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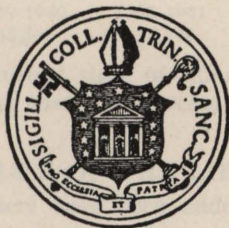
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Report  
of  
the Librarian





## 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, 1943.

The Library has been kept open eighty-seven hours per week.

The usual statistics in regard to attendance follow:

### ATTENDANCE CLASSIFIED

1942-43	Day	Evenings	Faculty	Visitors	Total
September	740	76	52	10	878
October	4,278	623	121	11	5,033
November	3,879	543	122	19	4,563
December	2,475	310	81	14	2,880
January	2,268	386	111	16	2,781
February	3,308	402	121	12	3,843
March	3,167	393	96	12	3,668
April	2,833	308	87	13	3,241
May	720	93	51	12	876
	23,668	3,134	842	119	27,763

### ATTENDANCE ANNUAL SUMMARY

Year	1938-1939	1939-1940	1940-1941	1941-1942	1942-1943
	25,379	38,561	34,694	37,972	27,763

Considering the disturbed state of things in our college world, it is somewhat surprising that the decrease in its attendance is not greater than it was.

### INCREASE OF THE LIBRARY

During the year, there have been added to the Library 4130 volumes, 9474 pamphlets, 24 maps, 20 manuscripts, and 2 prints, a total of 13,648 items. Of these 1426 volumes were purchased; 62 were acquired by exchange, and all of the pamphlets, maps, and prints were presented. Included in the purchases, are 287 volumes of unbound periodicals. Of the volumes added to the Library, 2829 are bound and 1301 unbound. Most of the periodicals and a considerable number of other unbound volumes will be bound during the summer.

The decrease in the number of volumes purchased is due largely to difficulties in importing, but partly to a feeling that it may be well to conserve income in these days of uncertainty and of lowered income from investments. Among the more important purchases of the year may be mentioned: Dryden, Dramatic Works, Nonesuch

ed., 6 vols.; Browne, Works; ed. by G. Keynes, 6 vols.; Beilstein's Handbuch der Organischen Chemie, 2 Supp., vol. I; Kidd, History of the Church, 3 vols.; Balderston, ed., Thraliana, 2 vols.; Edgeworth, F. Y. Papers relating to Political Economy, 3 vols.; Universal Jewish Encyclopedia, 8 vols.; Sterne, Work, Shakespeare Head, Large Paper ed., 7 vols.; Spurgeon's Autobiography, 4 vols.; Roger's Industrial Chemistry, 2 vols.; Thompson, History of Historical Writing, 2 vols., Archives of Maryland, 58 vols.; Gilman, Organic Chemistry, 2d ed., 2 vols.; Edwards, Jonathan, Works, 10 vols.; Wright, Study of War, 2 vols.; Catalog of Books Represented by Library of Congress Cards, 36 vols.; Corpus Vasorum Antiquorum, U. S. A. fascicules, 8 vols.; Oxyrhynchus Papyri, vols. XIV-XVIII.

### GIFTS

There have been fewer large and important gifts this year than in other recent years. Nevertheless, as always, many interesting, useful, and even valuable books have come to us through our friends. Indeed, it should be remembered that the larger and more valuable part of our books has been acquired in this way.

Hugh M. Alcorn, Sr. Esquire, gave us 107 books from his Law library; the American Historical Company, Inc., gave us 4 volumes of the American Encyclopedia of Biography; Newton C. Brainard, Esq., gave us in continuation of former gifts, Volume 28 of the Journal of Egyptian Archaeology; Allan R. Brown, Esq., added 2 volumes and 2 pamphlets to the Blake Collection; the Harvard College Department of Archives gave us twenty letters written by John Francis Heath, of the Class of 1839, written while he was in college; William Joseph, Esquire, of New York, through the good offices of Dr. George Cohen, '11, and Bernard Finkelstein, of Hartford, gave us a set of New York Law Reports, consisting of some 600 volumes; Mrs. Millard F. Manning gave us 9 reprints of articles by her late husband, Dr. Millard F. Manning, '28; Henry D. B. More, Esquire, added 73 volumes, 3 pamphlets, and 24 maps to the Moore Collection; W. E. Souhle, Esquire, of Newington, gave us some 225 volumes in the field of Modern Languages; Miss Amy L. Steiner gave us 54 reprints of the writings of her brother, Dr. Walter R. Steiner, '31 (honorary); Miss Mabel W. Wainwright and Philip S. Wainwright gave us some 50 unusually interesting volumes, some of them of considerable association interest; and Mrs. William Wyatt gave us some 35 useful volumes.

Gifts were received from George Feehan, '43, Thomas Horty, '45, The Rev. Dr. William A. Beardsley, '87, the Hon. Joseph Buffington, '75, Dr. Ernest Caulfield, '16, Warren A. Hough, '24, Richard B. Pascall, '35, Dr. Lawson Purdy, '84, William B. Van Wyck, '41, Charles G. Woodward, '98, and Richardson Wright, '10.

