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A Report by the Librarian

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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 the Report of the Librarian for the year ending June 30, 1953.

THE NEW LIBRARY BUILDING

The end of the report year 1952-53 brought with it the completion of our first academic year in the new building. It is safe to say that students, faculty, and staff found the new quarters completely satisfactory in every respect. The eagerness and anticipation with which everyone awaited the Library's opening in September were amply rewarded by the comfort and convenience that it provided. From all sides the Library staff has heard nothing but expressions of pleasure, even of surprise that a building of this size and type could be so spacious and informal, and yet so well-suited to its purpose. It is a credit to the donors, the Board, and particularly G. Keith Funston, all of whom had the vision, and to the architect and builder who possessed the creative ability and skill to bring it into being. The college community is deeply grateful to everyone who helped to make this most indispensable part of academic life a reality. How significant and effective the new Library has been in its first year this report will endeavor to transmit to you. But first an account of how the Trinity and Watkinson Libraries, totalling 355,000 volumes, in addition to all their files and other equipment, were moved during the summer of 1952 is in order.

THE MOVING OF THE TRINITY AND WATKINSON LIBRARIES

The moving of the Trinity College Library from Williams Memorial began on June 16, the day after Commencement, and continued for five weeks through July 18 to its completion. It was preceded by months of planning on the part of the library staff so that when the moving date arrived everything could be transferred as rapidly and yet as carefully

as possible. To mention but one of the planning tasks, every foot of the book collection was measured and assigned to new locations on blueprints of the new book stacks. Signs were made for each new stack compartment to indicate the first book which was to be shelved in that compartment. Steps such as this one saved countless hours and headaches during the moving.

During the Spring months the Hartford Despatch and Warehouse Company surveyed our moving task with us and were engaged to handle the transportation of the books between the old library and the new, and from the Watkinson downtown to the new building. A portable, exterior elevator was rented, since neither of the old buildings contained a lift, and was erected first at the north end of the Williams stacks.

Twelve Trinity students were hired through the College Placement Office to assist in the cleaning, packing, and unpacking of the books, and several of them reported for duty on the Friday before the start of the move to prepare the first loads for the mover. The success of the entire operation was in no small measure due to the diligence and enthusiasm with which these twelve men and Warren Lange, '53, who substituted for a two-week period, carried out their responsibilities in the handling of close to ten miles of books and associated library material. The names of this work crew were as follows:

Marland L. Berdick, '53	Manuel J. Soares, '53
Ronald H. Kent, '55	Thomas K. Sugihara, '55
Arthur W. Raybold, '53	Ward D. Swain, '53
Wayne A. Schoyer, '54	Alden G. Valentine, '55
Morton L. Shechtman, '54	Benneville Wilmot, '52
Ignazio Sinaguglia, '52	Stuart C. Woodruff, '53

The task of moving the 225,000 volumes in the Trinity Library consumed a total of twenty-one working days, for an average of better than 10,000 volumes transferred per day. The remaining three days of the last week were spent in bringing in the card catalog, which had been carefully prepared for transfer from its 310 trays to 720 new ones by the Catalogue Department, and the other furniture and equipment. Each truckload during both the Trinity and Watkinson moves was to average a total of 1200 books in 36 cartons, or an average of 333 in each carton, usually two rows of books in the 24" carton, or four feet of books. This compares closely to the usual rule of thumb of eight books to a foot. By July 18 the Trinity College Library was under its new roof and the staff was preparing to take care of the needs of the Summer School students in the new quarters.

June 16 was the first and by all odds the most important day of the move. It was the acid test for the plans we had made months ahead. It was also the chance to observe and rapidly adjust our operations as they went into effect. The most important change made early the first day was

to triple the number of dollies in use and to leave them under the two boxes each dolly carried, all the way from the elevator at the old building to the shelves of the new building. This meant that while fewer boxes were carried in each truckload the truck could load and unload faster and make more trips per day. In addition, and just as important, it decreased several fold the handling and lifting of each box. The first day also brought the chance to observe the successful results of decisions made early in the planning and often contrary to the literature of library moving. One such item was the question of box size. The choice of a 24" box of cardboard, collapsible and expendable, instead of the almost universally recommended 36" wooden box saved untold hours in handling, not only because of the decrease in weight but also because of the maneuverability of the cardboard box in the narrow stack aisles.

