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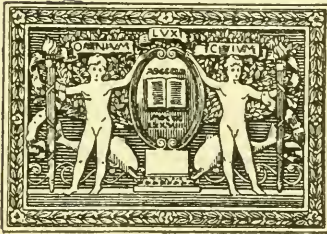
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MICHAEL J. MURRAY, *President.*

Term expires April 30, 1926.

ARTHUR T. CONNOLLY. LOUIS E. KIRSTEIN.

Term expires April 30, 1927.

Term expires April 30, 1929.

GUY W. CURRIER.

Term expires April 30, 1928.

WILLIAM A. GASTON.

Term expires April 30, 1930.

DIRECTOR.

CHARLES F. D. BELDEN.

ORGANIZATION OF THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT.

The Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, organized in 1852, are now incorporated under the provisions of Chapter 114, of the Acts of 1878, as amended. The Board for 1852 was a preliminary organization; that for 1853 made its first annual report. At first the Board consisted of one alderman and one common-councilman and five citizens at large, until 1867, when a revised ordinance made it consist of one alderman, two common-councilmen and six citizens at large, two of whom retired, unless re-elected, each year, while the members from the City Council were elected yearly. In 1878 the organization of the Board was changed to include one alderman, one councilman, and five citizens at large, as before 1867; and in 1885, by the provisions of the amended city charter, the representation of the City Government upon the Board by an alderman and a councilman was abolished, leaving the Board as at present, consisting of five citizens at large, appointed by the Mayor, for five-year terms, the term of one member expiring each year. The following citizens at large have been members of the Board since its organization in 1852:

- ABBOTT, SAMUEL APPLETON BROWNE, A.M., 1879-95.
- APPLETON, THOMAS GOLD, A.M., 1852-56.
- BENTON, JOSIAH HENRY, LL.D., 1894-1917.
- BIGELOW, JOHN PRESCOTT, A.M., 1852-68.
- BOWDITCH, HENRY INGERSOLL, M.D., 1865-67.
- BOWDITCH, HENRY PICKERING, M.D., 1894-1902.
- BOYLE, THOMAS FRANCIS, 1902-12.
- BRAMAN, JARVIS DWIGHT, 1869-72.
- BRETT, JOHN ANDREW, LL.B., 1912-16.
- CARR, SAMUEL, 1895-96, 1908-22.
- CHASE, GEORGE BIGELOW, A.M., 1876-85.
- CLARKE, JAMES FREEMAN, D.D., 1879-88.
- COAKLEY, DANIEL HENRY, 1917-19.
- CONNOLLY, ARTHUR THEODORE, 1916-
- CURRIER, GUY WILBUR, 1922-
- CURTIS, DANIEL SARGENT, A.M., 1873-75.
- DE NORMANDIE, JAMES, D.D., 1895-1908.
- DWIGHT, THOMAS, M.D., 1899-1908.
- EVERETT, EDWARD, LL.D., 1852-64.
- FROTHINGHAM, RICHARD, LL.D., 1875-79.
- GASTON, WILLIAM ALEXANDER, LL.B., 1923-
- GREEN, SAMUEL ABBOTT, M.D., 1868-78.
- GREENOUGH, WILLIAM WHITWELL, 1856-88.
- HAYNES, HENRY WILLIAMSON, A.M., 1880-94.
- HILLIARD, GEORGE STILLMAN, LL.D., 1872-75; 76-77.
- KENNEY, WILLIAM FRANCIS, A.M., 1908-1921.
- KIRSTEIN, LOUIS EDWARD, 1919-
- LEWIS, WESTON, 1868-79.
- LEWIS, WINSLOW, M.D., 1867.

LINCOLN, SOLOMON, A.M., 1897-1907.
 MANN, ALEXANDER, D.D., 1908-1923.
 MORTON, ELLIS WESLEY, 1870-73.
 MURRAY, MICHAEL JOSEPH, LL.B., 1921-
 PIERCE, PHINEAS, 1888-94.
 PRINCE, FREDERICK OCTAVIUS, A.M., 1888-99.
 PUTNAM, GEORGE, D.D., 1868-77.
 RICHARDS, WILLIAM REUBEN, A.M., 1889-95.
 SHURTLEFF, NATHANIEL BRADSTREET, LL.D., 1852-68.
 THOMAS, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, LL.D., 1877-78.
 TICKNOR, GEORGE, LL.D., 1852-66.
 WALKER, FRANCIS AMASA, LL.D., 1896.
 WHIPPLE, EDWIN PERCY, A.M., 1867-70.
 WHITMORE, WILLIAM HENRY, A.M., 1885-88.
 WINSOR, JUSTIN, LL.D., 1867-68.

The HON. EDWARD EVERETT was President of the Board from 1852 to 1864; GEORGE TICKNOR, in 1865; WILLIAM W. GREENOUGH, from 1866 to April, 1888; PROF. HENRY W. HAYNES, from May 7, 1888, to May 12, 1888; SAMUEL A. B. ABBOTT, May 12, 1888, to April 30, 1895; HON. F. O. PRINCE, October 8, 1895, to May 8, 1899; SOLOMON LINCOLN, May 12, 1899, to October 15, 1907; REV. JAMES DE NORMANDIE, January 31, 1908, to May 8, 1908; JOSIAH H. BENTON, May 8, 1908, to February 6, 1917; WILLIAM F. KENNEY, February 13, 1917, to May 7, 1920; REV. ALEXANDER MANN, May 7, 1920, to January 22, 1923; MSGR. ARTHUR T. CONNOLLY, April 13, 1923 to June 13, 1924; LOUIS E. KIRSTEIN, June 13, 1924 to June 19, 1925; HON. MICHAEL J. MURRAY since June 19, 1925.

LIBRARIANS.

(From 1858 to 1877, the chief executive officer was called Superintendent; since 1923 Director.)

CAPEN, EDWARD, *Librarian*, May 13, 1852 - December 16, 1874.
 JEWETT, CHARLES C., *Superintendent*, 1858 - January 9, 1868.
 WINSOR, JUSTIN, LL.D., *Superintendent*, February 25, 1868 - September 30, 1877.
 GREEN, SAMUEL A., M.D., *Trustee, Acting Librarian*, October 1, 1877 - September 30, 1878.
 CHAMBERLAIN, MELLEN, LL.D., *Librarian*, October 1, 1878 - September 30, 1890.
 DWIGHT, THEODORE F., *Librarian*, April 13, 1892 - April 30, 1894.
 PUTNAM, HERBERT, LL.D., *Librarian*, February 11, 1895 - April 30, 1899.
 WHITNEY, JAMES L., A.M., *Acting Librarian*, March 31, 1899 - December 21, 1899; *Librarian*, December 22, 1899 - January 31, 1903.
 WADLIN, HORACE G., LL.D., *Librarian*, February 1, 1903 - March 15, 1917; *Acting Librarian*, March 15, 1917 - June 15, 1917.
 BELDEN, CHARLES F. D., LL.B., *Director*, since March 15, 1917.

LIBRARY SYSTEM, JANUARY 1, 1926.

DEPARTMENTS.	§§ OPENED.
†Central Library, Copley Square	May 2, 1854
†East Boston Branch, 276-282 Meridian St.	Jan. 28, 1871
§South Boston Branch, 372 Broadway	May 1, 1872
|| Fellowes Athenæum Branch, 46 Millmont St.	July 16, 1873
†Charlestown Branch, 43 Monument Square	Jan. 5, 1874
†Brighton Branch, Academy Hill Road	Jan. 5, 1874
‡Dorchester Branch, Arcadia, cor. Adams St.	Jan. 25, 1875
‡Lower Mills Branch, Washington, cor. Richmond St.	*June 7, 1875
‡South End Branch, 65 West Brookline St.	Aug., 1877
†Jamaica Plain Branch, Sedgwick, cor. South St.	Sept., 1877
‡Roslindale Branch, 4210 Washington St.	*Dec. 3, 1878
†West Roxbury Branch, 1961 Centre St.	*Jan. 6, 1880
§Mattapan Branch, 7 Babson St.	*Dec. 27, 1881
†North End Branch, 3a North Bennet St.	*Oct., 1882
§Neponset Branch, 362 Neponset Ave.	*Jan. 1, 1883
§Mt. Bowdoin Branch, 202 Washington St.	*Nov. 1, 1886
§Allston Branch, 138 Brighton Ave.	*Mar. 11, 1889
‡Codman Square Branch, Washington, cor. Norfolk St.	*Nov. 12, 1890
‡Mt. Pleasant Branch, Vine, cor. Dudley St.	*Apr. 29, 1892
‡Tyler Street Branch, Tyler, cor. Oak St.	*Jan. 16, 1896
†West End Branch, 131 Cambridge St.	Feb. 1, 1896
‡Upham's Corner Branch, 500 Columbia Rd.	*Mar. 16, 1896
§Warren Street Branch, 392 Warren St.	*May 1, 1896
§Roxbury Crossing Branch, 208 Ruggles St.	*Jan. 18, 1897
§Boylston Station Branch, The Lamartine, Depot Square	*Nov. 1, 1897
§Orient Heights Branch, 1030 Bennington St.	*June 25, 1901
‡City Point Branch, Municipal Bldg., Broadway	*July 18, 1906
§Parker Hill Branch, 1518 Tremont St.	*July 15, 1907
†Hyde Park Branch, Harvard Ave., cor. Winthrop St.	Jan. 1, 1912
†Faneuil Branch, 100 Brooks St.	*Mar. 4, 1914
§Andrew Square Branch, 396 Dorchester St.	*Mar. 5, 1914
§Jeffries Point Branch, 195 Webster St.	*Oct. 15, 1921

|| In the case of the Central Library and some of the branches the opening was in a different location from that now occupied. * As a delivery station. † In building owned by City, and exclusively devoted to library uses. ‡ In City building, in part devoted to other municipal uses. § Occupies rented rooms. || The lessee of the Fellowes Athenæum, a private library association.

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To HIS HONOR MALCOLM E. NICHOLS,
Mayor of the City of Boston.

The Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston present the following report of its condition and affairs for the year ending December 31, 1925, being the seventy-fourth annual report.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD.

Mr. William A. Gaston, whose term as a Trustee expired on April 30, 1925, was re-appointed for a term ending April 30, 1930. The Board organized at the annual meeting on June 19, 1925, by the election of Judge Michael J. Murray as President, Mr. Guy W. Currier, Vice-President, and Miss Della Jean Deery, Clerk.

RECEIPTS OF THE LIBRARY.

The receipts which may be expended by the Trustees for the maintenance of the Library consist of the annual appropriation by the Mayor and City Council, and the income from Trust Funds given to the institution and invested by the City Treasurer. During the past year these receipts were:

Annual appropriation	\$863,772.00
Special appropriation (Annex balance)	11,799.39
Income from Trust Funds	19,235.72
Unexpended balance of Trust Funds income of previous year	56,579.93
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	\$951,387.04

Receipts which are accounted for and paid into the City Treasury for general municipal purposes, during the past year have been as follows:

From fines	\$15,691.17
From sales of catalogues etc.	56.93
From commission on telephone stations	506.29
From sale of waste paper	245.15
From payments for lost books	1,262.01
Interests on bank deposits	6.08
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Total	\$17,767.63

ESTIMATES FOR 1926.

The estimates for the maintenance of the Library for the year ending December 31, 1926 in segregated budget form are as follows:

A—Personal service	\$691,721.00
B—Service other than personal	130,522.00
C—Equipment	156,336.00
D—Supplies	35,410.00
E—Materials	24,779.00
F—Special items	864.00
Total	<u>\$1,039,632.00</u>

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

During the present year, covering an eleven month period, there have been added to the Central Library and branches 85,163 volumes as against 81,687 in 1924–25. Of these 72,925 were acquired by purchase and 12,238 by gift, exchanges, etc. The total expenditures for books, periodicals, newspapers and other library material from City appropriation and Trust Funds income, was \$128,729.04. The total number of volumes in the Central Library and branches is 1,363,515.

CIRCULATION.

The total number of books issued for home use during the year was 3,129,781, for eleven months, as against 3,132,194 in 1924–25, twelve months. As the Director points out, the number would soon be doubled if there were more books, more branches and the required service to meet the fast-growing demands made on the Library Department.

GIFTS AND BEQUESTS.

The Trustees are glad to report the following gifts and bequests during 1925: in response to an appeal by the President in April setting forth the needs of the Library, the following gifts of money were received: from Mr. Percy Lee Atherton, \$25, Mr. William York Peters, \$25, and Mr. John T. Spaulding, \$100. These were funded as the "Central Library Building Fund"

and the Trustees voted that sums of money hereafter received without specific direction be added to this Fund until further action.

In October, Mr. Louis E. Kirstein gave to the Library \$1000, stating his intention to add to the fund each year if able to do so. This was funded as the "Louis E. Kirstein Fund".

In December Mr. Morris Gest gave to the Library \$2652.50, the gross receipts from a benefit performance for the Library of "The Miracle", which was funded as the "Morris Gest Fund," the income to be used in the interest of dramatic art.

In December, a bequest under the will of Alice B. Chase of an oil painting of "Old Boston," a memorial to her husband Theodore Chase, was accepted by the Trustees under approval of the Art Commission.

Many important gifts of books and other library material have been received as usual during the year. A detailed statement of these may be found in the Director's report.

TRUST FUNDS.

