarth S. Lewis
Past Chairman	Sherman P. Haight, '11
Secretary	Donald B. Engley
Treasurer	J. Kenneth Robertson

#### *Councillors*

Dr. Norton Downs	Harold Hugo
Dr. Michael R. Campo, '48	Paul McM. Butterworth, '09

#### *Library Associates Treasurer's Report*

(April 1, 1962 — March 31, 1963)

Balance, April 1, 1962		\$6,386.41
<i>Expenditures</i>		
Books, Periodicals, Prizes	\$7,971.90	
<i>Income</i>		
Dues, Gifts, Sales of Gift		
Duplicates	\$5,714.89	
Balance, March 31, 1963		\$4,129.40



## WATKINSON LIBRARY

The use of the Watkinson Library continues to increase, particularly by students and faculty. As the recataloging project advances, more Watkinson materials become more available through the main card catalog. From this the Watkinson becomes better known. It also becomes better known to advanced students, either seniors or graduate students, as they turn to the Library for help in the selection and then the pursuit of a thesis subject.

During the year the work of reorganizing the stacks continued, although at a slower pace. This reorganization continues to uncover the need for additional funds for binding and repair work. At the same time it helps to expedite the work of recataloging by uncovering similar materials scattered over several sections of the stacks. The oiling of leather-bound books in the Trumbull-Prime Collection and others printed in the sixteenth century was virtually completed.

The recataloging project, directed by the head of the cataloging department, Miss Ives, and handled by Miss Tincovich, was continued throughout the year with funds made available by the Old Dominion Foundation. We have found it to be a much slower operation than anticipated in the planning stages due to the necessity for considerable cross checking with the Trinity collections.

In August Miss Jessie Kenny joined the Watkinson staff as a part-time assistant to the Curator. Her long experience as assistant to the headmaster of the Riverdale (N.Y.) Country School prepared her well for the task of serving our reading public and handling dozens of situations from planning exhibits to serving as a hostess at coffee hours. For the first half of the year, Mrs. Nancy Rodney also assisted in the Watkinson and served as the Librarian's secretary while Mrs. Pratt was on an extended Scandinavian vacation.

The student assistants who served the Watkinson well are listed with the complete student corps elsewhere in this report. Special mention should be made of John R. Hebel, '63, who spent four productive years under Mrs. Clarke and has now entered the employ of the New York Public Library while studying at Columbia's School of Library Service. This was the second consecutive year that the Watkinson and Mrs. Clarke had recruited an outstanding person for librarianship. During the year William I. Bunnell, '62, completed his library studies at Columbia and accepted a position at the Cornell University Library. Not to be outdone, the college library proper graduated Donald E. McCormick, '63, who has entered the same program that Hebel has undertaken.

The Watkinson Library open-house programs have become an important part of the cultural activities on the campus. As such they serve as a meeting place for students, faculty, and townspeople. Three such events were arranged during the year:

*October 9, 1962:* A panel discussion, "The Freedom to Read," with a distinguished group of participants including Anne Lyon Haight, the author of *Banned Books*; Barney Rosset, publisher of Henry Miller's *Tropic of Cancer* (Grove Press); Professor Herbert West of Dartmouth College; and Stuart Sherman, librarian of the Providence Public Library. J. Ronald Spencer, '64, was the moderator. Exhibits of Henry Miller's books and watercolors, as well as books banned over the ages, were on display.

*February 8, 1963:* A former editor of Mexican art journals, Mrs. Robert Manning, spoke on "Art in Mexico, the New Painters." Exhibits included Mexican art books from her collection, paintings of Mexico by her husband, and books on Mexican archaeology from a collection of books on the culture of Middle America given to the Watkinson Library by H. Bacon Collamore.

*May 7, 1963:* The final open house of the year heard a panel discussion on the Hartford poet, Wallace Stevens, entitled "Relations between Poetry and Painting." The panelists were Mrs. Holly Stephenson, the daughter of the poet; Professor Michel Benamou of Dartmouth College; Professor Nathan Knobler, chairman of the Art Department at the University of Connecticut; Professor Samuel French Morse of Northeastern University, a biographer of Stevens; and Samuel J. Wagstaff, Jr. of the Wadsworth Atheneum as moderator. The exhibitions for the occasion consisted of paintings owned by Mr. Stevens, books and manuscripts by him, and an extensive exhibit of symbolist poetry and prose.

## EXHIBITS

Several of the many exhibits staged during the year have been described in connection with the Watkinson Library's public events program. The complete schedule follows:

July-September	William A. Bird, '12. <i>Collection of Private Press Books English Printing, 1475-1960</i>	Mr. Engley Mrs. Stewart
October	Robert Frost <i>Why Books are Banned: an Historical Survey</i> Henry Miller, <i>A Case in Point</i> Henry Miller's <i>Watercolors</i>	Mr. Collamore Miss Kenny and Mrs. Rodney Mrs. Clarke Mrs. Clarke and Miss Kenny



