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# CORNELL UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

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## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

1924-25

### *To the President of the University:*

SIR: I herewith respectfully submit the annual report of the use made of the University Library so far as the use is recorded, together with the work necessary to make and keep the library materials available for use. The special needs of the library are set forth in the reports from the several divisions into which the work falls.

The library has been open for use during the year 308 days, from 8 until 10:30 when the university is in session, and from 9 until 5 on vacation days. The doors have been closed on Thanksgiving day, Christmas and New Year's days, Fourth of July, and Labor day, being open on all other public holidays. The library is the literary laboratory of the university, and students have access to this laboratory more hours during the day than they have to any other laboratory. The evening opening necessitates a larger force of workers, as no one is expected to be on duty more than seven hours a day, and if student help were not available, the cost of keeping the library open so many hours would be greatly increased. There is, however, great need for a trained library worker to take charge of the work during the evening hours instead of the monitorial plan, as at present.

### ACCESSIONS DIVISION

The accessions to the University library are shown by the accompanying table.

The library has been passing through a trying time during the past few years. The earnings of the book funds are the same as in past years but the cost of books has increased so much that in some cases the purchasing power has been reduced by half. The Sage endowment is entirely taken up by the annual grants allotted to the various groups of subjects about which books are bought. Urgent requests are made for more money in many of these divisions, but the annual grants cannot be increased.

The earnings of the Fiske endowment, so much as is allotted to the purchase of books, is used for binding and for a reserve fund for special needs. The increased need for these purposes makes a demand on this fund beyond its capacity and we are not able to grant some requests for things greatly needed.

The acquisition of new sets of periodicals and society publications has been kept up to a certain extent, for which a reserve fund from sales of duplicates has been to a certain extent available.

The special book funds seem to be caring for purchases in the special fields, but the general book endowment funds need to be increased.

## BOOKS, BOUND PAMPHLETS, MAPS, MSS., ETC.

General Library, exclusive of the following . . . . .		491,883
Anthon Collection, purchased 1868 . . . . .	6,770	
Bopp Collection, purchased 1868 . . . . .	2,014	
Sparks Collection, purchased 1872 . . . . .	5,717	
White Historical Library, gift 1891 . . . . .	23,177	
Zarncke Collection, gift 1883 . . . . .	13,000	
British Patents, gift 1868 . . . . .	3,108	
	<hr/>	53,879
Fiske Dante Collection, gift 1893 . . . . .	9,179	
Fiske Petrarch Collection, gift 1905 . . . . .	4,145	
Fiske Icelandic Collection, gift 1905 . . . . .	17,441	
Wason Collection, gift 1918 . . . . .	9,946	
Volumes of C. U. Theses Deposited . . . . .	7,415	
Philological Sem. Collection . . . . .	1,085	
Philosophical Sem. Collection . . . . .	888	
German Sem. Collection . . . . .	769	
French Sem. Collection . . . . .	24	
Latin Sem. Collection . . . . .	324	
American History Collection . . . . .	614	
	<hr/>	53,960
Maps in Cornell University Library . . . . .	1,063	
C. U. Plans deposited . . . . .	200	
U. S. Coast Survey Charts . . . . .	960	
U. S. Geological Survey Topog. sheets . . . . .	2,431	
U. S. Geological Survey Atlases . . . . .	213	
British Geological Survey Maps . . . . .	600	
	<hr/>	5,467
Manuscripts . . . . .	766	
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Gen. Law Library, gifts and purchases . . . . .	46,314	
Moak Law Library, gift 1893 . . . . .	12,500	
Flower Vet. Library, gift . . . . .	6,454	
Barnes Hall Library, gift . . . . .	2,728	
Goldwin Smith Hall Library . . . . .	2,681	
Van Cleef Memorial Library . . . . .	1,864	
Evans Mathematical Library . . . . .	420	
Comstock Memorial Library . . . . .	868	
Kuichling Collection, gift 1919 . . . . .	2,130	
Architectural College Library . . . . .	1,360	
Economics Laboratory Collection . . . . .	340	
Entomology Laboratory Collection . . . . .	2,403	
Prudence Risley Hall Collection . . . . .	841	
Gray Memorial Library . . . . .	472	
	<hr/>	79,245
N. Y. S. College of Agriculture Library . . . . .	37,647	
N. Y. S. Forest College Library . . . . .	1,181	
N. Y. S. Plant Pathology Collection . . . . .	424	
	<hr/>	39,252
	<hr/>	724,452