The Trustees welcome bequests of money, and hope that generous testators may remember the Library. It is from such sources only that they can make purchases of rare works, which give value and rank to a great educational institution but for which they hesitate to expend public funds appropriated for more popular and pressing use.

As a matter of interest to the public, the Board has pleasure in listing herewith the present trust funds of the Library, with explanatory notes.

Artz Fund.— Donation from MISS VICTORINE THOMAS ARTZ, of Chicago; the income of this sum to be employed in the purchase of valuable, rare editions of the writings, either in verse or prose, of American and foreign authors. These books are to be known as the "Longfellow Memorial Collection." Received in 1896.

Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond . . . \$10,000.00

Bates Fund — Donation made by JOSHUA BATES, of London, in March, 1853.

"The income only of this fund is to be each and every year expended in the purchase of such books of permanent value and authority as

	may be found most needful and most useful." Payable to the Mayor of the city for the time being.	
	<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond</i>	\$50,000.00
Bigelow Fund —	Donation made by JOHN P. BIGELOW in August, 1850, when Mayor of the city.	
	The income from this fund is to be appropriated for the purchase of books for the increase of the library.	
	<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond</i>	\$1,000.00
Robert Charles Billings Fund —	Bequest of ROBERT CHARLES BILLINGS.	
	"The sum to constitute a permanent fund for said library, to be called the Robert Charles Billings Fund, the income only to be used for the purposes of the purchase of books for said library." Received in 1903.	
	<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bonds</i>	\$100,000.00
Bowditch Fund —	Bequest of J. INGERSOLL BOWDITCH. Received in 1890.	
	The whole income in each and every year to be expended in the purchase of books of permanent value and authority in mathematics and astronomy.	
	<i>Invested in City of Boston Four and one-quarter per cent Bond</i>	\$10,000.00
Bradlee Fund —	Bequest of the REV. CALEB DAVIS BRADLEE to the Boston Public Library. Received in 1897.	
	<i>Invested in City of Boston Four and one-half per cent Bond</i>	\$1,000.00
Joseph H. Center Fund —	Bequest of JOSEPH H. CENTER, the income thereof to be at all times applied to the purchase of books and other additions to the library. Received in 1905.	
	<i>Invested in</i>	
	City of Boston Four per cent Bonds	\$1,000.00
	City of Boston Three and one half per cent Bonds	38,500.00
	Cash in City Treasury, December 31, 1925	43.14
		\$39,543.14
Children's Fund —	Bequest of JOSIAH H. BENTON of \$100,000, to be held as "The Children's Fund," and the income applied to the purchase of books for the use of the young, to be applied for those purposes only in years when the city appropriates for the maintenance of the Boston Public Library at least three per cent of the amount available for department expenses from taxes and income in said city. In any year when the city does not thus appropriate at least three per cent of the amount available for department expenses from taxes and	

income in said City, the income given in said will for the purchase of books shall be paid to the Rector of Trinity Church in the City of Boston to be by him dispensed in relieving the necessities of the poor.

Invested in

City of Boston Four and one-quarter per cent Bond	\$15,000.00
City of Boston Four per cent Bond	62,000.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Three and one-half per cent Bond	20,000.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Four per cent Bond	6,000.00
Cash in Treasury, December 31, 1925	117.74

\$103,117.74

Clement Fund — Bequest of the late FRANK CLEMENT, of Newton, to be known as the "Frank Clement Fund," the income to be applied to the purchase of books. Received in 1915.

Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond \$2,000.00

Henry Sargent Codman Memorial Fund — This is a contribution from the friends of HENRY SARGENT CODMAN, to be used to perpetuate the memory of Mr. Codman by the purchase of books upon landscape gardening.

It is the desire of the subscribers that a special book plate shall be inserted in each one of the volumes purchased, identifying it as part of their memorial collection. Received in 1898.

Invested in City of Boston Three and one half per cent Bond \$2,800.00
Cash in Treasury, December 31, 1925 54.41

\$2,854.41

Cutter Fund — Bequest of ABRAM E. CUTTER of four thousand dollars and his library of books, the income of the fund to be expended for the purchase of books, and for binding. Received in 1901.

Invested in

City of Boston Three per cent Bond	\$4,000.00
City of Boston Four and one half per cent Bond	100.00
Cash in Treasury, December 31, 1925	40.00

\$4,140.00

Elizabeth Fund — Bequest of SARAH A. MATCHETT, late of Brookline, who died October 6, 1910, the object of which is stated in the following extract from her will:

"I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, twenty-five thousand dollars, to be called the Eliza-

both fund, to be received, held and securely invested, and only the net income therefrom expended every year in the purchase of such books of permanent value and authority as may be most useful in said Library."

Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond \$25,000.00

Daniel Sharp Ford Fund — A bequest of DANIEL SHARP FORD to the Public Library of the City of Boston. Received in 1900.

Invested in City of Boston Three per cent Bond \$6,000.00

Franklin Club Fund — Donation made in June, 1863, by a literary association of young men in Boston, who, at the dissolution of the association, authorized its trustees, Thomas Minns, John J. French and J. Franklin Reed, to dispose of the funds on hand in such manner as to them should seem judicious. They elected to bestow it on the Public Library, attaching to it the following conditions: "In trust, that the income, but the income only, shall, from year by year, be expended in the purchase of books of permanent value, for the use of the free Public Library of the city, and as far as practicable of such a character as to be of special interest to young men." The trustees expressed a preference for books relative to government and political economy.

*Invested in City of Boston Four and one quarter
per cent Bond* \$1,000.00

Isabella Stewart Gardner Fund — Bequest of ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER.

"To the Trustees of the Boston Public Library, for the Brown Musical Library, for a memorial to B. J. Lang." Received in 1924.

Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bonds \$5,000.00

Morris Gest Fund — Donation made by MR. MORRIS GEST in December 1925, the gross receipts from a benefit performance for the Library of "The Miracle", — \$2,652.50, the income to be used in the interest of dramatic art.

Deposited in Hibernia Savings Bank \$2,652.50

Green Fund — Donations of DR. SAMUEL A. GREEN of \$2,000, the income of which is to be expended for the purchase of books relating to American history. Received in 1878 and 1884.

Invested in

City of Boston Four per cent Bond 1,500.00

City of Boston Three per cent Bond 500.00

\$2,000.00

Charlotte Harris Fund — Bequest of CHARLOTTE HARRIS, late of Boston, the object of which is stated in the following extract from her

will: "I give to the Charlestown Public Library \$10,000, to be invested of interest, which interest is to be applied to the purchase of books published before 1850. I also give to said Public Library my own private library and the portrait of my grandfather, Richard Devens." Bequests accepted by City Council, July 31, 1877.

Invested in City of Boston Four and one quarter per cent Bond \$10,000.00

Thomas B. Harris Fund — Bequest of THOMAS B. HARRIS, late of Charlestown, for the benefit of the Charlestown Public Library. Received in 1884.

Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond \$1,000.00

Hyde Fund — Bequest of FRANKLIN P. HYDE of Boston, to be known as the "Franklin P. Hyde Fund," the income to be applied to the purchase of books and other library material. Received in 1915.

Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bonds \$3,600.00

Cash, December 31, 1925 32.40

\$3,632.40

David P. Kimball Fund — Bequest of DAVID P. KIMBALL.

"I give to the Public Library of the City of Boston, the income to be used for the purchase of books \$10,000." Received in 1924.

Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bonds \$10,000.00

Louis E. Kirstein Fund — Donation of \$1,000 made by Mr. LOUIS E. KIRSTEIN in October 1925, "to be used for any purpose of the Library that the Trustees see fit to put it to."

Deposited in Hibernia Savings Bank \$1,000.00

Arthur Mason Knapp Fund — Extract from the will of KATHERINE KNAPP "To the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), to be known as the Arthur Mason Knapp Fund, of which the income only shall be used for the purchase of books for said library. And I hereby request that such books be designated with an appropriate label or inscription, bearing the name of the Fund." Received in 1914.

Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond \$10,000.00

Abbott Lawrence Fund — Bequest of ABBOTT LAWRENCE, of Boston. Received in 1860. The interest on this fund is to be exclusively appropriated for the purchase of books for the said library having a permanent value.

Invested in City of Boston Three and one half per cent Bond \$10,000.00

Edward Lawrence Fund — Bequest of EDWARD LAWRENCE, of Charlestown. Received in 1886. The following clause from his will explains its purpose:

	"To hold and apply the income and so much of the principal as they may choose, to the purchase of special books of reference to be kept and used only at the Charlestown branch of said Public Library."	
	<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond</i>	\$500.00
Mrs. John A. Lewis Fund —	Bequest of ELIZABETH LEWIS, to be known as the Mrs. John A. Lewis Fund: "I give and bequeath to the Boston Public Library the sum of \$5,000 as a fund, the income of which is to be used for the purchase of such old and rare books as shall be fitly selected to augment the collection known as the John A. Lewis Library." Received in 1903.	
	<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond</i>	\$5,000.00
Charles Greely Loring Memorial Fund —	Donation from the family of CHARLES GREELY LORING, the income of which is to be expended for the purchase of books for the West End Branch. Received in 1896.	
	<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond</i>	\$500.00
Charles Mead Fund —	Bequest of CHARLES MEAD, to constitute the Charles Mead Public Library Trust Fund for the promotion of the objects of the Public Library in such manner as the government of said library shall deem best, and so far as the government shall deem consistent with the objects of the library to be used for the benefit of the South Boston Branch Library. Received in 1896.	
	<i>Invested in City of Boston Four and one half per cent Bond</i>	\$2,500.00
The Oakland Hall Trust Fund —	By an interlocutory decree of the Probate Court for the County of Suffolk, the amount of \$11,781.44 was received, the same being one-half of the net amount received from the disposition of certain property held by the Trustees, under an indenture between Amor Hollingsworth, Sumner A. Burt and Amor L. Hollingsworth, all of Milton, Mass., and John H. McKendry, of Boston, Mass., entered into the sixth day of August, 1870. The above amount was accepted by the City, January 2, 1924, and the Trustees of the Public Library voted to invest the same under the name of "The Oakland Hall Trust Fund," the income to be applied to the purchase of books and other library material for the Mattapan Branch.	
	<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bonds</i>	\$11,780.00
	Cash, December 31, 1925	1.44
		\$11,781.44
John Boyle O'Reilly Fund —	Donation received from the PAPHOS CLUB to establish a fund in memory of John Boyle O'Reilly, late member of said club, the income of said fund to be devoted to the purchase of books for the Boston Public Library. Received in 1897.	
	<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond</i>	\$1,000.00

Phillips Fund — Donation made by JONATHAN PHILLIPS, of Boston, in April, 1853.

The interest of this fund is to be used exclusively for the purchase of books for said library.

Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond \$10,000.00

Also a bequest by the same gentleman in his will dated September 20, 1849.

The interest on which is to be annually devoted to the maintenance of a free Public Library.

Invested in City of Boston Three and one half per cent Bond \$20,000.00

Both of these items are payable to the Mayor of the city for the time being.

Pierce Fund — Donation made by HENRY L. PIERCE, Mayor of the city, November 29, 1873, and accepted by the City Council, December 27, 1873.

Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bonds \$5,000.00

Sarah E. Pratt Fund — Bequest from SARAH E. PRATT, late of Boston under the 14th clause of her will for the benefit of the Dorchester Branch, \$500.00.

Distribution of residue of estate on May 7, 1924, \$964.30.

By vote of the trustees the bequest to be funded as the Sarah E. Pratt Fund, the income to be applied to the purchase of books for the Dorchester Branch. Received in January, 1922.

City of Boston Four and one-quarter per cent Bond 1,400.00

Cash in City Treasury, December 31, 1925 64.30

\$1,464.30

Scholfield Fund — Bequest of ARTHUR SCHOLFIELD, who died in New York, January 17, 1883. The interest to be paid to certain heirs during their lives, and then to be used for the purchase of books of permanent value. The last heir, Joseph Scholfield, died November 18, 1889, and by his will bequeathed to the City of Boston the sum of \$11,766.67, which represents the income of said fund received by him up to the time of his death, to which was added \$33.33 accrued interest on deposit up to the time of investment, to be added to the fund given by his brother.

Invested in

City of Boston Four per cent Bonds \$33,800.00

City of Boston Four and one quarter per cent Bond 12,000.00

City of Boston Four and one half per cent Bonds 6,000.00

City of Boston Five per cent Bonds 10,000.00

\$61,800.00

Sewall Fund — Extract from the will of RICHARD BLACK SEWALL:
 “*Tenth.*— I bequeath the following pecuniary legacies clear of legacy tax, namely, To the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) to be added to their funds and the income to be used for the purchase of books.”
 Received in 1918.

Invested in City of Boston Four and one-quarter per cent Bond \$25,000.00

Skinner Fund — Extract from the will of FRANCIS SKINNER:

“*Eleventh.*— All my books and library I give and bequeath to my son, to be enjoyed by him during his life and after his death to be distributed as he shall appoint among such public libraries as he shall judge fit, and in case he makes no such appointment then to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston.

“*Sixteenth.*— All the rest and residue of my said property of whatever kind, I give and bequeath to Augustus P. Loring and J. Lewis Stackpole in trust to pay the net income to my son Francis Skinner, Jr., during his life, or to apply the same to his maintenance and support, or the maintenance and support of any issue of his, as they shall think best during his life; and at his death to apply the income to the maintenance and support of his issue until his youngest child shall reach the age of 21 years and then to distribute said property among said issue, the issue of a deceased child to take the share a parent would have taken if living.