The moving of the Watkinson Library started on schedule on July 28. This starting date made it possible for the student work crew to have a week's much-needed rest and vacation and gave us time to dismantle and re-erect the portable elevator at the Watkinson site. It also provided the time necessary for the carpenters to build the ramps and platforms required in a Victorian building of high ceilings and narrow balconies, as well as to install portable flood lights to replace the antiquated lighting system condemned by the Hartford Fire Department two years earlier and removed at their order. Further, the week permitted the builder that much more time to re-erect a quantity of our old book stacks so that Watkinson books could be placed on them.

The only deterrent to the Watkinson move, outside of the consistently hot and humid weather, and the only contingency not scouted in advance, turned out to be the re-paving of Hartford's Main Street in the month of August. Since the mover's trucks had to traverse part of this street and to cross it each time, the regularity of each trip, which was a feature of the first phase of the moving, was lost. However, this was overcome to some extent by moving the student workers around with the loads when it was necessary either to speed the packing at the Watkinson end or to break a log-jam of packed boxes at the new-building end of the line. At the end of three weeks' time, or fifteen working days, the 130,000 volumes of the Watkinson Library had been transferred to Trinity. Between 8,500 and 9,000 books had been moved per day, compared to just over 10,000 volumes per day during the shorter haul from Williams Memorial. The last two weeks of August were used to arrange furniture and files, and to straighten the collections on the shelves. By August 29 the two libraries were settled into their new quarters and ready for the opening of the college year in September.

For the sake of the record, a cost accounting of the move should be provided here. A sum of \$15,000 had been budgeted for the task. It proved to be a close estimate, for the major expenses assigned to this account were as follows:

Student payroll		\$5003.18
Hartford Despatch & Warehouse Co.		7003.27
Elevator rental and operation		2243.26
Miscellaneous		
Telephone service	42.00	
Supplies, tape, etc.	26.08	
	68.08	
		68.08
Total		\$14,317.79

In closing this report on the transfer of the libraries in the summer of 1952, I wish to thank the staff of both libraries for their cooperation during a difficult time and to pay tribute particularly to George Adams, Reference Librarian, who was in charge of the packing both in Williams Memorial and at the Watkinson. He displayed great patience and fortitude at the important but unexciting end of the operation.

LIBRARY DEDICATION

November 7 and 8 brought the dedication of the Library, the high point of a very successful Homecoming week-end. On Friday evening, November 7th, the Library Associates gathered for an inspection of the building, followed by an address by Mr. James T. Babb, Librarian of Yale University and Watkinson trustee, on "The Place of Rare Books in the College Library."

On the following morning at eleven the dedication ceremony took place in the Library Courtyard. The six or seven hundred who braved the cold weather were treated to an inspiring address on the role of the library in the liberal arts college by President Charles W. Cole of Amherst College. Other highlights of the day included the presentation of a gold key to the building to Mr. Paul Mellon, whose Old Dominion Foundation played the principal part in making the new building possible, the presence of President-elect Albert C. Jacobs on the dedication platform, the presentation on loan of a portrait of James Hammond Trumbull, the first Watkinson Librarian, by Mr. James Brewster, '08, for the State Library, and the dedication of the Archives of the Diocese of Connecticut, now housed in the Trinity Library, by the Rt. Reverend Walter S. Gray, Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut.

NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE LIBRARIANS' MEETING

Another highlight of the library year was the presence of 160 college librarians from 75 New England colleges on our campus for the week-end of May 1 and 2. The group's annual meeting was held here this year so that the member librarians could see our new building. The sessions were instructive and rewarding and the majority of those in attendance seemed to place its stamp of approval on the building.

CIRCULATION STATISTICS

The circulation statistics recorded below show only a moderate increase in the use of the Library by students and faculty. It should be recognized, however, that the record of books taken from it can only be a partial index to the amount and kind of use that is being made of a library. More important than the circulation figures, perhaps, are the counts of library attendance which were taken hourly during the past academic year. Many have been the occasions where over two hundred have been making use of the Library at one time, three times the total that the old Library could accommodate. We are certain that the long library hours, 84 per week, the comfortable accommodations, and the crowded, noisy conditions prevalent in the dormitories have encouraged a large and unmeasurable amount of study and reading within the confines of the new building. Certainly this has been reflected in the increased demands upon the circulation and reference staff for assistance and the time that the student shelvees have had to spend in returning books to their proper places on the shelves.