## IMPORTANT ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

The following sets of periodicals were added to the library:

- Aus der Natur. 66 v. 1852-75.
- Kunstwart. 33 v. 1887-1920.
- Zeitschrift für Bücherfreunde. 1898-1922.
- Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft. 16 v. 1900-15.
- Journal of theological studies. 25 v. 1900-24.
- Revue des études juives. 66 v. 1880-1913.



- Hebraica v. 1-11. 1884-95.  
 American Journal of Semitic Languages and Literatures. v. 12-40. 1895-1924.  
 Zoologisch-botanische Gesellschaft in Wien. Abhandlungen. 14 v. 1902-24.  
 Nederlandsches Archiv für Zoologie. 5 v. 1871-82.  
 R. Université di Roma—Istituto di Anatomia. Recherche. 1873-1924.  
 Annales mycologici. 13 v. 1903-15.  
 Zeitschrift für Botanik. 7 v. 1909-15.  
 Mycologisches Centralblatt. 5 v. 1912-15.  
 New Phytologist. 13 v. 1902-14.  
 Plant World. 15 v. 1897-1912.

Through an anonymous donor the following were added to our music collection:

- Denkmäler der Tonkunst in Oesterreich. 49 v. 1894-1918.  
 Denkmäler deutscher Tonkunst. 50 v. 1892-1915.  
 Palestrina. Werke. 33 v.  
 Musica Sacra, ed. F. Commer. 28 v.  
 Musica Sacra, ed. Bote & Bock. 16 v.  
 Collectio operum musicorum Batavorum, ed. Commer. 12 v.  
 Lasso, O. di. Sämtliche Werke. 20 v.  
 Handel, G. F. Werke. 98 v.  
 Internationale Musikgesellschaft. Publikationen. 29 v.  
 Internationale Musikgesellschaft. Zeitschrift. 11 v.  
 Internationale Musikgesellschaft. Sammelbände. 11 v.  
 Vierteljahrschrift für Musikwissenschaft. 10 v.  
 Kirchenmusikalischer Jahrbuch. 20 v.  
 Siona. 36 v. 1876-1911.  
 Gesellschaft für Musikforschung. Publikationen. 29 v.  
 Jahrbuch des Musikbibliothek Peters. 19 v.  
 Les Maitres musiciens de la renaissance française, ed. Expert. 23 v.

Important purchases other than periodicals:

- Voeltzkow, A. Reise in Ostafrika, 1903-5. 20 v. 1906-23.  
 Bandini. Catalogus codicum Mss. Biblioteca Laurentianae. 11 v. 1764-1793.  
 Rusca, A. De Inferno. 1621.  
 Harrington, Sir J. Orlando Furioso. 1634.  
 Karsten, G. Vegetationsbilder. 15 v. 1903-24.  
 Biographie nationale de Belgique. 23 v. 1866-1924.

From Mr. Wm. F. E. Gurley, '75 we received the following incunabula:

- Augustin. Libros de Trinitate. 1489.  
 Nicolaus de Lyra. Postillae super Biblia. 1481.

Among gifts should be mentioned 35 volumes in Braille from Dr. L. L. Seaman, '72.

The classification work has not only taken care of the current accessions, but the Loewy books dealing with Freemasonry, so far as they have been unpacked, numbering several hundred titles, have been classified by the Library of Congress system of classification, although not catalogued, so they are available for consultation at the shelves, by any who desire to do so.

