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Report of the Librarian



REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of Trinity College:

In accordance with Section Three of Article Fifteen of the Statutes of the College, I submit herewith the Report of the Librarian for the year ending June 30, 1946.

The Library has been kept open sixty-four hours per week, except during the summer, when it was not opened evenings. Because of the difficulty of securing a sufficient number of student assistants, a condition now ended, it was necessary for members of its staff to spend a larger number of hours than usual in the Reading Room.

The usual statistics in regard to attendance follow:

ATTENDANCE CLASSIFIED

1945-1946	Day	Evening	Faculty	Visitors	Total
July	694		104	12	810
August	817		92	9	918
September	715	800	143	13	1,671
October	1,757	359	182	9	2,307
November	1,184	185	146	22	1,537
December	811	173	102	18	1,104
January	1,154	201	150	23	1,528
February	1,660	422	142	18	2,242
March	1,194	232	153	22	1,601
April	1,402	391	164	14	1,971
May	1,372	215	140	4	1,731
June	929	47	124	10	1,110
Totals	13,689	3,025	1,642	174	18,530

ATTENDANCE ANNUAL SUMMARY

Year	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46
	37,972	27,763	19,979	14,470	18,530

Circumstances and conditions have been so different in these different years, and so different among different periods of the same year that few if any inferences of value may be safely drawn from them. They are presented for what they are worth; they reflect well the shifting conditions of academic life during the last five years.

During the year, there have been added to the Library 4,255 volumes, 9,595 pamphlets, 18 maps, and one print, a total of 13,869 items, as compared with 8,956 items added last year. The increase is due largely to the larger number of pamphlets received during the year from the Federal Government.

Of the volumes added to the Library, 1,523 were purchased and 1,201 given. All the pamphlets were gifts. 2,428 volumes were bound and 1,827 unbound. Included in the count of unbound

volumes are 313 volumes of unbound periodicals, most of which will be bound during the summer, as will a goodly number of the 117 unbound volumes included in the count of purchases.

The number of volumes purchased is about the same as were purchased last year, but materially smaller than the number normally purchased in pre-war years. This is due to several reasons, chief among which is the smaller amount of money available. Other causes are difficulties in importing, already somewhat lessened, increased costs of books and periodicals, and also the decreased number of books published both in the United States and England.

The income from Funds does little more than cover the cost of periodicals and of the books most urgently needed by the members of the Faculty for their courses. Then, too, a few of the Funds are restricted to certain more or less narrow fields.

The Trustees have indicated their intention of restoring to the Budget as soon as practicable the amount from general funds they were formerly accustomed to include for the purchase of books and periodicals. This is much needed both because of the need of securing books that for one reason or another we were not able to secure during the war period and because of the large number of books that will soon be published, the publication of many important works having been deferred till the return of peace and more normal conditions in the publishing business.

SOME IMPORTANT PURCHASES

Among the more important purchases of the year may be mentioned: Library of Congress Catalogue of Printed Cards, vols. 113-167 (with the exception of v. 151 which has not yet been printed); Horapollinis Hieroglyphica ed. by J. C. de Pauw; Greek Inscriptions, 1896-1927, ed. by B. D. Merritt; Latin Inscriptions, 1896-1927, ed. by A. B. West; Gunther's Early Science in Oxford, vol. 14; William of Tyre, History of Deeds Done Beyond the Sea, 2 vols.; National Cyclopaedia of American Biography, vol. 31; Studies in Philology, vols. 23-40; Sirarpie Der Nersessian, Armenia and the Byzantine; United Nations International Organization, Documents; Webster's New International Dictionary; Antologia de Poetas Hispano-Americanos, 4 vols.; Clasicos Castellanos, v. 3, v. 4, v. 6, v. 117; Breviario Grimani . . . Antonio Perini (Facsimile edition); Ferm, Encyclopaedia of Religion; Kronfeld, The Human Eye; Traditio, Studies in Ancient Thought and Religion, 3 vols.; Ashton & Gray, Chinese Art; Honey, Ceramic Art of China; Suarez, Selections From Three Works; Union List of Serials, 1st Supplement; Runes & Schrikel, Encyclopaedia of the