Attention should be called to the upswing in the use of the Library by outsiders recorded as *Others* below. Faculty from other schools, students from these institutions with bona fide requests from their teachers, and townspeople have found their way to the new building, partly out of curiosity but also out of a realization that for the first time the resources of the Trinity Library are really accessible.

In explanation of the apparent drop in *Reserve* use, it should be noted here that the figure does not include the use of books placed on Open Reserve when used in the building. (Users take these books from the shelves themselves.) Since at least half of the books placed on the Reserve shelves this past year were in the "open" category, this figure is understandably lower than the actual use of Reserve books.

CIRCULATION 1952-53

	Students	Faculty	Others	Reserve
July	179	42	33	645
August	124	69	55	486
September	600	154	83	606
October	1437	233	117	1145
November	1644	200	163	1084
December	1807	200	141	1021
January	1571	270	160	939
February	1693	525	226	922
March	1088	481	163	919
April	1902	394	269	851
May	1963	284	202	729
June	86	177	93	9
TOTAL	14094	3029	1705	9356

CIRCULATION STATISTICS 1949-1952

	Students	Faculty	Others	Reserve
1951-52	12021	2945	1160	14187
1950-51	12053	1876	*	14674
1949-50	12883	2370	*	17837

(*counted with Faculty)

IMPORTANT PURCHASES

Despite a modest increase in our allowance for books this year we have been unable to show any gain in total number of books accessioned, largely due to the fact that books remain expensive and continue to increase in cost, particularly the scholarly and scientific books which inevitably we must purchase. Some of the more notable acquisitions by purchase follow:

- Aller, Laurence H. Astrophysics.
- Arnold, Matthew. The notebooks of . . .
- Baker, Blanch M. Theatre and allied arts.
- Baldwin, Leland D. The stream of American history. 2 vols.
- Balz, Albert G. A. Descartes and the modern mind.
- Baroja y Nessi, Pio. Obras completas. 8 vols.
- Benavente y Martinez, Jacinto. Obras completas. 8 vols.
- Bentham, Jeremy. Economic writings. 3 vols.
- Blasco Ibanez, Vicente. Obras completas. 3 vols.
- Blatt, John M. Theoretical nuclear physics.
- Bliss, Henry E. Bibliographic classification. Vols. 2-4.
- Brandt, Conrad. Documentary history of Chinese communism.
- Buckland, William W. Roman law and common law. 2nd ed.
- Wrong, G. M. [ed.] Chronicles of Canada. 32 vols.
- Pharr, Clyde [ed.] The Theodosian code.
- Rich, Daniel C. [ed.] Degas.
- Dorsey, Stephen P. Early English churches in America.
- Dudden, F. Homer. Henry Fielding. 2 vols.
- Egbert, Donald D. [ed.] Socialism and American life.
- Erasmus, Desiderius. Opus epistolaram 11 vols.
- Ewen, David. Complete book of 20th century music.
- Fink, Donald G. Television engineering.
- Ford, Alice. Edward Hicks: Painter of the peacable kingdom.
- Fortescue, Sir John W. History of the British Army. 20 vols.
- Garcia Lorca, Federico. Obras completas. 7 vols.
- Giedion-Welcker, Carola. Paul Klee.
- Gilson, Etienne. Jean Duns Scotus.
- Glasstone, Samuel. Sourcebook on atomic energy.
- Granger, Edith [ed.] Index to poetry. 4th ed.
- Griffin, James B. [ed.] Archaeology of the Eastern United States.
- Haddow, A. [ed.] Biological hazards of atomic energy.
- Hitti, Philip K. History of the Arabs.
- International Congress of Philosophy. Proceedings. 13 vols.