“If there shall be no issue surviving at the time of my son’s death, then to turn the said property into cash and to divide it equally among the following legatees: The Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, the Museum of Fine Arts of Boston, Massachusetts, the Massachusetts General Hospital, the Medical School of Harvard University, and the Free Hospital for Women, Brookline, Massachusetts.

Invested in

City of Boston Three and one-half per cent Bond	\$40,000.00
City of Boston Four per cent Bonds	10,250.00
City of Boston Four and one-half per cent Bond	200.00
16 shares Worcester Street Railway Company	1,280.00
Cash, December 31, 1925	2.14

\$51,732.14

South Boston Branch Library Trust Fund — Donation of a citizen of South Boston, the income of which is to be expended for the benefit of the South Boston Branch Library. Received in 1879.

Invested in City of Boston Four and one-quarter per cent Bond \$100.00

Mary Elizabeth Stewart Fund — Bequest of MARY ELIZABETH STEWART of \$3,500 to the Trustees of the Boston Public Library. The Trustees voted under date of June 29, 1923, that the income be applied to the purchase of books and other library material.

Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond \$3,500.00

Partick F. Sullivan Bequest — Extract from will: "I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Boston Public Library the sum of five thousand dollars, the principal or income of said sum to be expended by them for the purchase of Catholic standard books, said books to be approved by the Archbishop of the diocese of Boston, Mass., or by the President of the Trustees of Boston College, in Boston, Mass." Received in 1908.

This bequest, together with interest amounting to \$339.61, has been expended for books.

Ticknor Bequest — By the will of GEORGE TICKNOR, of Boston, he gave to the City of Boston, on the death of his wife, all his books and manuscripts in the Spanish and Portuguese languages, about four thousand volumes, and also the sum of four thousand dollars. After the receipt of said sums the city is required to spend not less than one thousand dollars in every five years during the twenty-five years next succeeding (i.e., the income of four thousand dollars, at the rate of five per cent per annum) in the purchase of books in the Spanish and Portuguese languages and literature. At the end of twenty-five years the income of said sum to be expended annually in the purchase of books of permanent value, either in the Spanish or Portuguese languages, or in such other languages as may be deemed expedient by those having charge of the library. The books bequeathed or purchased are always to be freely accessible for reference or study, but are not to be loaned for use outside of the library building. If these bequests are not accepted by the city, and the trusts and conditions faithfully executed, the books, manuscripts and money are to be given to the President and Fellows of Harvard College.

In order that the city might receive the immediate benefit of this contribution, Anna Ticknor, widow of the donor, relinquished her right to retain during her life the books and manuscripts, and placed them under the control of the city, the City Council having previously accepted the bequests in accordance with the terms and conditions of said will, and the Trustees of the Public Library received said bequests on behalf of the city, and made suitable arrangements for the care and custody of the books and manuscripts.

Invested in City of Boston Four and one-half per cent Bond \$4,000.00

William C. Todd Newspaper Fund — Donation by WILLIAM C. TODD, accepted by order of the City Council, approved October 30, 1897, the income to be at least two thousand dollars a year, to be ex-

pended by the Library Trustees for newspapers of this and other countries.

Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond . . . \$50,000.00
 Townsend Fund — Donation from William Minot and William Minot, Jr., executors of the will of MARY P. TOWNSEND, of Boston, at whose disposal she left a certain portion of her estate in trust for such charitable and public institutions as they might think meritorious. Said executors accordingly selected the Public Library of the City of Boston as one of such institutions, and attached the following conditions to the legacy: "The income only shall, in each and every year, be expended in the purchase of books for the use of the library; each of which books shall have been published in some one edition at least five years at the time it may be so purchased." Received in 1879.

Invested in City of Boston Three and one-half per cent Bond \$4,000.00
 Treadwell Fund — By the will of the late DANIEL TREADWELL, of Cambridge, late Rumford Professor in Harvard College, who died February 27, 1872, he left the residue of his estate, after payment of debts, legacies, etc., in trust to his executors, to hold during the life of his wife for her benefit, and after her decease to divide the residue then remaining in the hands of the Trustees, as therein provided, and convey one-fifth part thereof to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston.

By order of the City Council, approved May 17, 1872, said bequest was accepted and the Trustees of the Public Library authorized to receive the same and invest it in the City of Boston Bonds, income of which is to be expended by said Trustees in such manner as they may deem for the best interests of the Library.

Invested in

City of Boston Four and one-half per cent Bond . . .	\$1,000.00
City of Boston Four and one-quarter per cent Bonds . . .	3,100.00
City of Boston Four per cent Bonds	9,850.00
Cash in City Treasury, December 31, 1925	37.69

\$13,987.69

Tufts Fund — Bequests of NATHAN A. TUFTS, of Charlestown, to be known as the "Nathan A. Tufts Fund," the income to be applied at all times to the purchase of books and other additions to the library to be placed in the Charlestown Branch. Received in 1906.

Invested in City of Boston Three and one-half per cent Bonds \$10,100.00
 Cash in City Treasury, December 31, 1925 31.77

\$10,131.77

Twentieth Regiment Memorial Fund — Donation on account of the TWENTIETH REGIMENT MEMORIAL FUND, the income to be used for the purchase of books of a military and patriotic character, to be placed in the alcove appropriated as a memorial to the Twentieth Regiment. Received in 1897.

Invested in City of Boston Four and one-quarter per cent Bond \$5,000.00

Wales Fund — Extract from the will of GEORGE C. WALES:

“After the foregoing bequests I direct that the sum of five thousand dollars be paid to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, the same to be held, managed and invested by them, so as to produce an income (and the said income to be applied to the purchase of such books for said Library as they may deem best.” Received in 1918.

Invested in City of Boston Four and one-quarter per cent Bond \$5,000.00

Mehitable C. C. Wilson Fund — Bequest of MEHITABLE C. C. WILSON, the income to be expended for the purchase of books for the Boston Public Library.

Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bonds \$1,000.00

Whitney Funds — Bequests of JAMES LYMAN WHITNEY, who died September 25, 1910.

Alice Lincoln Whitney Fund — The twelfth clause of his will directed that: One-tenth of said remaining income of the principal fund, I direct to be paid to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, to be held and accumulated by said Trustees and permanently invested and re-invested. The first five thousand dollars of income so accumulated, including the income thereon arising during the period of accumulation, I request to be funded in the name of my sister, Alice Lincoln Whitney, and the income of said fund after its accumulation or so much of said income as may be required, to be paid to such employees of the said Library, who are sick and in need of help, as the Trustees may in their discretion deem most worthy (there are often such cases). Any amount of income from said accumulated fund not needed for the purpose just mentioned shall be used for the purchase of books and manuscripts.

Invested in
 City of Boston Five per cent Bond \$ 500.00
 City of Boston Four and one-quarter per cent Bond 1,000.00
 City of Boston Four per cent Bonds 3,500.00

James Lyman Whitney Fund — The Alice Lincoln Whitney Fund having been established, all amounts of income of the principal fund paid to said Trustees, after the accumulation of said fund of five thousand dollars shall be held as the James Lyman Whitney Fund,

and invested and reinvested and the income used in equal shares, one share for the purchase of rare and expensive books, and one share for the purchase and care of manuscripts; one half at least of the share devoted to manuscripts to be expended for their cataloguing and proper care.

Invested in

City of Boston Four and one-half per cent Bonds .	\$1,200.00
City of Boston Four and one-quarter per cent Bonds	2,000.00
City of Boston Four per cent Bonds	7,450.00
Cash in City Treasury, December 31, 1925 . . .	21.22

\$10,671.22

In addition to the above Mr. Whitney created a trust, directing that of the net income seven hundred dollars a year be paid to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, to be expended on bibliographic work for the benefit of the Library.

Central Library Building Fund — Donations in response to an appeal by the Trustees in April 1925, setting forth the needs of the Library, from

Percy Lee Atherton	\$ 25.00
William York Peters	25.00
John T. Spaulding	100.00
<i>Invested in City of Boston four per cent Bond . . .</i>	150.00

Donations — Besides the preceding, the following donations have been made to the Public Library, and the amounts have been appropriated for the purchase of books, according to the intention of the donors, viz.:

J. Ingersoll Bowditch	\$6,800.00
Samuel Appleton, late of Boston	1,000.00
Sally Inman Kast Shepard	1,000.00
James Brown, late of Cambridge	500.00
Andrew Carnegie	980.75
Nathaniel I. Bowditch	200.00
James Nightingale	100.00
Dorchester and Milton Circulating Library, for the benefit of the Dorchester Branch Library . . .	335.13

\$10,915.88

RECAPITULATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS.

Artz Fund	\$ 10,000.00
Bates Fund	50,000.00
Bigelow Fund	1,000.00
Robert Charles Billings Fund	100,000.00
Bowditch Fund	10,000.00
Bradlee Fund	1,000.00
Joseph H. Center Fund	39,543.14
Central Library Building Fund	150.00
Children's Fund	103,117.74
Clement Fund	2,000.00
Henry Sargent Codman Memorial Fund	2,854.41
Cutter Fund	4,140.00
Elizabeth Fund	25,000.00
Daniel Sharp Ford Fund	6,000.00
Franklin Club Fund	1,000.00
Isabella Stewart Gardner Fund	5,000.00
Morris Gest Fund	2,652.00
Green Fund	2,000.00
Charlotte Harris Fund	10,000.00
Thomas B. Harris Fund	1,000.00
Hyde Fund	3,632.40
David P. Kimball Fund	10,000.00
Louis E. Kirstein Fund	1,000.00
Arthur Mason Knapp Fund	10,000.00
Abbott Lawrence Fund	10,000.00
Edward Lawrence Fund	500.00
Mrs. John A. Lewis Fund	5,000.00
Charles Greely Loring Memorial Fund	500.00
Charles Mead Fund	2,500.00
The Oakland Hall Trust Fund	11,781.44
John Boyle O'Reilly Fund	1,000.00
Phillips Fund	30,000.00
Pierce Fund	5,000.00
Sarah E. Pratt Fund	1,464.30
Scholfield Fund	61,800.00
Sewall Fund	25,000.00
Skinner Fund	51,732.14
South Boston Branch Library Trust Fund	100.00
Mary Elizabeth Stewart Fund	3,500.00
Ticknor Fund	4,000.00
William C. Todd Newspaper Fund	50,000.00
Townsend Fund	4,000.00
Treadwell Fund	13,987.69
Nathan A. Tufts Fund	10,131.77
Twentieth Regiment Memorial Fund	5,000.00
Wales Fund	5,000.00
Mehitable C. C. Wilson Fund	1,000.00
Alice Lincoln Whitney Fund	5,000.00
James Lyman Whitney Fund	10,671.22
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	\$719,758.75

NEEDS OF THE LIBRARY.

The Trustees wish to call special attention to the report of the Director which contains many points of interest in relation to the Library. From the report it will be seen that many important repairs and improvements were carried out during the year. Much still remains to be done, and the Trustees have included in their budget estimates this year a request for special consideration for carrying on the work.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The Trustees gratefully acknowledge the assistance rendered by the Examining Committee of the year. It appears that the Library can always rely on the generous and cheerful assistance of the best citizens whenever they are asked to render it service. The recommendations of the Committee deserve and have received careful attention. The Committee for 1925 consisted of:

Mr. Gordon Abbott.	Mr. Jacob J. Kaplan.
Mr. Percy Lee Atherton.	Mr. John C. Kiley.
Prof. E. Charlton Black.	Mr. Malcolm Lang.
John T. Bottomley, M.D.	Gen. Edward L. Logan.
Mr. W. Irving Bullard.	Mrs. Joseph T. Mooney.
Miss Ida M. Cannon.	Mr. Francis P. O'Connor.
Mr. Clifton H. Dwinell.	Mrs. Fred L. Pigeon.
Mr. Allan Forbes.	Mrs. Arthur Rotch.
Mr. John I. Fitzgerald.	Rev. Lyman V. Rutledge.
Mr. Hollis French.	Mr. Samuel Sigilman.
Mr. Lee M. Friedman.	Miss Sara H. Stites.
Mr. Henry Lewis Johnson.	Mr. Charles H. Tyler.
	Mrs. Barrett Wendell.

The helpful and suggestive report of the Committee is appended to the report of the Trustees.

CONCLUSION.

The Board notes with pleasure and satisfaction the election this year to the Presidency of the American Library Association of Mr. C. F. D. Belden, the able and efficient Director of the Boston Public Library.

It is interesting to observe in connection therewith that this is the second time that such an honor has come to our library, the

former instance being when Mr. Justin Winsor, 50 years ago, was chosen as the first president of that association.

We desire also to record our warm appreciation of the splendid spirit of cooperation which everywhere prevails between the Director and the entire library staff.

MICHAEL J. MURRAY,
GUY W. CURRIER,
ARTHUR T. CONNOLLY,
LOUIS E. KIRSTEIN,
WILLIAM A. GASTON.