#### PERIODICAL DIVISION

The work of receiving and recording the current periodical literature is done by the periodical division, where also all periodicals are made ready for binding. This work is of prime importance since periodicals wrongly bound and wrongly lettered are a constant annoyance to users. The record of the work of this division is as follows:

Periodicals received by subscription . . . . .	1,240
Periodicals received by gift and exchange . . . . .	1,048
Vols. of periodicals bound . . . . .	3,010

The use of newspapers and general periodicals kept in this division falls under the supervision of this division also. For this use over 3,000 bound volumes are kept on the open shelves and about 700 current publications in the periodical room.

## CATALOGUE DIVISION

The importance of keeping books added to the library fully catalogued does not need emphasis and to this end all the available space for doing this work has been used during the past year, but very little more than current orders have been taken care of. The large collection of Loewy and Wynne books, are still uncatalogued, because there is no room to add to the force of workers in the catalogue division. So far as these collections are on shelves it has been possible to select out items wanted and make them available for use but the large part of the Loewy books are still in packing boxes, for want of shelf space.

The work done by this division is shown by the following:

No. of vols. and pamphlets catalogued . . . . .	11,264
No. maps catalogued . . . . .	76
No. of Manuscripts catalogued . . . . .	4
No. of written cards added to catalogue . . . . .	8,613
No. of printed cards added to catalogue . . . . .	8,779
No. of cards added to the L. C. catalogue . . . . .	40,914
No. of cards added to the Harvard catalogue . . . . .	3,520

In addition to the regular work, the catalogue division has received and prepared for printing the annual list of publications by the members of the university.

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The four special collections for which curators are needed are the White Historical library, the Fiske Italian collection, the Fiske Icelandic collection, and the Wason Chinese collection. Three of these have special curators. Additions to the Chinese collection have been curtailed because the full earnings of the endowment have not been received, and so much of the general book funds were borrowed to cover the cost of orders out at the time the collection was received that but few new orders have been placed. When the full earnings on this fund are available, a special curator will be needed to keep the collection up to standard.

The curators of the other special libraries report a crowded condition of the shelving space, and for the White library, the curator says:

"The shelves are so crowded that it is impossible to have the books arranged as they should be. There should be more room for students. There are now twelve desks available while this year we should have had twenty-four to be able to assign one to each graduate student who needed one. Even with double the number we have, none would have been left for members of the faculty, visiting students, and undergraduates, who often need suitable places to work in the library for longer and shorter periods."

## READERS DIVISION

The use made of the library, the end towards which all the other divisions are working, is shown by the following statement, as far as the use has been recorded:

Registered borrowers . . . . .	1,931
Borrowing libraries . . . . .	153
Vols. given out for reading room use . . . . .	121,794
Vols. given out for seminary use . . . . .	4,605
Vols. given out for laboratory use . . . . .	6,227
Vols. given out for home use . . . . .	43,401
Vols. lent to other libraries . . . . .	385
Vols. borrowed from other libraries . . . . .	105



During the year, 25,651 volumes have been reserved for use in the library and not allowed to go out except over nights and holidays.

The crowded condition of the library is not so marked in the reading room as elsewhere, although at times every seat is occupied. Some readers, using the general reading room, are doing a class of work that should be done in a seminary or special research room, but the lack of such accommodations prevents making such assignments. The library has never had facilities for placing at the disposal of scholars, that come to use the library, research rooms away from the constant confusion inevitable in a reading room used by undergraduates.

#### STACKS DIVISION

As the library increases in size, the work of this division becomes increasingly important. Books must be in their places or accounted for when wanted, if a library is serving its users.

The annual inventory always finds a good many volumes on the wrong shelves and a considerable number missing altogether, inevitable in a much-used library. The inventory of the books deposited in the department libraries shows a larger number of books missing from these collections than the size of these collections warrant. Closer supervision over these outlying libraries should be provided and a more frequent checking of the books than is now done.