Gifts were received from these members of the Faculty: President Remsen B. Ogilby, Arthur Adams, William O. Aydelotte, LeRoy C. Barret, Archie R. Bangs, Thomas H. Bissonnette, Harry T. Costello, H. M. Dadourian, Hughes O. Gibbons, William C. Helmbold, Arthur H. Hughes, Gustav A. Kleene, Louis H. Naylor, James A. Notopoulos, Sterling B. Smith, Dr. Horace C. Swan, John C. E. Taylor, Feodor Theilheimer, Hans Werner Weigert, and William G. Wendell.

We acknowledge gratefully the gifts of the Publications of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Carnegie Institution of Washington, the Smithsonian Institution, the State of Connecticut, and the Government of the United States.

### CATALOGUING

Miss Mary Moore Beale, Mrs. Harold Schatz, and Miss Barbara Pearson, with some help from Mr. Gibbons, worked hard and efficiently to carry on the work of cataloguing. The current work has been kept well up-to-date, and considerable progress has been made in cataloguing the Moore Collection. However, the staff is too small by any reasonable standard, and the loss of Miss Pearson and of Mr. Gibbons has brought about a serious situation. This will be corrected as far as possible by new appointments, but even so, the work has been seriously disrupted since spring began. Till more help is secured it will be all but impossible to keep up with current work, and quite impossible to continue the work on the Moore and other Collections.

The work of the year may be thus summarized:

Books catalogued . . . . .	1,782
Pamphlets catalogued . . . . .	30
Books reclassified . . . . .	607
Books recatalogued . . . . .	5
Continuations added . . . . .	72
Periodicals catalogued . . . . .	62
Moore Collection . . . . .	79
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Total of items handled . . . . .	2,637

Reviewing the work of the last twenty-seven and one-half years, we have the following figures:

Books catalogued . . . . .	75,552
Pamphlets catalogued . . . . .	5,206
Books recatalogued . . . . .	32,125
Pamphlets recatalogued . . . . .	1,088
Books reclassified . . . . .	41,504
Pamphlets reclassified . . . . .	1,172
Continuations added . . . . .	169
Periodicals catalogued . . . . .	100

Moore Collection . . . . .	907
Moore Collection maps . . . . .	56
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Total . . . . .	157,879
New cards added to the catalogue . . . . .	224,369

### FUNDS

No new endowed Funds have been created during the year. Because of the decrease in the rate of interest, new endowment is urgently needed, especially, perhaps, for History, Biology, Physics, and the modern languages. The attention of friends of the college who may be interested in the Library generally or in any special field, is invited to this need.

### THE STAFF

This year has seen more changes in the Staff than for a considerable time. Fortunately Mrs. Harold Schatz and Miss Mary Moore Beale are still with us. They are competent, industrious, and energetic. Miss Barbara Pearson who had been with us a year and who promised to develop the same admirable qualities, left us to take a place in the Underwater Sound Laboratory at Harvard. Mr. Hughes Oliphant Gibbons, who had been with us some four years as Reference Assistant and Superintendent of the Reading Room, left to take a place in Government service in Washington, for which his knowledge of Arabic fitted him. He is greatly missed, and it will be difficult, probably impossible, to fill his place exactly at the present time.

The student assistants received their compensation largely through the National Youth Administration of the W. P. A. of the Federal Government. They have been of great help; on the whole they did their work well. Generally, they have been interested and dependable.

### THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The faculty members of the Library Committee were: President Remsen B. Ogilby, *ex-officio*, Professor Thurman Losson Hood, Chairman, Professors Thomas Hume Bissonnette, Louis Hastings Naylor, Edward DeLos Myers, James Anastasios Notopoulos, William Osgood Aydelotte, and the Librarian, Arthur Adams, Secretary.

The Committee carefully considered the lists of books recommended for purchase sent to the members in advance. The special knowledge of the several members of the Committee in their special fields has been most helpful. We shall welcome Professor Costello's

reappointment as a member with much pleasure. Though not a member this past year, he has been most helpful.

The regularity of attendance, the interest, and the unfailing helpfulness of President Ogilby are much appreciated by all of the members of the Committee and not least by your Librarian.

### NEEDS

As always, the needs of the Library may be summed up in one word, namely, money. The need for a new building becomes yearly more obvious. The present building is inadequate from every point of view. We lack proper and convenient working quarters. Our stacks and our shelves are crowded to capacity. We, literally, do not know where to house and shelve the books so generously bestowed on us. No alterations or additions can make the present building satisfactory; so money spent on it would be money wasted. Doubtless, the present time is not propitious for an effort to secure money for the new building we must have, but the dire need should be realized, and the needs of the Library for long years to come anticipated and plans to meet them be considered and matured.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ARTHUR ADAMS, *Librarian.*