Arts; Barnes, Logs of the Serapis; Barnes, Fanning's Narrative; Burke, Encyclopaedia of Heraldry; Chapman, Travel Diaries of William Beckford, 2 vols.; Mozart's Letters, ed. by Lady Wallace, 2 vols.; Timbs & Gunn, Abbeys, Castles, and Ancient Halls, 3 vols.; Randall, Lincoln, the President, 2 vols.; Thackeray, Letters and Private Papers, 2 vols.; Crane, Portrait of America; De Tolnay, Sistine Ceiling; Whitaker's Five Year Cumulative Book List; Popham, Drawings of Leonardo da Vinci; Gallatin, Aubrey Beardsley; United Nations Conference, Charter, 2 vols.; Middlebrook, History of Maritime Connecticut, 2 vols.; Nicholls, History of the English Poor Law, 3 vols.; United Nations Yearbook; Shelley, Note Books, ed. H. B. Forman, 2 vols.; Brown, Critical Opinions of Samuel Johnson; Book Prices Current, 1931-1940, 10 vols.; Josephus, Complete Works, 10 vols.; W. P. A. Handbook of Military Uniforms of the Revolutionary Period; Hawkins, Scientific, Medical & Technical Books; Lanier, Works, Centennial edition, 10 vols.

The most important gift of the year is the gift of the Library of the late Charles R. Hale through the good offices of Judge Ralph Morgan Grant, Wesleyan, '92. Mr. Hale, in his will left his books to Judge Grant to dispose of as seemed best to him. We are grateful to Judge Grant for his kind thought of Trinity College and of the Library. The gift consists of some 716 volumes and 183 pamphlets. It is made up largely of lists of Civil War soldiers serving to the credit of the several States, said to be one of the most complete collections of its kind, and of books dealing with Connecticut local history, a field in which the Library is lamentably weak.

For one reason or another some other gifts call for particular mention.

Henry D. B. Moore, Esquire, added some 56 volumes to the Moore Collection of Books relating to the Far East. All the books are worthy additions, but some of them are especially valuable and important, namely, "The George Eumortopoulos Collection. Catalogue of the Chinese, Korean, and Persian Pottery and Porcelain," by R. L. Hobson, 6 volumes, and "The Imperial Museum of Tokyo Collection of Photographs of the Palace Buildings of Peking," 2 vols. The latter publication is of great historical importance in the study of Chinese Architecture, a large part of the Imperial City having been destroyed since 1906, the date of publication.

Mrs. Katherine Foote Raffey gave us a copy of the Autobiography of Arthur Foote, her father, and a bronze bust of him by Courtenay E. M. Pollock. Mr. Foote received the honorary degree of Doctor of Music from the College in 1919. The Misses

Taylor, of Hartford, gave us an interesting pamphlet, "The Annals of Harper's Ferry," containing a contemporary account of John Brown's Raid. Mr. Lewis A. Wadlow gave us several books of considerable antiquarian interest.

Newton C. Brainard, William G. Mather, '77, Lawson Purdy, '84, and Richardson Wright, '10, of the Trustees, gave us interesting volumes.

Gifts of books were received from the following Alumni:

Charles H. Baker, Jr., '16, a copy of his novel "Blood of the Lamb"; Robert S. Casey, '10, reprints of two of his technical articles; David A. Comstock, '29, an old German Bible; Thomas F. Flanagan, '12, a subscription to "Fortune"; the Rev. William Greene, '18, one of his musical compositions; Albert E. Holland, '46, Depew's "One Hundred Years of American Commerce"; Elmer M. Hunt, '06, several of his own historical pamphlets; Theodore Lockwood, '47, "Mountaineers, A History of the Tenth Mountain Division"; Quincy Bayard Morgan, '02, seven volumes and forty-six pamphlets, of his own publication; Charles R. Morris, '25, his edition of Burke's "Speech on Conciliation with America"; Clarence I. Penn, '12, one print and three maps; Richardson Wright, '10, a subscription to "House and Garden."

Gifts of books or or current periodicals or of their own publications were received from these members of the Faculty:

Arthur Adams, LeRoy Barret, Thomas H. Bissonnette, Harry T. Costello, H. M. Dadourian, Arthur Howard Hughes, Gustav A. Kleene (some sixty volumes from his library), Vernon K. Kriebel, Louis H. Naylor, James A. Notopoulos, Odell Shepard, Sterling Smith, Horace C. Swan, and William Wendell.