Because of the congested condition of the book stacks in the main library a great deal of extra shifting and rearrangement of books has been necessary during the year in order to keep them in classified order without which nothing can be found. The supervisor of the stacks reports:

"The question of space demands immediate attention. With the putting up of additional presses against the stair railings, every foot of space in the building has been utilized for stack purposes. There is no space left and unless steps are taken at once, it will be necessary to pile books on floors and tables as has already been done in some cases.

This condition defeats the first principle of the library, viz., quick service, since it is obvious that with congestion there cannot be order, and without order there cannot be service."

WILLARD AUSTEN,  
Librarian.

# APPENDIX

TO THE

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

1924-25

### LIST OF DONORS TO THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

- A. C. McClurg and Co.  
Academia Nacional de Artes y Letras  
Acorn Press  
Actuarial Society of America  
Adams, Spencer L., Chicago, Ill.  
Adelmann, H. B., Ithaca  
Alexander, S. H., Brooklyn  
Alpha Phi Quarterly  
Alpha Xi Delta  
Alphons Custodis Chimney Construction Co.  
Alumni Association of Cornell Foresters  
Alumni War Memorial Foundation  
American Artisan and Hardware Record  
American Economist  
American Federationist  
American Fruit-Grower Magazine  
American Guernsey Cattle Club  
American Hebrew  
American Industries  
American Judicature Society  
American Medicine  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
American Society of Mechanical Engineers  
American Stone Trade  
American Telephone and Telegraph Co.  
American Water Works Association  
Arrow of Pi Beta Phi  
Austen, Mrs. Willard, Ithaca  
Australia Commissioner  
Australian Journal of Experimental Biology and Medical Science  
Baxter, Garrett, Norfolk, Va.  
Baylor College  
Better Eyesight  
Better Fruit  
Biblioteca Escolar y Administrativa  
Bollettino delle Pubblicazioni Italiane  
Boothroyd, S. L., Ithaca  
Boston Architectural Club  
Boston Museum of Fine Arts  
Braun, Mrs. C. F., Chester, Pa.  
British Information Library  
Brown, E. E., New York City  
Brown, James T., New York City  
Brown University Library  
Browne, A. W., Ithaca  
Buenos Aires—Museo Nacional  
Buenos Aires—Museo Social Argentino  
Buffalo Live Wire  
Bulgarian Consulate General  
Bureau of Railway Economics Library  
Burnham, Stewart H., Ithaca  
Burr, G. L., Ithaca  
California Agriculture Department  
California Oil Fields  
California Safety News  
Canada Patent Office  
Carnegie Dunfermline Trustees  
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace  
Carnegie Institution of Washington  
Carr, Mrs. Henry J., Scranton, Pa.  
Ceskoslovenská Společnost Entomologická  
Chandaburi, Prince H. R. H., Washington, D. C.  
Chase Economic Bulletin  
Chicago Art Institute  
Chile—Biblioteca Nacional  
China Inspectorate General of Customs  
China Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce  
Chinese Educational Review  
Chinese Students' Monthly  
Clark, P. L., Ithaca  
Clark, Walter E., Reno, Nev.  
Clarke, F., Tarrytown-on-Hudson  
Cleveland City Record  
Cleveland Museum of Art  
Colorado Fuel & Iron Co.  
Commerce Monthly  
Commercial Museum  
Commercial Press  
Comstock, J. H., Ithaca  
Constitutional Review  
Cook, W. B., Jr., Brooklyn  
Cornell Alumni News  
Cornell Annals  
Cornell Countryman  
Cornell Hindu Club  
Cornell Law Quarterly  
Cornell Sun



Cornell University Christian Science Society  
 Cornell University Medical College  
 Cornell Veterinarian  
 Crane, T. F., Ithaca  
 Critical Review  
 Curtis, C. W., Rochester  
 Czechoslovak Review

Dairy Farmer  
 Davis, Ed. W., Cleveland, Ohio  
 DeForest, H. P., New York City  
 DeGrange, McQuilkin, Washington, D. C.  
 Delta Delta Delta Fraternity  
 Delta Tau Delta Fraternity  
 Dog Fancier  
 Dogiel, V., Petrograd, Russia  
 Dorgan, Maurice B., Lawrence, Mass.