BALANCE SHEET, RECEIPTS AND

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CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES:

To expenditures for

Permanent employees (exclusive of Printing and Binding Departments)	\$372,367.74	
Temporary employees	143,632.75	
		\$516,000.49

Service other than personal

Contract work (outside)	198.74	
Advertising	65.60	
Transportation of persons	795.17	
Cartage and Freight	11,556.93	
Light and power	9,169.01	
Rent, taxes and water	15,725.49	
Surety bond and insurance	17.50	
Communication	1,663.32	
Cleaning towels, etc.	974.57	
Removal of snow	4.00	
Medical	15.00	
Expert	1,429.69	
Fees	51.35	
General Plant Repairs	45,291.59	
		86,957.96

To expenditure for equipment

Machinery	3,426.20	
Furniture and fittings	6,580.15	
Office	1,872.65	
Books:		
City appropriation	\$97,130.06	
Trust funds income	22,598.38	
		119,728.44
Newspapers:		
City appropriation	1,367.01	
Trust funds income		
Todd Fund	1,566.88	
		2,933.89
Periodicals	9,710.76	
Photographs	355.95	
Tools and instruments	1,066.49	
General plant equipment	2,252.55	
		147,927.08

To expenditures for supplies:

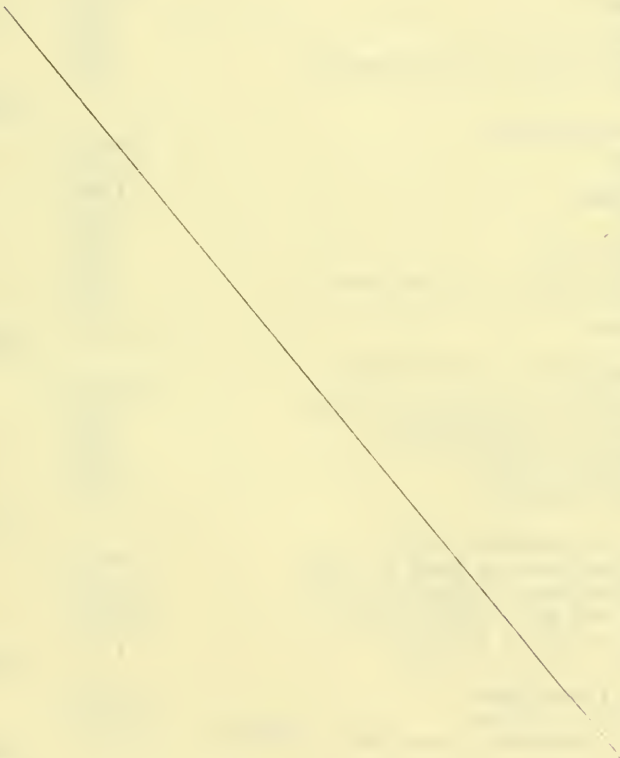
Office	6,733.26	
Food and ice	383.87	
Fuel	17,496.51	
Forage for animals	19.55	
Medical	37.54	
Laundry, cleaning and toilet	1,802.64	
Agricultural	258.20	
Chemicals and disinfectants	50.08	
General plant	1,908.70	
		28,690.35

Carried forward \$779,575.88

EXPENSES, DECEMBER 31, 1925.

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BY CITY APPROPRIATION 1925	\$863,772.00	
Income from Trust funds	19,235.75	
Income from James L. Whitney Bibliographic account	350.00	
Interest on deposit in London	191.47	
	<hr/>	\$883,459.19
BY BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 1925:		
Trust Funds income, City Treasurer	56,579.93	
Trust Funds income on deposit in London	8,821.10	
City appropriation on deposit in London	3,970.43	
James L. Whitney Bibliographic account	5,620.15	
Library Building Addition, equipping and furnishing	11,799.39	
	<hr/>	86,791.00



Carried forward \$970,340.19

BALANCE SHEET, RECEIPTS AND

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<i>Brought forward</i>		\$779,575.88
To expenditures for material		
Building	110.00	
Electrical	3,773.39	
General plant	12,691.66	
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		16,575.05
Special items		
Pensions	791.56	
James L. Whitney Bibliographic account	231.82	
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		1,023.38
BINDING DEPARTMENT:		
Salaries	47,944.44	
Stock	4,971.15	
Equipment	2,191.73	
Light	45.67	
Repairs	38.95	
Electrical, tools, ice and small supplies	487.92	
Freight	27.00	
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		55,706.86
PRINTING DEPARTMENT:		
Salaries	9,903.23	
Stock	2,624.06	
Equipment	6,118.97	
Light	30.42	
Repairs	123.84	
Outside work	40.76	
Furniture, tools, ice and small supplies	1,544.37	
Freight	2.93	
Insurance	89.61	
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		20,478.19
To AMOUNT PAID INTO CITY TREASURY:		
From fines	15,691.17	
Sales of catalogues, bulletins and lists	56.93	
Commission on telephone stations	506.29	
Payments for lost books	1,262.01	
Sale of waste paper	245.15	
Interest on deposit	6.08	
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		17,767.63
To BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1925:		
Trust funds income on deposit in London	3,392.67	
City appropriation on deposit in London	3,250.45	
Trust funds income, City Treasury	56,722.87	
James L. Whitney Bibliographic account	5,738.33	
Interest on deposit in London	191.47	
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		69,295.79
BALANCE UNEXPENDED:		
General appropriation	15,885.65	
Special appropriation, Library Building Addition	11,799.39	
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		27,685.04
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		\$988,107.82

EXPENSES, DECEMBER 31, 1925.

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<i>Brought forward</i>		\$970,340 19
BY RECEIPTS:		
From fines	15,691.17	
Sales of catalogues, bulletins and lists	56.93	
Commission on telephone stations	506.29	
Payments for lost books	1,262.01	
Sale of waste paper	245.15	
Interest on deposit	6.08	
	<hr/>	\$17,767.53

 \$988,107.82

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Gentlemen:

The Examining Committee takes pleasure in submitting its report for the year ending December 31, 1925.

The Committee appointed for the current year, consisting of women and men of widely various interests, has given interested and thorough attention to the duties assigned to it. The Committee was organized in the usual sub-committees and the various assignments were carefully investigated.

Each sub-committee has made a report in writing, and this will be filed with you for specific data. Through the consideration of these individual reports and discussions of them, the Examining Committee wishes to record its highest regard for the service rendered by the Boston Public Library through the main library and its numerous branches. Members of our Committee found many of the branches actively engaged in supplying books in close alliance with public school work. There is also great need for the further development of the special libraries in connection with the higher grades of educational and technical work, in which Boston now has a large and growing community.

The subjects to which the Examining Committee urges special attention are as follows:

1. The amount used for repairs on the main building, during the year, has been economically expended and the results so far, are satisfactory. It is urged that a further special appropriation be made for the coming year to continue the important work of restoration.

2. The salaries of the staff of the Library are below the proper standards, and as soon as the report of the National Body on Library Standard Salaries is published, the question of a revision of the salaries in the Boston Public Library service should be studied and recommendations made by the next Committee.
3. The needs of the Library for endowment were never more urgent. The special libraries can be of great service to the large student body. The various groups in the Fine Arts Department need funds to acquire early examples and modern reference works in both the arts and sciences. A study of the question of endowment and contributions is urged so that steps may be taken to increase them.
4. The sub-committee on branch libraries gave careful attention to the needs of different sections of the City, and these were the subject of full discussion by the general Committee. While it is advisable for the City to own eventually all its branches, as contrasted with using rented and often unsuitable premises, the Committee appreciates the fact that a definite program for new buildings, with ensuing increase in taxation, is a part of the larger policy of the City. It is essential, however, that a forward looking building program be followed so that the present unsatisfactory conditions in some branches be overcome, and the best library service possible rendered to all parts of the City.
5. A more general understanding of the importance of the service rendered by the Boston Public Library is essential to the future of this institution. Those who serve for one or more years on the Examining Committee have a much deeper appreciation of the far-reaching influence upon the pleasures and accomplishments of the youth and citizenship of this City, than before such contact. It is unfortunate that the membership of this Committee has such temporary contact with library affairs. That more continuous contact should be established between the library and individuals who in a sense will represent community interests, is urged.

6. It was VOTED: That the Examining Committee recommend that the Trustees consider ways and means of creating a more continuing and more effective interest on the part of the members of the Examining Committee, and suggest that they be appointed in rotation for a term of three or four years.

The circulation of over three million volumes annually, the large use made of the reading rooms, the special libraries and the reference works for school use in branch libraries are the visible evidences of the successful administration of the Boston Public Library. They also impose a responsibility for wise and liberal development which needs a wider publicity of library affairs.

Adopted as the Report of the Examining Committee, January 25, 1926.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

An amendment to the City Charter made by the General Court of the Commonwealth in 1924 (Chapter 479) advanced the fiscal year of the city one month. In consequence, the Report herewith respectfully submitted is for an eleven-month period, February 1 to December 31, 1925.

CIRCULATION AND ACCESSION OF BOOKS.

The total circulation for the entire library system for the eleven month year was 3,129,781; this is 12,413 volumes less than the circulation for 1924-25. The branch circulation, exclusive of deposits to schools and institutions, was 2,306,889, a gain of 23,112 over the previous year. Deposits amounted to 401,765 volumes.

Direct home circulation from the Central Library was 608,852 volumes, a loss of 14,172 from the figures of 1924-25.

Comparative tables of circulation statistics may be found on pages 48-51 of the Appendix.

It is interesting to note that the total circulation for the twelve-month period, ending January 31, 1926, was 3,307,782. The gain in circulation over a similar period in 1924-25 was 175,588 volumes.

The total accessions for 1925 were 85,163 volumes, a gain of 4,308 over 1924-25. Of these 72,925 were acquired by purchase, 10,045 by gift, 1,931 by binding periodicals, 97 by binding newspapers, 120 by exchange and 45 through the American Statistical Association. The purchases were distributed as follows: branches, 61,728 volumes, including 6,575 for the Deposit Collection; Central Library, 11,143 volumes, including 3,586 bought with the income from trust funds.

The expenditure for books for the year totals \$128,729.04, an increase of \$16,319.30 over last year. The city appropriation amounted to \$103,487.85; \$719.98 represents funds on deposit in London, and \$24,521.21 was the income from trust funds.

Sub-divided, the expenditures from the City appropriation charged to the book fund, cover \$9,644.76 for periodicals, including \$3,600.09 for branches; \$1,367.01 for newspapers, including \$320.50 for branches; \$92,782.77 for books, including \$78,712.04 for branches.

The expenditures from Trust Funds show \$1,566.88 paid for newspapers; \$355.95 for photographs; \$91.73 for lantern slides, and \$22,506.65 for books.

The year 1925 brought new obligations and emphasized those which are always pressing. The Fellowes Athenaeum Branch at Roxbury, which is affiliated with the Fellowes Athenaeum, has hitherto depended on funds supplied by the Trustees of the Athenaeum for its books. Owing to the increased cost of administering the Athenaeum, this arrangement could not longer be carried on and the purchase of current books for this branch was taken over by the Library and charged to the City book appropriation.

This year the Library, through the Director, has been enrolled as a member of the Founders of the Business Historical Society, Incorporated, of Boston, organized "to advance the scientific study and development of finance, trade, commerce, industry and business generally, by research and instruction."

The completion of negotiations with the German Patent Office, begun in 1924, has resulted in the receipt of the greater part of the Patentschriften issued since 1914; the auction sales have yielded a fair number of desirable books, a few of which are noteworthy; a special collection of modern Spanish literature has been added for circulation, and the accessions to the Division of Fine Arts have been constant and important. It would not be possible to include in this report even a small portion of the many works of interest bought during the year. The selection of titles which follows shows a few of the more important books acquired.