November	<i>Jamaica (From the Richardson Wright, '10 Collection)</i>	Miss Kenny
December	<i>Eskimo Art (lent by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Sherman P. Haight, '10)</i> <i>Eskimo Prints</i>	Miss Kenny and Mrs. Rodney
January	<i>"Give Me Ruritania" (A Young Man's Reading)</i> <i>One Hundred Years After the Emancipation Proclamation</i>	Mr. Hickmott Mrs. Rodney
February	<i>Art in Mexico, the New Painters</i> <i>Robert F. Manning's Paintings</i> <i>Mexican Archaeology</i>	Mrs. Manning Mr. Manning Mrs. Rodney
March	<i>Red China's Image</i> <i>William Cobbett: The Controversialist of 200 Years Ago</i>	Mrs. Clarke Miss Kenny, with Mr. Dunn and Mrs. Casey
April	<i>Flora</i> <i>German Expressionism</i>  <i>Karl Kraus</i>	Miss Kenny Mr. Frese and Mr. Taylor Miss Kenny
May	<i>Wallace Stevens' Collection of Paintings</i> <i>Wallace Stevens' Letters and Manuscripts</i> <i>Symbolism in Poetry and Prose</i>	Mrs. Clarke  Mrs. Stephenson and Mrs. Clarke Mrs. Stewart and Miss Kenny
June	<i>Alumni Reading Program:</i> <i>Modern Italian Fiction;</i> <i>Problems of Economic Growth:</i> <i>USA, USSR</i> <i>Looking at Modern Art</i>	Mrs. Clarke

## STAFF

In September Mrs. Prudence B. Hinckley of Newington joined us as Circulation Assistant. It was a most fortunate appointment for us. Her experience as a school library volunteer and as a public library trustee became immediately valuable. In a very short time we found that she and Mrs. Alice Haynes had become a well-knit team at the circulation desk.

In August Ralph Sandberg of Meriden was added to the staff as our first full-time Order Assistant and served until February. At that time he was replaced by Mrs. Agnes L. Perenyi who had been a library assistant at the Hartford Hospital School of Nursing Library.

At the close of the academic year Eugen B. Eisenlohr left to become the Reference Librarian at the Newark branch of Rutgers University. In his four years at Trinity he had made a large circle of friends through his cheerful disposition and his desire to be helpful. Alvin F. Gamage, the Librarian of the Brattleboro, Vermont, Public Library,

will succeed Mr. Eisenlohr on August 1. Mr. Gamage is a graduate of the Columbia University School of Library Service and was a staff member of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore before going to Vermont.

Adolf Seibel of the full-time staff and Paul La Rocca, '62, a Cornell Law School student, supervised the Library on evenings and week-ends during the ten-week Summer Session. Donald E. McCormick, '63, served as a full-time circulation assistant during the same period.

The complete staff roster at the close of the year was as follows:

Donald B. Engley	<i>Librarian</i>
Marian M. Clarke	<i>Curator of the Watkinson Library and Chief of Reader's Services</i>
Alvin F. Gamage	<i>Reference Librarian</i>
Laura B. Schatz	<i>Order Librarian</i>
Elizabeth N. Ives	<i>Catalog Librarian</i>
Margaret A. Wright	<i>Associate Catalog Librarian</i>
Mary E. Tincovich	<i>Watkinson Catalog Librarian</i>
Adolf Seibel	<i>Serials Librarian</i>
Edith L. Pratt	<i>Secretary</i>
Donna Pawloski	<i>Serials Assistant</i>
Alice K. Haynes	<i>Circulation Assistant</i>
Prudence B. Hinckley	<i>Circulation Assistant</i>
Lerleen M. Costa	<i>Catalog Assistant</i>
Gale F. Hood	<i>Catalog Assistant</i>
Agnes L. Perenyi	<i>Order Assistant</i>
Jessie M. Kenny	<i>Watkinson Assistant</i>

As both the needs of students for financial assistance and the work load in the Library continue to grow, we are employing larger numbers of undergraduates. This year student assistants supplied close to 6500 hours of work in a large variety of assignments. Those employed were as follows:

David S. Barkley, '65	Russell M. Griffin, '65
George Bent, '66	John R. Hebel, '63
William H. Bucknell, '64	Philip K. Hopke, '65
Richard G. Carlson, '66	Peter J. Knapp, '65
Samuel C. Coale, '65	Thomas R. Knox, '63
Dexter S. Cook, '65	Robert R. Madama, '66
Richard A. DeMone, '64	Donald E. McCormick, '63
G. Barney Ellison, '65	Christopher J. McCurdy, '66



L. Alex Morrow, '66  
 Peter D. Orr, '64  
 Michael A. Schulenberg, '63  
 Alexander T. Sgoutas, '66  
 John F. Snyder, '66

C. Gilbert Storms, '64  
 David V. Wadsworth, '64  
 Alan B. Wallace, '64  
 W. Rockwell Williams, '66

## LIBRARY EXPENDITURES 1962-63

### *College Library*

Books	\$ 19,745
Periodicals	9,507
Binding	4,496
Staff Salaries	73,144
Student Assistants	6,734
Supplies	2,401
Equipment	1,223
Equipment Maintenance	457
Printing	232
Telephone	400
Postage	439
Central Services	272
Travel and Entertainment	358
Miscellaneous	307
Total	<u>\$119,738</u>

### *Watkinson Library*

Salaries and Wages	\$ 10,617
Books and Periodicals	791
Binding and Supplies	961
Total	<u>\$ 12,369</u>

Total Library Expenditures	<u>\$132,107</u>
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*Respectfully submitted,*

*Donald B. Engley*

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 Librarian