

CORNELL UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

1944-1945

To the President of the University:

SIR: I have the honor to submit the report of the Librarian of the University Library for the year ended June 30, 1945.

The jig-saw puzzle is a modern invention. Sir James Murray in his well-known dictionary tells us that the word jig-saw came from the United States and appeared in English literature in the eighteen seventies. This should surely minister to our national pride. The puzzles could not reach a truly national mass production until the tool had reached a certain stage of efficient performance. Even the earlier fret-saw, which could do the job on a small scale "by hand", does not push its name into English print until about a decade before the jig-saw. But the form puzzle was surely older than the age of American technical supremacy. We are urged to believe that the ancient but civilized Chinese produced such form puzzles to harass and fascinate a willing humanity about the time that they invented roast pig.

A sense of mysteriously fascinating form is developed even in the most primitive tribes of the present day. The sand drawings from the outdoor ateliers of the wise men of central Australian tribes, which, as anthropologists tell us, are used in the mystic rites that initiate the youth into the secrets of the tribe, would make excellent exercises in jig-saw puzzle designing. More civilized nations among the ancients rose to a higher level of puzzle construction, and their practices have been handed down to modern times. The labyrinth and the maze, from Minoan Crete to Hampton Court, have cast their fateful or their comical shadows over the whole race of man.

Such a sinister shadow, with no comical aspect to soften its threat of woe, is beginning to rest upon the Cornell University Library. An originally logical and intelligible order in the housing of its books is being gradually turned into a jig-saw puzzle and a labyrinth by the dire pressure of dwindling and exhausted housing and working space.

During the past year 933 presses of books had to be moved to provide space for new acquisitions. In the previous year 541 presses were shifted. Some of the shifting amounted to violent dislocation. Odd, unoccupied corners are sought out; some almost inaccessible and highly impractical shelf locations are being called into play. And only the most refined jig-saw intelligence can succeed in keeping track of the incongruously jumbled shelving system.

Let no one seek to comfort us by citing ancient historical examples, or to encourage us by pointing to the ease with which modern scientists and mathematicians master incredibly complicated problems. Such increasing, irrational form-complication is fateful to a library. It matters not how many young men and library maidens are sacrificed annually to propitiate the monster, the Minotaur will eventually crush us all, or drive us into the madhouse. Only a benevolent administrative Ariadne and a courageous Theseus in the form of a Board of Trustees can compass the destruction of the beast by undertaking an expansion of the library space.

STAFF

Miss Virginia Seery, Catalogue Typist and Inter-library Loan Assistant resigned. The following appointments were made: Miss Hertha Beskin, Cataloguer; Miss Jeanne Banford, Periodicals Assistant; William Bampton, Library Helper.

ACCESSIONS

The total amount expended for books, periodicals, and binding according to Miss Ingersoll, Supervisor of Accessions, was \$27,244 as against \$26,716 in the preceding year. The total number of volumes added to the University Library was 14,229 of which 11,789 were for the general library and 2,423 for special collections or for college or department libraries. To these figures we add 2,550 maps prepared by the Army Map Service. For the general library 6,673 volumes were purchased, 5,116 were gifts or exchanges.

	<i>Items added</i>	<i>Present extent</i>
General Library	11,789	743,409
Dante Collection	9	10,909
Petrarch Collection	1	4,590
Icelandic Collection	219	22,420
Wason Chinese Collection	370	43,350
Wordsworth Collection	33	2,977
Wordsworth Collection (MSS).....	17	
Cornell University Theses	262	16,822
Philological Seminary	5	1,187
Sage School of Philosophy .....	..	1,015
French Seminary .....	..	24
German Seminary .....	..	759
Latin Seminary .....	..	326
American History Seminary .....	..	671
Manuscripts	17	1,067
Maps	2,568	3,852
Cornell University Maps and Plans .....	..	202
U. S. Coast Survey Charts.....	..	950
U. S. Geological Survey Atlases .....	..	216
U. S. Geological Survey Topographical Maps.....	205	6,433
British Geological Survey Maps .....	..	600
College of Architecture Library	224	5,951
Barnes Hall Library (Religion).....	97	4,309
Chemistry Library (Special).....	11	605
Comstock Memorial Library (Entomology).....	64	2,856
Economics Laboratory Collection .....	..	310
Flower Veterinary Library	496	14,326
Forestry Library .....	..	1,181
Goldwin Smith Hall Library	73	4,777
Hart Library (English Literature).....	..	4,666
Gray Memorial Library (Electrical Engineering).....	5	919
Kuichling Library (Civil Engineering).....	10	2,374
Rockefeller Hall Library (Physics).....	..	1,190
Van Cleeef Library (Zoology).....	304	5,970
Total including MSS and Maps.....	16,779	911,243
New York State College of Agriculture Library.....	4,725	143,271
New York State College of Home Economics Library.....	683	12,992
Law Library	1,050	120,228
Total on entire campus.....	23,237	1,187,734