E. I. duPont de Nemours and Company  
 Easby-Smith, James S., Washington, D. C.  
 Eastern Dealer in Implements  
 Eastern Miscellany  
 Eddy, Sherwood, New York City  
 Edgerton, C. E., Ithaca  
 Electric Light and Power  
 Electric Traction  
 El Salvador—Consulate General  
 Elston, J. S., Hartford, Conn.  
 Engineering Journal  
 Eversull, H. K., Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Explorers Club

F. Schumacher and Co.  
 Federal Reserve Bulletin  
 Finger Lakes Topics  
 Finland—Consulate General  
 Florida State Plant Board  
 Foi et Vie  
 Ford Motor Company  
 Forman, L. L.  
 France—États-Unis  
 France, Ministère de l'Instruction Publique

Gage, Simon H., Ithaca  
 Gas Industry  
 General Education Board  
 George H. Doran Company  
 Gibson, Robert W., Woodbury, L. I.  
 Glasgow University  
 Good Government  
 Great Britain—Carnegie Hero Fund Trust  
 Guernsey Breeders' Journal  
 Gurley, Wm. F. E., Chicago, Ill.  
 Gurley, Mrs. W. F. E., Chicago, Ill.

H. J. Heinz Co.  
 Hammond, W. A., Ithaca

Harvard Alumni Association  
 Harvard University—Astronomical Observatory  
 Hebel, J. William, Ithaca  
 Hespelt, Mrs. E. H., Elmira  
 Hitchcock, Frederick H., New York City  
 Hoag, Clarence G., Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Holtedahl, Olaf, Kristiania, Norway  
 Horche, Mrs. Nettie, New York City  
 Horn, Walther, Berlin-Dahlen, Germany  
 Horse Shoers Journal  
 Hoy, D. F., Ithaca  
 Humanity  
 Hyde, James H., Paris, France

Ickelheimer, Henry R., New York City  
 Illuminating Engineer  
 Indiana Health Board  
 Institution of Engineers  
 Institution Quarterly  
 Insull, Samuel, Chicago, Ill.  
 International Conciliation  
 International Correspondence Schools  
 Investment Bankers Association of America  
 Iowa Masonic Library  
 Iron and Steel Engineer  
 Ithaca Journal News  
 Ithaca Rotary Club

Japan—Consulate General  
 Japan—National Research Council  
 Jewish University Library  
 Johnston, J. C., Liverpool, England  
 Jordan, R. H., Ithaca  
 Journal of Engineering Education  
 Journal of Forestry  
 Journal of Physical Chemistry

Kahrs, Grace M., New York City  
 Kappa Kappa Gamma  
 Kim, His Excellency Tsao, Peking, China  
 King, A. B., Toronto, Canada  
 Knapp, Herman, Ames, Iowa  
 Knight, Dorothy R., Ithaca  
 Kommission for det Arnamagnaeanske Legat

Labour Gazette  
 Ladies Journal  
 Lambonini, Ferruccio, Napoli, Italy  
 Landmark  
 Leavenworth, C. S., New Haven, Conn.  
 Leland, H. G., Ithaca  
 Lewisohn, Adolph, New York City  
 Liège—Bibliothèque de l'Université  
 L'Institut Océanographique

Lo, H., Ithaca  
Lugo-Vina, Roy de, La Habana, Cuba

McNairy, Amos B., Manchester, Vt.  
McNeil, Catherine C., New York City  
Marshall Field and Company  
Medical Times  
Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.  
Metropolitan Museum of Art  
Michigan Health Board  
Michigan Historical Commission  
Michigan University Library  
Mining Congress Journal  
Missionary Herald  
Musée Polonais d'Histoire Naturelle  
Myers, Albert C., Philadelphia, Pa.