- Johnson, Samuel. The letters of 3 vols.
 Kooy, J. M. J. Ballistics of the future.
 Lassaigue, Jacques. [ed.] History of Spanish painting. 2 vols.
 The Library. [Transactions of the Bibliographical Society
 (London).] 5 vols.
 McCracken, Harold. Portrait of the Old West.
 Reintjes, J. Francis. Principles of radar.
 Maugham, W. Somerset. Complete short stories. 2 vols.
 Mays, David John. Edmund Pendleton, 1721-1803. 2 vols.
 Meiss, Millard. Painting in Florence and Siena.
 Morrison, Hugh. Early American architecture.
 Pennak, Robert W. Fresh-water invertebrates of the United States.
 Preston, Kerrison [ed.] The Blake collection of W. Graham
 Robertson.
 Previte-Orton, Charles W. The shorter Cambridge medieval
 history. 2 vols.
 Ricardo, David. The works and correspondence of 9 vols.
 Sarton, George. A history of science: ancient science through the
 golden age of Greece.
 Strong, George Templeton. Diary. 4 vols.
 Tinbergen, Nikolas. The study of instinct.
 Vasiliev, Alexander A. History of the Byzantine empire. 2nd ed.
 Verlaine, Paul. Oeuvres complètes. 8 vols.
 Zucrow, M. J. Principles of jet propulsion.

GIFTS

Each year finds the College's library resources increased considerably by the generosity of our many friends. This year was no exception, particularly in light of the fact that the attention of everyone was focussed upon our entry into the new building. Space does not permit the recording here of each gift, unfortunately, but only a very few of the most noteworthy.

Mr. Albert E. Holland, '34, has established a fund of \$300 per year, effective in 1953, to purchase books to be added to his collection of modern British poetry previously turned over to the Library. The collection has been named the Paul and Marie Reif Collection in honor of two very close friends. This gift will enable the Library to acquire a hundred or more books each year which it would be unable to otherwise and in a flourishing area that is extremely useful in the teaching program of the College.

The Moore Collection of books on the Far East continues to grow, thanks to Mr. Henry D. B. B. Moore, Hon. '48. This year he has added personally 128 items as well as made possible the gift to the Collection from the Japanese Ambassador, The Honorable Eikichi Araki, of six

volumes, and seventeen volumes from Miss Mabel L. Hyde. As the Moore Collection continues to grow, the wisdom and desirability of a course in the culture of the Orient becomes increasingly apparent. The Library staff has undertaken recently the checking of Far Eastern bibliographies as a first step in the evaluation of the collection. The first results reveal that we possess an extremely high percentage of works appearing on the standard lists. It is my hope that we can take advantage of these remarkable resources in the near future by offering an elective course on the Far East.

An indication of the increased interest in the Library on the part of the faculty can be noted in the fact that thirty-nine members of the teaching staff made contributions of books and journals to the Library during the past year as compared with twenty-three in the previous year. Included in this group were the names of three of our emeritus professors, Adams, Humphrey, and Perkins. By far the most substantial gift by a faculty member came from Dr. Harry T. Costello, Brownell Professor of Philosophy, who during the year contributed \$600 for the purchase of books in his field. Recognizing that the cost of books is continuing to spiral, and that the Library has been unable to keep up with demands made upon it for important current books, let alone back publications, he made this gift to insure that certain key publications in the field of philosophy could be added to the Trinity Library. We are extremely grateful to him for this large measure of generosity and interest in the welfare of the Library.

Mr. Newton C. Brainard, Hon. '46, Chairman of the Trinity Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Board of Connecticut Printers, Inc., has given us twenty-four titles on the history of printing and binding to add to our notable Watkinson collection in this area. Included are the following:

Oldham, J. Basil. English Blind-Stamped Bindings. Cambridge, 1952.

Thomas, Isaiah. The History of Printing in America. 2v. Worcester, 1810.

Wroth, Lawrence C. A History of Printing in Colonial Maryland. Typothetae of Baltimore, 1922.

Van Winkle, C. S. The Printer's Guide. New York, 1818.

Our alumni can be counted upon each year to remember us well. This past year the following were recorded as having presented the Library with books or other materials: Alfred K. Birch, '25, Hollis S. Candee, '09, Thomas F. Flanagan, '12, Sherman O. Haight, '11, Sherman P. Haight, '11, Rev. Howard S. Hane, '47, Albert E. Holland, '34, Arthur A. Lavine, '48, John A. Mason, '34, Arnold H. Moses, Jr., '28, Theodore A. Peck, '15, Clarence I. Penn, '12, Lawson Purdy, '84, Benjamin Silverberg, '19, Dr. Jerome P. Webster, '10, Herbert V. White, Jr., '52, and Richardson Wright, '10.