- Artiñano y de Galdácano, Gerasio de. *La arquitectura naval española (en madera); Bosquejo de sus condiciones y rasgos de su evolución.* Madrid. 1920. Illus.
- Bible, N. T. *The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, newly translated from the original Greek: and with the former translations diligently compared and revised.* Massachusetts Bay: Boston: Printed by Thomas & John Fleet, at the Bible and Heart in Cornhill. 1870. Believed to be the earliest edition of the New Testament published in Boston. No other copy has been discovered.
- Birrell, Augustine. *Three essays. I. Book-buying. II. Book-binding. III. The office of literature.* New York. The Grolier Club. 1924.
- Boston Massacre. *A short narrative of the horrid massacre in Boston, perpetrated in the evening of the fifth day of March, 1770, by the soldiers of the XXIXth Regiment; which with the XIVth Regiment were then quartered there: with some observations on the state of things prior to that catastrophe.* pp. 1-48; Appendix, pp. 85-88. 8°, stitched. Printed by Order of the Town of Boston, and sold by Edes and Gill, in Queen Street. 1770.
This is the second issue of the first edition published the same year. Pages 85-88, containing a letter to the Duke of Richmond and the names of the people in England to whom the pamphlet was sent, are not in the first issue.
- Bowen, Frank C. *The golden age of sail. With illustrations from contemporary engravings and paintings in the Macpherson collection.* London. 1925.
- Emerson, William and Georges Cromort. *Old bridges of France. A series of historical examples from Roman times to the end of the XVIII. century.* New York. 1925.
- Evans, Lewis. *The castle of Christianitie, detecting the long erring estate, asvvell of the Romaine Church, as of the Byshop of Rome: together with the defence of the Catholique faith.* London. 1568. The first edition.
- Grolier Club, New York. *Catalogue of original and early editions of some of the poetical and prose works of English writers from Wither to Prior.* New York. 1905. 3 v.
- Haebler, Conrad. *Die deutschen Buchdrucker des XV. Jahrhunderts im Auslande.* München. 1924.
- Heale, William. *An apologie for vvomen: or, an opposition to Mr. Dr. G(ager) his assertion. Who held in the Act at Oxforde. Anno. 1608. That it was lawfull for husbands to beate their wiuies.* By W. H. of Oxford. 1609. Galatea Collection.
- Hubert, Sir Francis. *The deplorable life and death of Edward the Second, King of England. Together with the downfall of the two*

- unfortunate fauroits, Gavestone and Spencer. London: 1628. The first (surreptitious) edition.
- Kommission für den Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke. Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke. Band I. Leipzig. 1925.
This great catalogue of Incunabula will be published in 12 volumes.
- Morison, Stanley. Four centuries of fine printing. Upwards of six hundred examples of the work of presses established during the years 1500 to 1914. With an introductory text and indexes by Stanley Morison. London. 1924.
- Morison, Stanley, compiler and editor. Modern fine printing. An exhibition of printing issued in England, the United States of America, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Czecho-Slovakia, Holland and Sweden during the twentieth century. London. 1925.
- Musical Association (London). Proceedings. Sessions 1-43. 1874/75-1916/17. London. 1875-1917.
By this purchase the imperfect set in the Brown Music Library was completed.
- Passio domini nostri Jcus Christi ex quattuor evangelistis collecta. Gothic letter, double columns, with outline woodcut of the Virgin and Child and St. Anne on the last page. Sinenota, sed cociniae retro minores (M. Van Werden). 1499. Example of the Cologne press.
- Salmony, Alfred. Sculpture in Siam. London. 1925.
- Shakespeare, William. The plays of William Shakespeare, accurately printed from the text of the corrected copies, left by the late George Steevens, Esq., and Edmond Malon, Esq. With a glossary. London. 1838. This volume was bought because it contained a so-called "Fore-edge" painting of which the Library had no example. On the fore-edge is a painting illustrating Shakespeares' birthplace.
- Theocritus. The idyls of Theocritus, (Bion and Moschus), rendered into English prose by Andrew Lang. Illustrated after drawings by W. Russell Flint. London. 1922. 2 v.
- Ungerus, Christianus Theophilus. De Aldi Pii Manutii Romani vita meritisque in rem literatam liber . . . auctus cura S. L. Geret. Vitembergae. 1753.
- Wilson, Hardy. Old colonial architecture in New South Wales and Tasmania. Sydney. 1924.
- Year book, The, of oriental art and culture. 1924/25 (vol. 1-2.): London. 1925. Text, 1 v. Illus. Music; Atlas, 1 v. Edited by Arthur Waley.

During the year 17,916 volumes, 21,524 serials and 760 photographs have been received as gifts. These figures include 7,685 volumes and 12,126 serials received in the Branch Department and Information Office,—material duplicated in the Cen-

tral Library. In addition, 53 newspaper subscriptions were continued by the publishers.

Gifts of money were received from the following:

Mr. Louis E. Kirstein, the sum of \$1000, "to be used for any purpose of the Library that the Trustees see fit."

Mr. Morris Gest, \$2,652.50, representing the entire gross receipts from the special matinee of *The Miracle* given for the benefit of the Boston Public Library (Boston Opera House, November 30). This was funded as the "Morris Gest Fund," the income to be used in the interest of Dramatic Art.

Mrs. Charles Weld, \$15, used for the purchase of a book which the Library would not ordinarily buy.

The generous contributions from the Columbia Phonograph Company of New York, the General Phonograph Corporation of New York and the Victor Talking Machine Company of Camden, New Jersey, have enriched the Library Collection to the extent of 317 records. The Columbia Phonograph Company gave 138 records, the General Phonograph Corporation, 41, and the Victor Talking Machine Company, 39. The gift of these records was made to enable the Library to illustrate the weekly lectures on the Symphony Concerts given by the Music Division.

Other gifts, with the names of the givers, are listed on pages 59-63 of the Appendix.

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

At the beginning of the fiscal year there were 123,994 cards available for current use. During the year 28,122 new registrations and 31,845 renewals, making a total of 59,967 cards, were added through the Central Library and branches. Borrowers who allowed their home use privileges to lapse number 54,534, leaving a total of 129,427 "live" cards on December 31, 1925; a gain of 5,433 over last year. The gain in registered "live" cards for a five-year period has been 23,969.

Cards issued to teachers prior to February 1, 1925, numbered 9,432. Of this number 1,285 were renewed and 321 added during the year, making a total of 1,606 teacher's cards in use, compared with 1,561 in 1924-25.

Of the 3,715 special privilege cards which had been issued up to February 1, 1925, there were 367 renewals and 139 new cards granted during the year, making a total of 506 special privilege cards in use, compared with 429 in 1924-25.

The outstanding feature of this year's development has been the extension of the filing cabinet to include 150,000 records, thus relieving overcrowded files and providing space for the expansion of the numerical record.

CATALOGUE AND SHELF DEPARTMENT.

The number of volumes and parts of volumes catalogued during 1925 was 106,158, representing 75,809 titles. The number of cards added to the catalogues was 178,082, of which number 140,321 were added to the catalogues in the Central Library, and 37,761 to those in the branches. Of the cards filed in the Central Library 55,524 were placed in the Bates Hall and Issue Department catalogues; 34,594 in the Official catalogues; 15,665 in the Special Libraries catalogues; and 34,538 were sent to the Library of Congress and Harvard College Library, or reserved for the making of lists on special subjects. From the Library of Congress the Boston institution has received in return galley proofs of its cards, useful for comparison and reference, and printed cards for books on the fine arts and technical subjects. From Harvard College the Library has received copies of their printed cards. By means of the "rush" system now in use, titles of new books, if bound, were filed in the catalogues the day after their shelf-numbers were assigned. The falling off from last year in the number of cards printed is owing to the loss of one experienced compositor in the Printing Department and the thorough overhauling of the linotype machines.

Printed catalogue cards for all new books has been set aside as copy for the Monthly Bulletin, and since December 1, type-written cards have been made for the editor in advance of printing.

Much revision of classification and cataloguing has been done, some of which already appears in the catalogues while some still awaits printing.

The abuse of the public catalogues by soiled hands and rough handling continues to be a matter of much concern in spite of all efforts. Many cards and often entire subjects have to be replaced long before they would need to be if carefully used. The fiction catalogue in the Issue Department has been almost entirely renewed during the year.

The routine work of the Shelf Division has proceeded as usual. Although more progress was made in shelf-reading than in late years, still more could have been accomplished but for the changes in the Fine Arts and Technical Divisions, where a new classification, based on the Library of Congress system, was devised and put into operation. There have been the usual readjustments in the shelving of books. In connection with the changes in the Special Libraries, the Map Division has been moved to Stack 6 and the cabinets formerly in the West Gallery have been moved to the North Gallery.

Statistics relating to the work of the Catalogue and Shelf Department may be found on page 52 of the Appendix.

PUBLICATIONS.

The *Monthly Bulletin of Recent Books*, which was begun in January, 1924, taking the place of the *Quarterly Bulletin* and the *Weekly List of New Books*, has been continued in eleven issues, January–November, 1925; 2,075 copies being printed of each. The November number closes this series of the Bulletin.

Brief Reading Lists, Nos. 31–34. The subjects were as follows: No. 31, Operas: a selected list of scores, librettos and related works, compiled by Richard G. Appel, of the Music Division. No. 32, the Circus, compiled by L. E. Taylor, of the Catalogue Department, in connection with the coming of two circuses to Boston in June. No. 33, The Miracle, compiled by Mary A. Tenney, of the Catalogue Department, in anticipation of Morris Gest's production in Boston of the music-drama pantomime of that name. No. 34, A selected list of inexpensive books for Christmas presents, with names of publishers, prices and notes, compiled by Alice M. Jordan, Supervisor of Work with Children.

Bibliographical lists have been prepared in connection with the programs of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the concerts by the Lenox Quartet given in the lecture hall of the Library.

Library Life, the staff bulletin of the Library, continues to be published by an editorial board of ten members who share the work of gathering material, and four of whom are, in turn, Editor-in-Chief of one monthly issue. The paper is believed to have justified its existence as a record of library activities and a means of promoting acquaintance and co-operation.

A Guide to Serial Publications founded prior to 1918 and now or recently current in Boston, Cambridge, and vicinity, compiled and edited by Thomas Johnston Homer. Part IV has for some time been ready for the printer and a considerable portion of Part V is now also ready. Unusual conditions in the Printing Department have caused the publication to be delayed, but Part IV will probably appear soon; meanwhile use may be made of the material by consultation with Mr. Homer.

Opportunities for Adult Education in Greater Boston, 1925-26. A list of free public lectures and public educational courses, offered by the Massachusetts Department of Education, Division of University Extension; The Lowell Institute; the Commission on Extension Courses; The Public Library of the City of Boston; and other institutions.

BATES HALL.

The reference work of the Library has gone on at its usual even pace. The number of inquiries answered by mail has been larger than in any previous year, amounting to 807 letters, which came to us from 45 of the 48 states, three Provinces of Canada and eight foreign countries; of the total number, 151 asked for information on points of Genealogy.

Bates Hall has been well filled during the year, but it has always been possible to provide chairs for those who came. The largest recorded attendance, on Saturday, December 12, at 5 p.m. was 309; counting the stools at the Catalogue, the Hall accommodates 316. The total number of books brought from the stacks in the eleven-month period covered by this report

was 229,189. The year has been marked by no excitement comparable to that caused by the cross-word puzzles of last year; although a recent contest devoted to American history has resulted in the mutilation of a number of volumes by persons who apparently think that the removal of a leaf from a book will keep it out of the hands of other contestants.

One hundred and fifty-two new titles have been added to the reference collection and 124 annuals or new editions substituted for earlier issues. Two hundred and fifty-five books have disappeared from the collection during the year and 12 volumes missing in former years have come to light. The steady growth of the collection of Supreme Court Reports has necessitated the removal of some other legal reference works, most of which, however, were out of date.

The department has received some publicity through the daily broadcasting during a considerable portion of the year from station WEEI of answers to questions, for which credit was duly given to the Library by the announcer.

At the beginning of the year a new division, that of Genealogy, was created in the department and Miss Agnes C. Doyle, long first assistant, who has specialized in the subject for many years, was appointed assistant-in-charge; a desk for her use was placed in the Hall near the shelves devoted to Genealogy and Heraldry. Some re-arrangement has made it possible to assemble a very good working collection of genealogical books on the shelves available; a card catalogue of coats of arms is now in progress. The change in organization is already justifying itself, and seems to have the approval of the public.

In connection with the appointment of Miss Doyle, Mr. Michael J. Conroy was advanced to the position of first assistant at the Bates Hall Catalogue.

A great improvement in the appearance of the Hall has been made by the laying of the handsome new floor covering of reinforced rubber in the Catalogue enclosure, replacing the badly worn cork matting. The laying of this floor required the temporary removal of the catalogue cases and gave an opportunity for their rearrangement on a radial plan. High tables have been substituted for the old low ones, and thus far the new arrange-

ment seems to have many advantages. The enclosure is less crowded and it is much easier to keep the drawers replaced in the cases. The lighting of the hall is also in process of improvement; lampshades of a modern pattern are being substituted for the old ones at the catalogues and book cases.

NEWSPAPER AND PATENT ROOMS.

The number of papers regularly filed in the Newspaper Room is 273. During the year nine papers ceased publication or were consolidated with other papers. There are 218 daily and 55 weekly papers received, of which 195 are published in the United States and 78 in foreign countries. The bound volumes now number 9,092, an increase of 97 volumes since the last report. Readers to the number of 18,814 consulted 34,083 bound volumes, as compared with 18,589 persons who used 34,057 during the preceding year.

From various sources missing numbers are constantly being added to the files of the 18th century papers. The Massachusetts Historical Society has made photostat copies of numbers of the *Boston Newsletter* missing from the Library's file, which is now practically complete.

In the collection of Patent Documents, the total number of volumes is 18,461, the increase for the year being 910 volumes. More than 70,000 numbers of the *Patentschriften* have been received from the German Patent office during the year. Some of the years must remain incomplete; the missing numbers are probably abandoned or secret. The volumes are now being made up and will shortly be bound.

The recorded number of persons using the files during the year (11 months) was 18,649, as compared with 18,465 during the previous twelve-month year. The number of volumes consulted was 110,745, an increase of 112 over those used in 1924-25.

INFORMATION OFFICE, GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT ROOM AND OPEN SHELF ROOM.

The Information Office continues to be of great service in deflecting from other departments inquiries which are readily an-

swered from directories, school and college catalogues, recent government documents, vocational information pamphlets, and publications of chambers of commerce. A large file of street and telephone directories has been maintained, partly through the generosity of Boston business houses who donated their discarded directories to the Library for exchange purposes. Many directories of other cities were procured in this way.

The Government Documents have been carefully studied and brought up to date during the past year. Now that many of the duplicate federal reports and bulletins, which formerly were sent free to this Room, must be paid for, only the most important and popular are ordered. A complete file of government documents is available elsewhere in the Library. A title and subject index has been made for the *Trade Information Bulletin* issued by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. It has greatly increased the usefulness of these bulletins and has been consulted by about three hundred persons every month.