The Library of the Hillyer Institute gave us eleven unbound volumes of the "Connecticut Circle."

We acknowledge gratefully the gift of the Publications of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Carnegie Institute of Washington, the Smithsonian Institution, the Board of Education of the State of Connecticut, The Connecticut State Library, The Connecticut State Board of Education, The State of Connecticut, and the Government of the United States.

CATALOGUING AND STAFF

Miss Mary Moore Beale left us in May after more than five years of efficient service to take a place in the Cataloguing Department in the Teachers College of Columbia University. Miss Katherine L. Colgrove has taken over the charge of the work of cataloguing, and on the first of July, Miss Barbara Tisdale will

become a member of the Staff. Mrs. Harold Schatz is invaluable because of her long service in the Library, her industry, and her faithfulness in many things. In July, Dr. Niels Henry Sonne will come to us to have charge of the Reference work and of the Reading Room generally.

Even with these additions, the Staff is absurdly inadequate judged by the ordinary standard of requirements for a college library such as ours. The work will be heavier than ever before during the coming year, but by hard and harmonious work, we hope to come through with reasonable satisfaction on the part of all concerned.

The cataloguing work has suffered because of the necessity of the members of the Staff spending so large a part of their time in the Reading Room. With Dr. Sonne's coming and with more student help, we hope this will be less necessary.

Nevertheless, the Blake Collection is now fully catalogued and a considerable amount of work has been done on the Moore Collection.

The work of the year may be summarized as follows:

Books Catalogued	1,588
Pamphlets Catalogued	206
Books Reclassified	106
Continuations added	113
Moore Collection	220
Total	2,233
Total number of cards added	8,478

STUDENT ASSISTANTS

The Student Assistants have worked well, in general, and deserve a word of commendation. Their names are:

Jack Bird, Karl den Tex, Robert Hawkins, James Hooghkirk, Eugene Horowitz, Paul Kingston, Henry Lozier, Alfeo Marzi, Allan McDonald, Donald McKelvie, Frederick Moor, Frederick Neusner, Leo O'Connor, Richard Parsons, Donald Pierce, Loren Snyder, Peter Torrey, John Tyler, Arthur Walmsley, and Robert Weir.

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The members of the Library Committee were:

President George Keith Funston and Acting President Arthur H. Hughes, *ex officio*, Richardson Wright and Robert Barnard O'Connor, of the Trustees, and Professors Arthur Adams, James Wendell Burger, Harry T. Costello, Harold John Lockwood, Feodor Thelheimer, and Lawrence William Towle.

Meetings generally have been informal and the work has been done largely by conferences of the Librarian with the members. This has been so because the larger part of our income has been absorbed by payments for subscriptions to periodicals, the small margin being hardly sufficient to make the run-of-the-mill purchases needed by the members of the Faculty for the work of instruction.

BINDING

As always, the greater part of the appropriation for binding has been spent in caring for current periodicals. However, we have been able to bind a considerable number of other volumes. As the number of periodicals subscribed for increases, and as the wear and tear on books, incident to their use by a larger number of students increase, the expense of binding and of repairs, especially because of higher costs, increases the need. Therefore, the need of an increased appropriation for binding is obvious. It is urgently asked for.

FUNDS

No new endowment funds for the Library have been created during the year. The loss, even though it is hoped only temporary, of the appropriation made by the Trustees from the general funds at their disposal, has made us more conscious than ever of the need of new endowment funds for the purchase of books and periodicals, for binding, and for salaries. The attention of friends of the College is invited to this need. Perhaps there is no field in which a relatively small gift would be so useful.

CONCLUSION

As I have so often said in these Reports, our needs reduce themselves in the last analysis, to one need—money.

We need money for books and periodicals, for binding, for salaries, for additional members of the Staff, and above all we need money—much money—for a new Library Building. Your Librarian feels bound to say that in his opinion, money spent in the attempt to make the present building adequate will not be wisely spent. Much can be done to alleviate the present all but intolerable conditions, but nothing but a new building, taking the long view, will meet the need. This new building should be so large and so carefully planned that it will be adequate for the ever increasing needs of the College for many years to come, so far as it is possible for us to anticipate and provide for them.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR ADAMS, *Librarian.*

July 1, 1946.