Each year Clarence Penn's name can be found on the above list. This year he has perceived the importance of the recorded word to the Library by making gifts of Long-Play phonograph records of the voices of Robert Frost and T. S. Eliot reading their own works. The value of such records as supplements to the printed word can not be over-estimated. It is our hope that alumni and friends will continue to make this type of material available to us.

Dr. Jerome P. Webster, '10, trustee, and chairman of the Associates, this year has made a most distinguished gift. It is the English edition of *Oriental Carpets* published by the Imperial and Royal Austrian Commercial Museum in Vienna in 1892. One of only 400 copies printed, in two folio volumes, it is a complete history of carpet making from the earliest times to 1800. It includes over 150 color plates, illustrating some of the finest patterns and workmanship.

Sherman P. Haight, '11, has remembered us with a collection of over sixty items, including several first editions, from his own extensive collection. Among them are George Eliot's *Adam Bede*, Thackeray's *Pendennis*, and Dickens' *Little Dorrit* and *Dombey and Son*.

Members of the Trinity Library Associates, devoted to the improvement and development of the College and the Watkinson Libraries, have rendered real support during this past year. An account of the activities of the group appears below. Associates in addition to the above-mentioned alumni have this year individually made notable donations to both Libraries. Wilmarth S. Lewis, Hon. '50, has presented the Watkinson with the following: *The Journal of the House of Commons. 1547-1651, 1801-1806*, and *The History of the Jews* by M. Basnage, printed in London in 1708, as well as over one hundred English imprints of the period 1751-1800.

Clifton W. Barrett of the Associates presented us with the much-needed *Columbia-Lippincott Gazeteer* for our Reference collection, while Stuart W. Jackson, grandson of Augustus Jackson, '60, and long-time friend of the Trinity Library turned over a large collection of bibliographical material during the year.

Other libraries and institutions continue to favor us with their publications, either as gifts or on an exchange basis. To name one outstanding gift in this category, the Yale University Library, through its Librarian James T. Babb, trustee of the Watkinson and Associate, presented us with *The Catalogue of Mss. in the Collection of Western Americana Founded by William Robertson Coe* and Edward Eberstadt's *The William Robertson Coe Collection of Western Americana*.

Wallace Stevens, Bollingen Prize poet and Hartford resident, kindly allowed us to borrow several volumes of his poetry in their handsome full-leather bindings for exhibition at the time of the New England College

Librarians' meeting here in May. At the same time he presented us with five first editions of his own work which we are taking the opportunity to use as a nucleus of a collection of the works of this distinguished local writer.

Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, Hon. '53, receiving an honorary degree from the College upon the completion of 30 years' service to his church and the community, presented the Library with two very rare Martin Luther items. These have been added to the already strong Luther collection in the Watkinson.

Two members of the library staff, Charlotte Leonard and George W. Adams, gave books during the year which were useful additions to our collections. Last mentioned, but far from least in importance in our estimation, were the gifts of three students, G. R. Kramer, '56, F. W. Pattison, '53, and D. W. Penfield, '55. Mr. Pattison presented us with a very beautiful page from an illuminated manuscript to accompany our several 15th century manuscripts now on display in the Trumbull Room.

CATALOGUING

The work of cataloguing again included a considerable amount of reclassification. The Reading Course collection, now shelved in the George N. Hamlin Reading Room on the main floor, was re-classed from its old Cutter classification to the Dewey system to conform with the remainder of the Library. This work accounted for well over 1000 of the titles recorded below as re-classed. The books withdrawn this past year are largely the result of the weeding of out-of-date, obsolete text-book material from the Chemistry Department's library in its building. The work of changing and modernizing the subject headings, aimed at standardizing usage and better serving the needs of our readers, was carried on as time permitted. As revealed below approximately 4,166 headings were revised during the year.

	Titles	Volumes
<i>Books added to library:</i>		
New titles catalogued	2,082	2,441
Replacements and added copies		106
Continuations		215
Periodicals	18	462
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TOTALS	2,100	3,224
Books withdrawn		459
Books reclassified	1,700	2,043
(Includes 136 (211 v.) also recatalogued)		
Books recatalogued	232	496
(Includes 136 (211 v.) also reclassified)		
Films catalogued (books)	2	
Subject headings changed 4,166 (approx.)		