The Vocational Information Service continues to gain in efficiency; last year about nine hundred new catalogues and pamphlets were added from federal, state and city departments and from private organizations. There is a great demand for information regarding university extension courses.

The Open Shelf Room increases in popularity. An author and title catalogue of the collection has been made and has justified its existence. School students are beginning to use the room in larger numbers. Books covering topics of current interest are brought from the stacks and are made readily accessible to the public. Though the interest in memoirs, books of travel, poems and plays is as keen as ever, there has been a decided increase in the demand for books on the subjects treated in the American Library Association series, "Reading with a Purpose." The call for French, Spanish and Italian books is constant and can be met; but the demand for recent German books has been greater than the supply.

The summer service in the Court Yard during the noon hours was appreciated by readers and the circulation of books and magazines showed an increase over last year.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

The steady increase in the use of periodical literature for reference, especially by students, has made it necessary to rearrange the division, using the inner room for current periodicals and the outer for reference work. New equipment has been provided, releasing the wall space for shelving where the most used bound periodicals are now housed. There is a new rack for current periodicals, which have been first classified and then alphabetized. This new arrangement has proved satisfactory, both from the reader's and the Library's point of view.

ATTENDANCE.

AT THE HOURS	10	12	2	4	6	8	9.45
	A.M.	M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
1921-22 . . .	14,264	15,875	25,943	31,762	21,786	26,619	12,827
1924-25 . . .	16,432	18,526	32,162	36,427	23,841	27,254	13,763
1925 . . .	16,927	19,214	33,026	37,026	24,645	27,832	13,891

The use of bound and unbound periodicals shows the following increase over last year:

BOUND FILES.

Bound volumes consulted during the year	1924-1925	1925 (11 months)
Daytime (week-days)	49,315	50,260
Evening and Sunday	20,762	22,163

UNBOUND FILES.

Unbound periodicals consulted during the year	1924-1925	1925 (11 months)
Daytime (week-days)	57,943	59,675
Evening and Sunday	25,882	26,719

The current periodicals, exclusive of those issued by the state and federal governments, regularly filed for readers in the Periodical Department, number 1,258. In addition there are filed for use by readers in other departments current periodicals especially related to the fields covered by such departments, as follows:

Fine Arts and Music Divisions of the Special Libraries	136
Ordering Department	27
Statistical Department	49
Teachers' Reference Room and Children's Room	60
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	272
Periodical Room	1258
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Total number of current periodicals received	1530

SPECIAL LIBRARIES.

The Special Libraries include all the collections housed on the third floor of the Central Building and comprise the divisions of Fine Arts, Music, Technology, and Special Collections (Barton-Ticknor Division).

Many changes have been made in the Special Libraries in the effort to secure better service and provide for the growth of the collections. Additional accommodation for readers and students has been made in the Special Libraries Reading Room and the West Gallery. Three new open-shelf alcoves have been organized—Fine Arts, Art-Students' Reference, and Chemical Reference—and an alcove has been taken for the classified Fine Arts accessions. These open shelf additions necessitated the shifting of the entire Fine Arts and Technology book collections. All the book cabinets have been removed from the West and Barton Galleries. About eighty of these have been placed in the new cabinet storage room, made by flooring over the second balcony of the Statistical Room.

As explained in the last *Annual Report*, further changes on this floor are greatly needed. Plans have been made for steel stacks to be erected in the Barton Gallery alcoves and the adjoining northwest corner room, an expedient which will release shelf space for the needed Book-Treasure Room and the united music collections, while it will, at the same time, keep together the special collections now in the Barton Gallery.

The Fine Arts Division has continued to build up its immense collection and, since last July, it has classified all accessions on an abridged Library of Congress scheme, having a special shelf-notation devised by Mr. Michael McCarthy of the Shelf Department. The entire Fine Arts open-shelf collection has been reclassified, revised, rearranged and shelf-listed, and an open-shelf collection of oversize books has been organized for the convenience of art students.

The Technology Division has continued to build up its admirably organized book collection and special reference tools, described in the last *Annual Report*. A new reference tool is the open-shelf alcove devoted to serial sets in Chemistry.

The Music Division in co-operation with the Extension Division of the State Board of Education has arranged for several series of interpretative lectures on symphony concerts and operas and, for these lectures, has prepared programs and book-lists. The gift collection of phonograph records has been enlarged by 317 records from publishers.

The Barton-Ticknor Division (Special Collections) has continued to draw attention to the treasures of the Library by monthly exhibitions of manuscripts and rare editions of famous authors, and Dr. Haraszti's critical descriptions of these exhibitions have appeared in Boston newspapers. In his new post of editor, Dr. Haraszti will continue to render this service to the Department and the Library.

From February 1 to December 31, 1925, the Department put on view thirty exhibitions. Of this number, twelve were of books and documents in the possession of the Library; thirty were loan exhibitions, only two of them consisting of books.

The number of books issued for home use from the Special Libraries during eleven months was 21,631. In the same period, 28,921 pictures and 5,746 lantern slides were issued for use outside the Library.

WORK WITH CHILDREN.

The urgent demand for books for children could not be denied and 39,311 volumes, 53 percent of the total number of books purchased, were bought at a cost of \$41,858.39.

Home use of books drawn on juvenile cards comprised 50 per cent of the total circulation of the Library system. In the branches alone the proportion was greater, amounting to 58 per cent of the total.

Fifty-three per cent of the card-holders of the Library are under sixteen years of age and are, therefore, classed as children. Registration in this class was increased 2,966 in 1925; although this does not seem as large an increase in normal development as might have been expected, it evidently kept pace with the gain in adult borrowers, being 54 per cent of the total gain. As the Library increases its corps of workers equipped by training and

temperament to do intensive work with children, its efforts for a fuller registration will be likely to yield greater returns.

Growth in work with children is to be measured not only by an increase in cardholders and home circulation, but by improved accommodations in the libraries themselves. There have been minor improvements at a number of points, but nowhere else has the change been so marked as at Uphams Corner, where the swimming tank in the municipal building was taken over as a children's room in 1924 and transformed from a naturally cold interior into a cheerful and pleasant reading room. This arrangement afforded an excellent opportunity to organize the work with children and put a specially trained assistant in charge of it. The results of this step have been noticeable in increased circulation, better discipline and more constructive work with the children who frequent the branch.

In all parts of the library system the book collections show the effects of the larger expenditure of the last three years. Not only are the books in better condition, but the range of selection is wider, embracing a greater variety of interests. The reading of children to-day shows an earlier arrival at mature tastes and the sophistication caused by city life creates a demand for books written to suit an adult public. Where one child wanted mystery and detective stories ten years ago, there are now twenty who are eager to read them. Without catering to this demand, it is sometimes possible to offer as substitutes stirring narratives of adventure and travel to satisfy the craving for excitement.

Ability to choose acceptable substitutes and introduce them successfully depends upon an ever growing familiarity with books, no less than a gift for tactful approach to the reader. In order to prepare assistants for this type of personal service to young people, two courses in children's literature were given during the year to members of the staff in the Central Library and branches. It is believed that these lessons have helped the members of the classes to give more sympathetic and discriminating assistance to boys and girls who use the Library.

The Library has constant realization of the importance of the story hour as a means of introducing books to the children. Hundreds of children gather for the weekly story hours in dif-

ferent parts of the city and the continued popularity of this feature is the best indication that it supplies a need. Each year enlarges the opportunities offered the story tellers to go into the public schools and in these school visits the welcome grows more and more cordial at each return. It seems evident, too, that the Library, by supplying this entertainment, is building in another way for better citizenship in the community, since the story-hour establishes habits of quiet, orderly attention in marked contrast to the uproarious behavior often noted in the motion picture houses. Respect for the library building is always expected and good conduct becomes instinctive, for the story hour period at least.

Relations with the public schools have been friendly and, in some parts of the city, close. The Course in Citizenship recently adopted by the City of Boston occasioned many requests for books to help build character through the emphasis laid on qualities such as self-control, self-reliance, good workmanship, etc. The ingenuity and resourcefulness of attendants have been taxed to supply these requirements, as the call has been for specific examples of each quality.

The Central Children's Room has been drawn upon for all these demands, since its readers are to be found in every quarter. Furthermore, it has made special contacts with many organizations and individuals seeking assistance or enlightenment on children's books. The collection of finely illustrated editions has been used by art students, by commercial illustrators, costumers and designers, by editors, teachers and parents, as well as by those who are simply book lovers. Numerous classes from different types of schools have come for instruction on the resources of the Library or for reference use of reserved books.

The fruitful and pleasant co-operation between the Children's Museum and the Children's Department continued through exhibits lent for display wherever showcases were available. Collections of objects from the Philippine Islands and Japan, besides natural objects—minerals, shells and birds—were specially enjoyed. Many of our library readers made a new and delightful connection with the Museum of Fine Arts when they were given invitations to attend the summer story hour there. It is a source of satisfaction to know that these three institutions can work in

such happy association to enrich the lives of the children of Boston.

Two related problems confront the Children's Department at the Central Library. Solution of the one may mean solution of the other. These perplexities have to do with the reasonable claims of two groups, the pupils in the high schools and the teachers. Any expansion of the Children's Department should naturally be in the direction of better service to the young people just growing beyond books for children and not yet sufficiently experienced to use a large library to good advantage. There is ample proof of the need of greater attention to the requirements of high school students and the Children's Department attempts to help whenever possible, but space for expansion is lacking, unless the adjoining room is used for the purpose, instead of for a Teachers' Reference Room as at present. On the other hand there has been a marked increase in the use of this room.

The work of the Teachers' Room is, however, properly a part of the general reference department. It began with a small collection of books for kindergarten teachers and now threatens to interfere with the legitimate function of the Children's Department. Not only does the presence of so many adult students complicate the work with children and tax the seating capacity of the room, but the multiplicity of their requirements lays an increasing burden upon the staff. To keep up with the magazines on educational subjects, the growing bibliographies on topics of current importance, the material for debates, the University Extension reserves, calls for the entire time of an experienced reference assistant. It is not fitting that students from three universities and many training schools should be obliged to come for their assignments to a room which is practically an adjunct to the Children's Department.

THE BRANCH SYSTEM.

The total circulation through the branches, including books issued from Central Library collections on borrowers' cards, was 2,816,073. This is a gain, in an eleven-month period, of 18,067 over 1924-25. The number of books issued from the Central

Library through branches was 107,419; this includes 82,611 from the deposit collection and 24,808 from Central Library collections. Sixteen branches gained and fifteen lost in circulation. The greatest gains were at Mattapan, North End, Fellowes Athenaeum, Dorchester, Codman Square, Mt. Bowdoin, Uphams Corner and Orient Heights; the greatest losses were at Roxbury Crossing, Lower Mills and South End.

The branch circulation for the twelve-month period ending January 31, 1926, was 2,978,036. This shows a gain of 180,030 volumes over last year. In this period, twenty-eight branches gained in circulation and three lost.

The number of volumes sent out on deposit to 326 agencies (207 schools, 53 fire engine houses, and 43 institutions of various kinds) was 86,400, as against 92,352 last year. The total number of volumes sent to schools was 56,328, compared with 59,216 last year. Of this number 21,630 were sent from the Branch Issue Division, Central Library, as compared with 19,393 the year before. The number of books issued on deposit from the branch libraries, chiefly to schools, was 34,698, compared with 39,823 the year before. The number of individual teachers supplied was 1,372 as against 1,312 in 1924-25.

Interlibrary loans for eleven months amounted to 1,704 volumes, 323 less than last year. Thirty-one volumes were borrowed from other libraries. Of the 1,411 applications received, 474 were refused.

In the branch system, adult education has developed along four lines: an obligatory course of training for branch assistants; the preparation of numerous lists, several of which may be used as reading courses; the establishment in each branch of an information file of material; and an organized campaign of educational publicity.

In the past six years the personnel turnover has amounted to only 22 per cent; compulsory retirement under the pension act accounts for 9 per cent of this, and marriage for 6 per cent. Considerable progress has been made in the type of examination for library service. The old memory test has given way to tests for general information and judgment. Assistants who have been selected by these tests are now trained in a course which has

been started this year. As outlined, it will cover four years. The training in the branches will be supplemented by courses given in the Central Library.

A uniform classification for pamphlets and ephemeral material has been devised for the entire branch system and in the past year this has been put into operation.

Traveling exhibits have followed a regular schedule during the year, as have the ninety-two posters covering a great variety of popular subjects. The book-wagon service instituted at Tyler Street during the summer months was very successful in establishing friendly relations with people who had been diffident about coming to the library. Adult circulation at the branch, both fiction and non-fiction, was increased; the use of Americanization books was encouragingly large. Traveling libraries composed of units of twenty-five each—biography, music, modern poetry—were bought to supplement the branch collections on these subjects.

LECTURES AND EXHIBITIONS.

The Library offered eighty-seven free public entertainments (lectures, concerts, miracle plays, etc.) in the thirty weeks of the lecture season. Of these, thirty-seven lectures were illustrated with lantern slides; eight were concerts; and three were miracle plays. The entertainments covered the following fields: lectures on travel, 25; lectures on literature, and readings, 21; music lectures and concerts, 16; lectures on drama, plays, and dramatic readings, 11; lectures on art, 5; scientific lectures, 5; miscellaneous lectures, 4.