CATALOGUE DIVISION

Miss Speed, the Head of the Catalogue Division, reports the following figures:

Volumes and pamphlets catalogued	16,413
Maps catalogued	4,204

MSS catalogued	11
Microfilms catalogued	6
Titles added to catalogue	10,887
Typewritten cards added	16,972
Printed cards added	17,276
Cards added to Library of Congress Depository Catalogue.....	96,247
Additions to cards	7,162
Volumes recatalogued	312
Cards corrected or dated	4,463

CLASSIFICATION AND SHELF DIVISION

The figures reported by Mr. De Grassi for this division are:

Books classified	11,584
Public Documents	1,999
Maps	3,003
Manuscripts	16
Microfilms	2
Theses	147
Presses moved	933

PERIODICALS DIVISION

Miss Leland, Head of the Periodicals Division, reports:

Periodicals currently received

By subscription	970
By gift and exchange.....	1,254

Total.....	2,224
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Number of volumes on open shelves.....	3,525
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Current periodicals on open shelves.....	517
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Issued for brief home use.....	330
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Volumes of periodicals bound.....	2,375
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The new titles of periodicals added during the year numbered 77. Among them were: Air Transport, American Review on the Soviet Union, Journal of Meteorology, Minerva; revista continental de filosofia (Buenos Aires), New York Folklore Quarterly, Post War World, and Radio Engineer's Digest.

The following sets were acquired:

Burlington (Vt.) Times (1861-1862), Connecticut Courant (155 numbers between 1801 and 1820), Hartwick (N. Y.) Reporter (1157 numbers, 1915-1942), Liberty (N. Y.) Register (735 numbers, 1878-1904), Reflector and Schenectady Democrat (186 numbers, 1834-1871).

READERS DIVISION

Mr. Willis, Associate Librarian, in charge of the Reading Room and of Inter-Library Loans, reports:

Days open to the public.....	313
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Registered borrowers

Faculty	1,215
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Students	2,658
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Army 135, Navy 370.....	505
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Recorded use

Reading Room (number of books).....	94,565
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Seminary rooms.....	1,620
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Stalls	2,645
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Laboratories and Departments.....	3,818
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Home use (including 8,815 Seven-day books and 336 brief loans of periodicals).....	34,257
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INTER-LIBRARY LOANS

Lent to other libraries.....	943
Borrowed from other libraries.....	601

The number of university, college, government and industrial libraries that borrowed from Cornell was 187. Among them were:

Agfa Ansco.....	107	University of California (Berkeley).....	14
University of Rochester.....	39	University of North Carolina.....	14
Howland Circulating Library.....	26	University of Michigan.....	12
Syracuse University.....	25	Columbia University.....	11
Wells College.....	23	Vassar College.....	11
Harvard University.....	20	Princeton University.....	9
Pennsylvania State College.....	18	Brown University.....	8
General Electric Co.....	17	Chicago University.....	7
E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co.....	16	Library of Congress.....	7
Hobart College.....	16	Smith College.....	7
Eastman Kodak Co.....	15	New York University.....	6

Cornell borrowed books from 71 other libraries: Among them were:

Library of Congress.....	76	University of Illinois.....	10
University of Rochester.....	50	Boston Public Library.....	10
Hamilton College.....	20	New York University.....	9
New York State Library.....	19	Harvard University.....	9
Princeton University.....	18	Bryn Mawr College.....	9
Columbia University.....	17	Colgate University.....	8
Dartmouth College.....	16	Chicago University.....	8
Yale University.....	14	University of Pennsylvania.....	6
Brown University.....	11	Pennsylvania State College.....	5
University of North Carolina.....	10	Syracuse University.....	4

GIFTS

In April 1945, the Charles DeGarmo Memorial Fund having reached, by accumulation, the sum of \$1000, was transferred to the library endowment list. The income is to be devoted to the purchase of books on the art and science of teaching. The number of donors entered on our list for this year is 543. Of the books added to the general collection 5,116 were gifts as against 6,673 purchases. The comparative figures for the preceding year were 7,168 gifts and 3,861 purchases. The number of periodicals which came to us by gift this year was 1,254. We paid for 970 periodicals. The figures last year were 1,249 and 1,023 respectively. To the publishers and editors who donated their periodicals, to the learned societies, and to faculty members who swelled our gift list, we offer our continued thanks.