Namari, Ichitaro, Osakafu, Japan  
National Aniline and Chemical Co.  
National Association of Wool Manufacturers  
National Education Association  
National Humane Review  
National Nurseryman  
New Armenia  
New Jersey Historical Society  
New Near East  
New Philosophy  
New York City Meteorological Observatory  
New York Federal Reserve Bank  
New York Historical Society  
New York State Chamber of Commerce  
New York State College of Agriculture  
New York State Department of Health  
New York State Teachers Association  
New York University  
New York Zoological Society  
New Zealand Patent Office  
Newberry Library  
North Carolina Historical Commission  
Northup, Clark S., Ithaca

O'Hagan, Thomas, Toronto, Canada  
Ohio State Board of Health  
Osborn, Albert, Washington, D. C.  
Osteopathic Magazine  
Our Dumb Animals  
Our Hope

Pace Student  
Page, Kirby, New York City  
Palimpsest  
Pan Hellenic Organization  
Panek, V. H., Ithaca  
Paris—American Library  
Peking—National University  
Penn. Dept. of Labor and Industry  
Phelps, Ruth S., Minneapolis, Minn.  
Philadelphia—Peace Committee—  
Yearly Meeting of Friends

Philadelphia Geographical Society  
Philippine Agricultural Review  
Philippine Islands—Health Service  
Pierce, W. M., Ithaca  
Pittsburgh—Citizens Committee on  
City Plan  
Poulton, Edward B., Oxford, England  
Princeton University Press

Rama VI, H. S., Washington, D. C.  
Remey, Charles M., Washington, D. C.  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Revista de la Facultad de Letras y  
Ciencias  
Revue de Hongrie  
Revue Internationale de la Croix-  
Rouge  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Rio de Janeiro—Museo Nacional  
Robbins, Mrs. Walter R., Newton  
Center, Mass.  
Rogalsky, George F., Ithaca  
Rosenberger, Jesse L., Chicago, Ill.  
Royal Agricultural and Commercial  
Society  
Russell, Miss Helen M., Ithaca

Sadler, Gilbert T., Hampstead, London  
St. Peterburg—Universitet, Biblioteka  
Saloman, Samuel, Washington, D. C.  
San Antonio Scientific Society  
Schaffer, David N., Chicago, Ill.  
Schmidt, Nathaniel, Ithaca  
Schoder, E. W., Ithaca  
Seaman, L. L., New York City  
Secretary of State—N. Y.  
Seventh Regiment Gazette  
Shoe-Workers Journal  
Short Story Magazine  
Shuttleworth, Lord, Kirby Lonsdale,  
England  
Sibley Journal of Engineering  
Smith, C. W., Ithaca  
Smith, Preserved, Ithaca  
Snyder, Mrs. Grace, Ithaca  
Southern and Southwestern Railway  
Club  
Southland Farmer  
Starry Cross  
State Charities Aid Association News  
Stocking, A. H., Chicago, Ill.  
Story, Alfred T., Horsham, England  
Studebaker Corporation

T. P. Thompson Library  
Tansey, C. J., St. Louis, Mo.  
Theosophical Path  
Theosophical Quarterly  
Tokyo Imperial University Library  
Tsanoff, R. A., Houston, Texas

- Union of South Africa—Dept. of Agriculture
- U. S. Dept. of Agriculture
- U. S. Golf Association
- U. S. Public Health Service
- U. S. Weather Bureau
- Unity
- Vedanta Monthly
- Venezuela—Biblioteca Nacional
- Viscose Company
- Von Engeln, O. D., Ithaca
- Weeks, Archibald C., Brooklyn
- Welcome Chemical Research Laboratories
- Westchester County Historical Society
- Westerfield-Bonte Co., Inc.
- Western Australia—Education Dept.
- White, A. C., Ithaca
- White Pine Series of Architectural Monographs
- Wickham, Robert S., Binghamton
- Widow
- Williams, Edgar, Washington, D. C.
- Williams, George R., Ithaca
- Wilson, T. E., Chicago, Ill.
- Wood Preserving News
- Wright, A. H., Ithaca
- Wright, Mrs. A. H., Ithaca
- Yale University Library
- Zoological Survey of India