Fourteen lectures were given under the auspices of the Ruskin Club; six by the American Poetry Association, five by the Field and Forest Club, five by the Drama League, two by the Lincoln House Orchestra, one by the Dickens Fellowship. Six concerts by the Lenox Quartet were given by Mrs. Elizabeth S. Coolidge. These were greatly enjoyed by an audience which filled the hall at each concert.

The Hall was also used every week-day, except Thursday, in the evening, and several mornings and afternoons as well, by

the State Department of Education, Division of University Extension, which offered for a nominal fee courses on a variety of subjects.

Thirty exhibitions were held in the Fine Arts Exhibition Room and the Barton-Ticknor Room. In the latter room the material shown was mainly bibliographical and included first editions and manuscripts relating to Longfellow, Nathaniel Bowditch, Thackeray, William Ellery Channing, the Battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill.

There are certain exhibitions which are shown each year in the main exhibition room. These are the House Beautiful Cover Design Competition; the competitive poster designs made by school children for "Be Kind to Animals" Week; and "Fifty Books" chosen each year by the American Institute of Graphic Arts for excellence of format. In addition to these, two memorial exhibitions of reproductions of the work of John Singer Sargent were given, one at the time of his death, the other to supplement the exhibition of originals at the Museum of Fine Arts. There were also exhibitions of colour prints; examples of the work of the Pre-Raphaelites; material relating to dramatic events of importance; and various collections of book rarities.

STAFF INSTRUCTION.

The four courses of instruction for members of the staff described in last year's report were all brought to a successful conclusion. In a number of cases it has been pleasant to see that these courses have enabled assistants to pass examinations necessary for promotion in the service. The present year a course is being given by Prof. Robert E. Rogers, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, on the "Great Classics of Literature since the Renaissance." Twenty members of the staff are enrolled in this course, which is the fifth in the important series on literary subjects given by Prof. Rogers under the auspices of the Massachusetts Division of University Extension. Two courses in children's literature are being given by Miss Jordan to members of the staff in the Central Library and branches.

THE BINDERY AND PRINTING DEPARTMENTS.

During the year four new pieces of machinery were installed in the Bindery Department. These have added greatly to the efficiency of the department, and as a consequence it has not been necessary, with one exception, to replace any of those who have been retired. The output of the Bindery, (11 months), was 50,206 volumes, 3,202 more than in 1924-25. The number of recased new books was 9,458, a slight increase over last year.

The old linotypes in the Printing Department were exchanged for three new models and installed during the summer. These, with the new press bought in 1924-25, bring the machinery of the department up to date.

MECHANICAL AND OTHER CHANGES AND REPAIRS.

Owing to increased appropriations, real progress has been made in putting the Central Building and branch libraries in repair. The more important changes, in addition to those noted in other parts of the Report, are as follows:

New Uniflow engine and generator. One of the old engines and generators was repaired.

New boilers in the Annex were retubed. The old boilers were removed from beneath the main stairway.

Book railway was repaired and rebuilt; all its machinery is now in good running order.

New electrical "service elevator" replaced the old one at the Blagden Street entrance.

New ventilating system was installed for the Lecture Hall.

Major leaks were stopped on the roof of the Central Building, although extensive repairs are still needed. The metal secondary roof and catch-pans over the hall were repaired and renewed where necessary.

A centrifugal pump was installed.

The Record Room was enlarged, painted and relighted. New lights were installed in the Fine Arts Gallery, Periodical and Statistical Rooms at the Central Library.

A sprinkler system was installed in two sections of the Central Library.

The Fine Arts Gallery, Stack, floors 1-6, Printing Department, window trims and iron work at the Central Building were painted. The exterior and interior of the Faneuil Branch Library were painted; at the Jamaica Plain Branch the walls were painted, as were the main room and children's room at Uphams Corner.

The upper gallery of the Statistical Room was floored over, giving much needed space for Fine Arts Department cabinets.

New shelving was installed in the Lower Mills, Mattapan, Neponset, Orient Heights, South Boston, and Uphams Corner Branches. Other minor improvements and repairs were made throughout the branch system.

This year it was also possible to improve the lighting in a number of the branches. Electric systems were installed at Brighton, Charlestown, Dorchester, Faneuil, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, North End, Orient Heights, and Uphams Corner Branches. At East Boston the lighting was changed from direct to indirect.

RETIREMENTS.

During the year the following persons were retired under the Boston Retirement Act:

Fellows Athenaeum Branch: Martha L. C. Berry, second assistant, (retired April 30, 1925), entered service 1883; *Bindery Department:* William P. Hemstedt, assistant foreman, (retired May 31, 1925, voluntary), entered service 1883; Maximilian Eichhorn, forwarder, (retired August 31, 1925), entered service 1904; *Ordering Department:* Emily O. Frinsdorff, first assistant, (retired August 31, 1925, voluntary), entered service 1894; *Jamaica Plain Branch:* Nellie F. Riley, first assistant, (retired October 31, 1925, voluntary), entered service 1882; *Executive Department:* Adelaide A. Nichols, auditor, (retired December 31, 1925), entered service 1868; *Engineer and Janitor Department:* Thomas J. Sexton, janitor-laborer, (retired December 31, 1925), entered service 1916.

CONCLUSION.

To the employees of the Library system the Director extends his sincere appreciation for the services they have rendered during the past eleven months. It is a pleasure to acknowledge all the honest and individual effort on the part of chiefs of departments, librarians of branches, and assistants generally, which has given added prestige to the work of the institution. Special recognition is made of the loyal and efficient aid of Mr. Frank H. Chase, the Reference Librarian.

CHARLES F. D. BELDEN,
Director,

APPENDIX.

TABLES OF CENTRAL AND BRANCH CIRCULATION.

	1920-21	1921-22	1922-23	1923-24	1924-25	1925†
CENTRAL LIBRARY .	551,190	591,640	590,655	576,997	623,024	608,852
BRANCHES:						
Allston . . .	41,369	47,328	53,598	57,705	60,358	63,434
Andrew Square . .	30,761	33,944	33,413	51,991	68,196	68,772
Boylston Station . .	44,829	50,033	55,672	62,340	64,871	64,559
Brighton . . .	75,273	79,397	83,238	87,672	92,702	89,384
Charlestown . . .	91,455	98,780	101,140	99,035	98,433	95,288
City Point . . .	34,510	30,300	38,381	43,277	47,441	50,108
Codman Square . . .	91,721	101,792	103,810	113,529	114,950	119,758
Dorchester . . .	68,873	70,396	67,810	75,608	88,628	90,123
Dor. Lower Mills . .	18,040	17,765	17,577	25,801	27,259	25,488
East Boston . . .	111,813	120,234	120,993	125,968	128,771	125,820
Faneuil . . .	24,001	24,913	24,944	27,004	30,443	31,560
*Fellowes Athenæum . .	80,469	80,933	79,125	71,673	76,007	84,765
Hyde Park . . .	79,592	80,855	82,498	89,716	95,334	93,582
Jamaica Plain . . .	58,228	60,507	59,970	64,022	68,630	67,232
Jeffries Point . . .	. . . .	10,309	35,925	40,857	52,020	53,004
Mattapan . . .	16,439	20,499	20,497	27,699	48,789	58,290
Mount Bowdoin . . .	73,620	80,492	83,376	98,961	107,679	112,320
Mount Pleasant . . .	49,494	57,562	53,846	52,977	53,953	53,778
Neponset . . .	22,630	28,789	33,263	40,353	41,466	39,479
North End . . .	69,846	85,187	96,359	107,329	117,075	121,651
Orient Heights . . .	21,934	27,970	34,240	30,580	40,605	45,395
Parker Hill . . .	48,891	49,209	49,459	44,081	37,038	39,860
Roslindale . . .	73,310	80,879	82,597	89,336	94,888	93,154
Roxbury Crossing . .	47,030	57,609	55,911	57,869	67,153	58,634
South Boston . . .	104,679	121,194	124,809	139,173	152,799	148,751
South End . . .	99,751	97,403	99,543	111,682	117,845	112,578
Tyler Street . . .	31,343	40,039	39,973	42,270	37,321	37,436
Upham's Corner . . .	113,846	119,375	120,257	109,731	95,975	100,288
Warren Street . . .	94,991	104,412	108,665	122,159	136,981	135,913
West End . . .	123,137	136,431	142,470	154,267	157,321	152,043
West Roxbury . . .	54,956	66,470	74,970	81,199	88,249	88,482
Total . . .	2,448,776	2,672,646	2,768,984	2,922,861	3,132,194	3,129,781

*Roxbury Branch renamed Fellowes Athenæum Branch in 1923.

† For a year of eleven months.

The net gains and losses in circulation are presented, apart from the totals, in the following form:

				VOLUMES.
1920-21	gain	over	preceding year	148,044
1921-22	gain	over	preceding year	223,870
1922-23	gain	over	preceding year	96,338
1923-24	gain	over	preceding year	153,877
1924-25	gain	over	preceding year	209,333
*1925	loss	from	preceding year	12,413

*Eleven-month period. Gain for the twelve-month period was, 175,588.

USE OF BOOKS.

CIRCULATION FROM CENTRAL BY MONTHS.

	HOME USE		SCHOOLS AND	TOTALS
	DIRECT	THROUGH BRANCH DEPT.	INSTITUTIONS THROUGH BRANCH DEPT.	
February, 1925	33,412	11,746	21,440	66,598
March, "	31,165	10,528	22,405	64,098
April, "	31,406	11,206	23,270	65,882
May, "	28,440	9,240	24,420	62,100
June, "	22,751	7,694	23,210	53,655
July, "	18,331	6,179	5,515	30,025
August, "	19,693	6,410	5,775	31,878
September, "	18,151	5,821	5,635	29,607
October, "	25,635	8,463	10,945	45,043
November, "	34,984	12,359	16,980	64,323
December, "	49,740	17,773	28,130	95,643
Totals	313,708	107,419	187,725	608,852

DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL CIRCULATION.

	HOME USE	SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS	TOTALS
CENTRAL LIBRARY:			
a. Direct	313,708		
b. Through branches	107,419		
c. Schools and Institutions through Branch Department		187,725	608,852
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BRANCHES:			
Allston	63,434		63,434
Andrew Square	68,772		68,772
Boylston Station	64,559		64,559
Brighton	53,971	35,413	89,384
Charlestown	84,645	10,643	95,288
City Point	50,108		50,108
Codman Square	112,774	6,984	119,758
Dorchester	73,542	16,581	90,123
Dorchester Lower Mills	25,488		25,488
Carried forward	597,293	69,621	666,914

	HOME	SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS	TOTAL
<i>Brought forward</i>	597,293	69,621	666,914
East Boston	107,344	18,476	125,820
Faneuil	31,560		31,560
Hyde Park	84,605	8,977	93,582
Fellowes Athenæum	66,600	18,165	84,765
Jamaica Plain	58,633	8,599	67,232
Jeffries Point	53,004		53,004
Mattapan	58,290		58,290
Mt. Bowdoin	107,451	4,869	112,320
Mt. Pleasant	53,778		53,778
Nepouset	39,479		39,479
North End	120,641	1,010	121,651
Orient Heights	45,395		45,395
Parker Hill	39,860		39,860
Roslindale	84,451	8,703	93,154
Roxbury Crossing	58,634		58,634
South Boston	132,028	16,723	148,751
South End	96,481	16,097	112,578
Tyler Street	37,436		37,436
Upham's Corner	98,711	1,577	100,288
Warren Street	131,402	4,511	135,913
West End	131,844	20,199	152,043
West Roxbury	71,969	16,513	88,482
Totals	2,306,889	214,040	2,520,929

These figures are condensed into the following :

*Books lent for home use, including circulation through
Schools and Institutions.*

From Central Library (including Central Library books issued through the branches)	608,852
From branches (excluding books received from Central Library)	2,520,929
Total	3,129,781

COMPARATIVE.	1924-25.	1925.
Central Library circulation (excluding schools and institutions):		
Direct home use	334,188	313,708
Through branches	117,089	107,419
	451,277	421,127
Branch Libraries circulation (excluding schools and institutions):		
Direct home use	2,283,777	2,306,889
Schools and institutions circulation (including books from Central through the branch system)	397,140	401,765
	3,132,194	3,129,781

Under the inter-library loan system with other libraries the following use of books for the purpose of serious research is shown for two successive years:

	1924-25.	1925.
Volumes lent from this Library to other libraries in Massachusetts	1,770	1,449
Lent to libraries outside of Massachusetts	257	255
Totals	<u>2,027</u>	<u>1,704</u>
Applications refused:		
From libraries in Massachusetts	342	370
From libraries outside of Massachusetts	82	104
Totals	<u>424</u>	<u>474</u>
Borrowed from other libraries for use here	20	31

The classified "home-use" circulation of the branches was as follows, for two successive years:

	1924-25.		1925.	
	VOLUMES.	PERCENTAGE.	VOLUMES.	PERCENTAGE.
Fiction for adults	713,320	31	720,311	32
Non-fiction for adults	260,051	11	230,900	10
Juvenile fiction	841,116	37	893,115	38
Juvenile non-fiction	488,310	21	462,563	20

At the Central Library the classified "home-use" circulation shows the following percentage:

	1925-24.	1925.
	PERCENTAGE.	PERCENTAGE.
Non-fiction	51.7	52.2
Fiction	48.3	47.8

BOOK ACCESSIONS.

BOOKS ACQUIRED BY PURCHASE.