From the Cornell University Library Associates came very welcome gifts of the Audubon Magazine, vols. 1-2 (1887-1889); John Latham's "A General History of Birds", vols. 1-10 (Winchester, 1821-1828); three hundred and seventy-two numbers of the "New Hampshire Patriot and State Gazette" from 1817-1828; Robert Wright's "Icones plantarum Indiae Orientalis", 6 vols. (Madras, 1840-1853); Gioseffo Zarlino's "Le istitutioni harmoniche" (Venice, 1558); William Blake's "Illustrations of the Book of Job" (New York, 1935); "Papers and Records" of the Ontario Historical Society, 34 vols. (1899-1904); and "The Narrative of John Doy of Lawrence, Kansas" (New York, 1860).

Mrs. Audhild Martinez-Ybor, a former donor, gave \$200 for Norwegian books and books about Norway; Dr. Anna Tjomsland donated \$100 for the Icelandic collection; The James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation presented \$100 for engineering books. Mr. Elmer M. Johnson and Mrs. Louise F. Peirce and Professor James F. Mason and Mr. John P. Young continued their annual cash donations.

The royalties on President Day's book "Statistical Analysis" (New York, 1925) were again added to the library's book fund. It is only fitting to note here that the royalties on Andrew D. White's "The Warfare of Science with Theology" (New York, 1926) which had been assigned by the author to the late Professor

George L. Burr, and were, by Professor Burr, promptly passed on to the Library, have continued regularly to augment our book fund.

Mr. Victor Emanuel presented fourteen autograph letters and three additional manuscripts to the Wordsworth collection. Mrs. William F. E. Gurley added liberally (368 items) to the long list of past donations. Miss Mary J. Hull also continued her gifts.

In the past year the Library was the recipient of a number of gifts of books in larger quantities. From the estate of the late Hyman C. Berkowitz, (Cornell '17) Professor of Spanish at the University of Wisconsin, we received 868 books and 507 pamphlets, mostly in the field of Spanish language and literature. From Mr. Henry Béziat of Cincinnati, Ohio, we received books and pamphlets from the library of his father, André Béziat, and his mother, Kate Bradley Béziat of Spencer, New York, to the number of 1,561. Many were French publications of the eighteenth century.

From the Hon. Jacob Gould Schurman, jr., we received five large cartons of books and papers which came from the library of the late Jacob Gould Schurman, President of Cornell from 1892 to 1920. Mr. Charles Ezra Cornell, Trustee of the University, gave us 114 miscellaneous volumes and six large volumes of mounted papers, being the "Blotter of the Executive Chamber" at Albany, New York, 1880-1882. Mr. Woodford Patterson continued his donations with 346 miscellaneous books and pamphlets. Major Walter Stainton sent from France 563 items of books, pamphlets, and newspapers, and a collection of 328 photographs, mostly material prepared by the Germans for propaganda use in France.

From the estate of Carl Nestman of Wheeling, West Virginia we received 117 orchestra and vocal scores; from Dr. Henry P. de Forest, '84, 147 Metropolitan Opera librettos with contemporary newspaper clippings added. Among other donors of books in quantity were: Professor H. B. Adelman (23), Professor Lane Cooper (93), Professor A. M. Drummond (31), Mr. William Eisenstadt (25 volumes in Russian), Professor R. S. Hosmer (32), Mrs. E. P. Lathrop (32 books and pamphlets and several volumes and packages of sheet music), Mr. Vaughan MacCaughey (47), Estate of Denton R. Macmillan (130, mostly in the field of medicine) and Vice President Sabine (14 works on political theory).

Emeritus Professor G. D. Harris has supplied us regularly as in the past with his *Bulletin of American Paleontology* which reached number 115; and former Dean Liberty Hyde Bailey, Director of the Bailey Hortorium, has continued to present his "*Gentes Plantarum*" now up to Vol. 6, fasc. 7-8. One of the most welcome and useful donations was Professor A. H. Wright's gift of 350 copies of his "*Studies in History*", nos 5-8, which helped us materially to satisfy some of our exchange obligations.

OTTO KINKELDEY,
Librarian.

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