INVENTORY

Volumes in the Library, June 30, 1952	221,527
Additions, July 1, 1952 - June 30, 1953	
New titles	2,441
Replacements and added copies	106
Continuations	215
Periodicals	462
	3,224
TOTAL	3,224
	224,751
Volumes withdrawn, July 1, 1952 - June 30, 1953	459
	224,292
Volumes in the Library, June 30, 1953	224,292

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

Trinity continues to take advantage of its opportunity to receive publications of the U. S. Government on a selective depository basis. We received the following numbers this year:

Pamphlets	3,920
Unbound volumes	757
Bound volumes	222
	4,899
TOTAL	4,899

STAFF

At the close of this year the library staff consisted of the following:

<i>Reference Librarian</i>	George W. Adams
<i>Watkinson Librarian</i>	Ruth A. Kerr
<i>Acquisitions Librarian</i>	Laura B. Schatz
<i>Catalogue Librarian</i>	Elizabeth N. Ives
<i>Assistant Catalogue Librarian</i>	Charlotte H. Leonard
<i>Catalogue Assistant</i>	Anna E. Angelo
<i>Acquisitions Assistant</i>	Joan E. Kiehle
<i>Circulation Assistant</i>	Marion W. Carmichael
<i>Secretary</i>	Marion H. Richardson

With the arrival of the Watkinson Library in the new building last August Miss Ruth A. Kerr, the Watkinson Librarian, took up her duties on the campus. It is a pleasure to have her with us. Her work in making library materials available to students and faculty has been greatly appreciated by everyone who has sought her help.

At the end of August Miss Laona K. Harris resigned from our Cataloguing Department to accept a position as chief reviser in the same department at Temple University. Her place was filled by the appointment of Miss Charlotte H. Leonard, a graduate of Syracuse University

and formerly on the staff of the Springfield (Mass.) Public Library. Her intelligence and ability have made her a valuable addition to our staff.

In January Miss Shirley Bader resigned as Circulation Assistant to take up her studies at the University of Michigan Library School as planned when she was appointed in June of 1951. Her cheerful attention to her duties was but one of her many assets and she is missed by everyone who worked with her. However, her position has been more than amply filled by the coming of Mrs. Marion W. Carmichael, who has brought a perception and friendliness to her work that is most admirable.

The Order Department, under the direction of Mrs. Laura B. Schatz, continues to operate under a heavy load of purchases, gifts, and binding preparation. The effectiveness of this department is a tribute to the perseverance and industry of Mrs. Schatz, who completed thirty years of loyal service to the College Library in November.

The following undergraduate students have worked as assistants this past year: Donald Bissonette, John S. Brims, Walter M. D. Brown, Donald F. Burr, Norman J. Catir, Wade E. Close, Robert S. Diamond, Sanford A. Dwight, Thomas E. Fenton, Jerald E. Hatfield, David Hewson, Richard K. Hooper, Ellerd M. Hulbert, George M. Kramer, William H. Laufer, John A. Mazzarella, Frederick G. Oberender, Frederick W. Pattison, David A. Roberts, J. Myron Schneeberg, Frederick H. Searles, Peter A. Sivaslian, Richard L. Smith, John E. Spies, Duncan Stephenson, Thomas K. Sugihara, Paul P. Terry, Thomas R. Tucker, John F. Tulk, William K. Von Allmen, Michael B. Webber, and George J. Willis, Jr.

The first year's occupation of the new building was one of experiment as everyone on the staff had to adapt old routines to the new arrangements and to perform services impossible in the old quarters. It is to the credit of the entire staff that the transition was made with a minimum of disturbance and with nothing but praise from the people who came to make use of the new facilities.

THE FACULTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The members of the Faculty Library Committee were: Professors Costello, McNulty, Harrington, Downs, Souerwine, R. Williams, Constant, Merriman, Frese, Carroll, Stewart, and the Librarian.

Meetings were held at frequent intervals during the academic year with attention devoted to such matters as the building up of our collections in foreign languages and the problem involved in acquiring publications from Russian-dominated areas. Other topics included the problem of limited book funds, particularly in these days of rising costs, and the possibilities of a library fee to supplement the library's budget.

THE WATKINSON LIBRARY

As alluded to above in speaking of Miss Kerr's service, the first year for the Watkinson Library on this academic campus has been an active

one. The wisdom displayed by the Boards of Trinity College and the Watkinson Library in their agreement to house the two Libraries together has been demonstrated quickly. Faculty, students, townspeople, and visitors from the outside have all expressed pleasure and satisfaction with the care with which the Watkinson has been housed and also with its accessibility through Miss Kerr. It has been an exciting year witnessing the Watkinson's "recall to life." It has been a frustrating year also, however, to realize that so much has to be done in the way of recataloguing, classification, binding, and repairing, in order to make this valuable collection completely usable. It is our hope that the means to undertake this work can be found in the very near future, for Trinity has within its grasp the opportunity to become one of the half-dozen or so colleges of highest standing with respect to library facilities and holdings. But until this organizational and remedial work is done we will never be able to provide the information and assistance that is latent within our building. It is my earnest hope that Trinity's overseers and sons will recognize this opportunity and support the Library in such fashion that other potential friends will feel impelled to match their efforts with the funds and the collections of books to place this Library at the summit of excellence. At the time of this writing, we are hopeful that particular foundations will respond favorably to our request for recataloguing and classification funds in recognition of the strides we have already taken.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATES

One of the most stimulating and portentous developments of this past year has been the activity of the Trinity Library Associates. Under the guidance of Dr. Jerome P. Webster, '10, Chairman, and Wilmarth S. Lewis, Vice-Chairman, the membership has risen to over 125. Two excellent open meetings were held during the year, the first on the eve of the dedication of the Library on November 8. At that time 150 Associates and their guests were given a preview of the building and then had the privilege of hearing their fellow member James T. Babb, Librarian of Yale University and trustee of the Watkinson, speak on "The Place of Rare Books in the College Library."

On Friday evening, May 15, immediately preceding the inauguration of President Jacobs, the Library Associates sponsored a dinner in Hamlin Dining Hall in honor of the Watkinson trustees. Over seventy-five attended this and the lecture which followed in the Library by Professor Robert L. Black, III, of the History Department. Dr. Black provided his audience with a humorous but thoughtful account of the "Backwaters of the Civil War in the Watkinson Library."

At this same meeting a short business session saw the adoption of a brief constitution for the organization and the election of officers in conformity with it. Dr. Webster, the first temporary chairman, was elected to the chairmanship, and Mr. Lewis continues as vice-chairman. The other officers are as follows: secretary, Donald B. Engley; treasurer, J. Kenneth

Robertson; members of the Council, Albert E. Holland, '34, one-year term, Dr. Harry T. Costello, two-year term, Allerton C. Hickmott, three-year term, and John C. Parsons, four-year term.

As mentioned above in our report of gifts, the Associates have shown their interest in the Libraries very materially through their gifts of important books which we would otherwise have to go without. At the same time the Associates' treasury has grown to over \$1250.

With a treasury of some substance and a duly-elected Council to administer the affairs of the Associates, the group is about to embark upon a fuller program of assistance to the two libraries. One of the features of the program to be considered early this Fall is the publication of a library journal calling attention to the bibliographical wealth in the libraries, lacunae which might be filled, and in general reporting on library progress.

Another part of the program we hope will be the sponsorship of a student book collectors' prize to be given annually to the student who submits the best group of books in competition. Judgment will not be based on the outlay of money involved but rather on the motive and thought which brought the collection into being. With such plans in the making, and with the assistance already coming to us from library friends, we are extremely grateful and full of optimism for the days just ahead.

CONCLUSION

In closing his second annual report, your Librarian wishes to thank everyone on the College staff who has helped to make the new Library's first year a successful one. The pride which we all have in our library collections and their home has been demonstrated in countless ways during the year. I should like to mention particularly the work of the Property Manager, the maintenance workers of the College, and above all the janitorial staff assigned to the Library, Angelo Di Persio, John La Terra, and Otto Sommer, who has filled in so capably in the absence of Mr. Di Persio. Mrs. Mary Kennedy, who has served Trinity College so well for many years, has been our house-keeper, as she was in the other building.

The Public Relations Office also deserves special commendation for its handling of the Library's opening, dedication, and exhibits in the press, particularly for the very complete press-book on every phase of the Library's history and development.

The strides taken by the Library in the service of the College have been enormous this past year. It is my hope that we can continue to make substantial contributions to the goal of Trinity, the very best academic training of the young men who come to us.

Respectfully submitted
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