	1924-25.	1925.
For the Central Library:		
From City appropriation	8,328	7,557
From trust funds income	3,774	3,586
	<u>12,102</u>	<u>11,143</u>
For branches:		
From City appropriation	54,289	57,874
From trust funds income	92	3,908
	<u>54,381</u>	<u>61,782</u>
By Fellowes Athenaeum (for Fellowes Athenaeum Branch)	832	
Totals	<u>67,315</u>	<u>72,925</u>

The following statement includes the accessions by purchase combined with books received by gift or otherwise:

	CENTRAL.	BRANCHES.	TOTAL VOLUMES.
Accessions by purchase	11,143	61,782	72,925
Accessions by gift	9,244	801	10,045
Accessions by Statistical Department	45	. . . . .	45
Accessions by exchange	120	. . . . .	120
Accessions by periodicals bound	1,787	144	1,931
Accessions by newspapers bound	79	. . . . .	97
Totals	22,436	62,727	85,163

THE CATALOGUE.

	1924-25.		1925.	
	VOLS. AND PARTS	TITLES	VOLS. AND PARTS	TITLES
Catalogued (new):				
Central Library Catalogue	24,135	13,608	24,314	14,702
Serials	4,685	. . . . .	5,868	. . . . .
Branches	53,301	44,321	58,087	49,494
Recatalogued	19,007	15,891	17,889	11,613
Totals	101,128	73,820	106,158	75,809

SHELF DEPARTMENT.

The number of volumes shelved and thus made available for public use, taken from the report of the Shelf Department, is

Placed on the Central Library shelves during the year:		
General collections new books (including continuations)		22,308
Special collections, new books and transfers		1,874
Books reported lost or missing in previous years, but now found, transfers from branches etc.		1,467
		<hr/> 25,649
Removed from Central Library shelves during the year:		
Books reported lost or missing, condemned copies not yet replaced, transfers, etc.		14,102
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Net gain at Central Library		11,547
Net gain at branches		18,704
		<hr/> 30,251
Net gain, entire library system		30,251

The total number of volumes available for public use at the end of each year since the formation of the Library is shown in the following statement:

1852-53	9,688	1889	520,508
1853-54	16,221	1890	536,027
1854-55	22,617	1891	556,283
1855-56	28,080	1892	576,237
1856-57	34,896	1893	597,152
1857-58	70,851	1894	610,375
1858-59	78,043	1895	628,297
1859-60	85,031	1896-97	663,763
1860-61	97,386	1897-98	698,888
1861-62	105,034	1898-99	716,050
1862-63	110,563	1899-1900	746,383
1863-64	116,934	1900-01	781,377
1864-65	123,016	1901-02	812,264
1865-66	130,678	1902-03	835,904
1866-67	136,080	1903-04	848,884
1867-68	144,092	1904-05	871,050
1868-69	152,796	1905-06	878,933
1869-70	160,573	1906-07	903,349
1870-71	179,250	1907-08	922,348
1871-72	192,958	1908-09	941,024
1872-73	209,456	1909-10	961,522
1873-74	260,550	1910-11	987,268
1874-75	276,918	1911-12	1,006,717
1875-76	297,873	1912-13	1,049,011
1876-77	312,010	1913-14	1,067,103
1877-78	345,734	1914-15	1,098,702
1878-79	360,963	1915-16	1,121,747
1879-80	377,225	1916-17	1,139,682
1880-81	390,982	1917-18	1,157,326
1881-82	404,221	1918-19	1,173,695
1882-83	422,116	1919-20	1,197,498
1883-84	438,594	1920-21	1,224,510
1884-85	453,947	1921-22	1,258,211
1885	460,993	1922-23	1,284,094
1886	479,421	1923-24	1,308,041
1887	492,956	1924-25	1,333,264
1888	505,872	1925	1,363,515
Volumes in entire library system			1,363,515
Volumes in the branches			365,567

These volumes are located as follows:

Central Library	997,948	Dorchester Lower Mills	2,668
Allston	5,465	East Boston	20,870
Andrew Square	5,179	Faneuil	5,261
Boylston Station	6,070	Fellowes Athenæum	36,343
Brighton	19,201	Hyde Park	34,402
Charlestown	15,596	Jamaica Plain	17,733
City Point	7,546	Jeffries Point	3,623
Codman Square	10,615	Mattapan	4,130
Dorchester	14,618	Mt. Bowdoin	9,712

Mt. Pleasant	5,739	South Boston	19,698
Neponset	4,159	South End	14,445
North End	10,532	Tyler Street	5,488
Orient Heights	4,492	Upham's Corner	12,830
Parker Hill	4,004	Warren Street	9,999
Roslindale	11,204	West End	21,622
Roxbury Crossing	6,695	West Roxbury	15,628

THE BINDERY.

	1924-25.	1925.
Number of volumes bound in various styles	55,289	59,664
Magazines stitched	216	197
Volumes repaired	3,046	2,620
Volumes guarded	1,312	2,144
Maps mounted	35	49
Photographs, engravings, etc., mounted	3,019	2,379
Library publications folded, stitched and trimmed	75,278	64,162

THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

	1924-25.	1925.
Requisitions received and filled	181	293
Card Catalogue (Central Library):		
Titles exclusive of automatic reprint	16,470	11,058
Cards finished (exclusive of extras)	188,328	140,321
Card Catalogue (Branches):		
Titles (Printing Department count)	696	568
Cards finished (exclusive of extras)	31,218	37,761
Signs	3,862	1,825
Blank forms (numbered series)	4,016,630	3,613,725
Forms, circulars and sundries (outside numbered series)	80,225	42,531
Catalogues, pamphlets and bibliographical programmes	51,750	67,520

THE LECTURES OF 1925-1926.

All lectures, except those marked with an asterisk (*) were illustrated with lantern slides.

1925

- Oct. 1. Inside a Harem, a Pyramid, a Tomb. Mrs. Alice Howland Macomber.
- Oct. 4. The Story of the Boston Theatre. Quincy Kilby.
- Oct. 5. *This Changing World. Miss Lilian Whiting. (Ruskin Club.)
- Oct. 8. Around the World. Walter Wentworth Allerton.
- Oct. 11. The Route of the Resolute: a World Tour. John C. Bowker, F.R.G.S.

- Oct. 15. From Hell Gate to Golden Gate. Henry Warren Poor, A.M.
- Oct. 18. *The Music of the Bible. Charles N. Lanphere.
- Oct. 18. *"The Miracle": Its History and Presentation at Home and Abroad. Rudolph Kommer.
- Oct. 22. Char-a-bancing in the British Isles. Guy Richardson.
- Oct. 25. *Music Contrasts and Their Delights. Margaret Anderton.
- Oct. 26. *Ruskin's Museums. Mrs. May Smith Dean. (Ruskin Club.)
- Oct. 29. How the Laymen should view Art. Royal B. Farnum.
- Nov. 1. *Author's Reading from "God's Scarlet Law." Francis Henry Wade, M.D.
- Nov. 4. *The Composition of Poetry. Charles Hammond Gibson. (American Poetry Association.)
- Nov. 5. In Viking Lands and Waters. Charles Ernest White.
- Nov. 8. *A Ritual for Armistice Day. Henry Augustine Smith, A.M.
- Nov. 8. *The Story of St. Francis in Graphic Language. Mrs. Elizabeth Ward Perkins.
- Nov. 9. Mexico. Dr. Charles E. Spaulding. (Ruskin Club.)
- Nov. 11. *The English Comedy of Manners. Walter Pritchard Eaton.
- Nov. 12. The Rocky Mountain Hike of 1925. Rev. Charles W. Casson. (Field and Forest Club Course.)
- Nov. 15. *The Portrait of a Dramatist. Robert E. Rogers, A.M. (Drama League Course.)
- Nov. 19. The New Jugo-Slavia. Emma G. Cummings.
- Nov. 22. *Amy Lowell and Present-Day Poetry. George Mark Sneath, A.M.
- Nov. 23. *Goldsmith and Gray. Mr. Charles Hammond Gibson. (Ruskin Club.)
- Nov. 29. *Scandinavian Writers. Lorence Munson Woodside.
- Dec. 2. *The Spell of Lyric Poetry. Henry Harmon Chamberlin. (American Poetry Association.)
- Dec. 3. New England Earthquakes: Yesterday, To-day and Tomorrow. Kirtley Fletcher Mather, S.B., Ph.D.
- Dec. 6. Balearic Islands and Cataluña. Ralph Adams Cram, Litt.D., LL.D.
- Dec. 10. Holiday Rambles in the Highlands and Lowlands of Europe. Olive C. Grigor. (Field and Forest Club Course.)
- Dec. 13. *Recital of Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew." Walter Bradley Tripp. (Drama League Course.)
- Dec. 13. *Reading of Dickens's "Christmas Carol." Walter Bradley Tripp.
- Dec. 14. Alaska: the Land of Far Delight. Mrs. Charles B. Hall. (Ruskin Club.)
- Dec. 17. Popular Legends in Stained Glass. Orin E. Skinner.

- Dec. 20. *A Modern Opera: Pfitzner's "Palestrina." Otto G. T. Straub.
- Dec. 20. *Miracle Plays from the York and Townley Cycles. Community Service of Boston, Inc., and Citizens' Public Celebrations Association.
- Dec. 21. *Miracle Plays from the York and Townley Cycles. Community Service of Boston, Inc., and Citizens' Public Celebrations Association.
- Dec. 23. *Miracle Plays from the York and Townley Cycles. Community Service of Boston, Inc., and Citizens' Public Celebrations Association.
- Dec. 27. *Wordsworth. E. Charlton Black, LL.D. (American Poetry Association.)
- Dec. 28. *Christmas: Music arranged by Mrs. Robert Nichols; Messages, Mrs. Minnie Meserve Soule. (Ruskin Club.)
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- Jan. 3. *The World's Great Songs. Mme. Beale Morey.
- Jan. 3. *"One Increasing Purpose." Dr. Henry H. Saunderson.
- Jan. 6. *The Influence of Shakespeare on Scott. Wilmon Brewer, Ph.D. (American Poetry Association.)
- Jan. 7. Treasures of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. Martha A. S. Shannon.
- Jan. 10. *Reading of Shakespeare's "Macbeth". Mrs. Louisa C. James. (Drama League Course.)
- Jan. 10. *Russian Choral Music. Henry Gideon.
- Jan. 11. *The Human Voice and How to Read It. Walter Babcock Swift, A.B., O.B., M.D., B.L.I. (Ruskin Club.)
- Jan. 14. Cliff-House and Cave Exploration in Arizona. Alfred Vincent Kidder, Ph.D. (Field and Forest Club Course.)
- Jan. 17. *Concert by Lincoln House Orchestra. Jacques Hoffman, Conductor.
- Jan. 20. The Chateau Country of France. Rev. Alwin E. Worman. (Old Blake House Chapter, D.A.R.)
- Jan. 21. The Glory of England, her Cathedrals and Scenic Beauty. Frederick Parsons, F.R.S.A.
- Jan. 24. *Visiting an Eastern King. Mrs. John Clarence Lee.
- Jan. 25. Virgil and Virgil's Land. Dr. Davis Wasgatt Clark. (Ruskin Club.)
- Jan. 28. The Land of Evangeline. Rev. A. T. Kempton, D.D.
- Jan. 31. *Notable Fiction of the Year. John Clair Minot.
- Jan. 31. *Concert by the Lenox Quartet.
- Feb. 3. *The Fervor of Humanity in the Thought and Art of Robert Browning. Helen Archibald Clarke. (American Poetry Association.)
- Feb. 4. A History of Lighting. Julius Daniels.

- Feb. 7. *An Afternoon with Dickens. Members of the Boston Branch of Dickens Fellowship.
- Feb. 7. *Concert by Lenox Quartet.
- Feb. 8. *Observance of Ruskin's Birthday: John Ruskin. E. Charlton Black, LL.D. (Ruskin Club.)
- Feb. 11. Our National Forests. Philip W. Ayres. (Field and Forest Club Course.)
- Feb. 14. The Theatre, from Henry Irving to Walter Hampden. Frank W. C. Hersey, A.M. (Drama League Course.)
- Feb. 15. The Spell of the Italian Lakes. Mrs. James Frederick Hopkins. (Ruskin Club.)
- Feb. 18. The Jubilee Year of 1925. William M. Stinson, S.J.
- Feb. 21. *The Folk Song in the Concert Hall. John Tasker Howard.
- Feb. 21. *Concert by the Lenox Quartet.
- Feb. 25. An Historical Pilgrimage from Maine to Florida in a Houseboat. Alfred Johnson, A.M., Litt.D.
- Feb. 28. *Portrait of a Modern Poet. Robert E. Rogers, A.M. (American Poetry Association.)
- Feb. 28. *Concert by the Lenox Quartet.
- Mar. 4. Picturesque England from Chester to Clovelly. Ellen E. Page.
- Mar. 7. *In Word and Tone: a Program of Associated Poetry and Music. Laura Huxtable Porter.
- Mar. 7. *Concert by the Lenox Quartet.
- Mar. 8. *What's What in Books. John Clair Minot. (Ruskin Club.)
- Mar. 11. Motor Gypsying and Mountain Climbing Across the Continent. Carl S. Whittier. (Field and Forest Club Course.)
- Mar. 14. Theatre Going in Europe To-day. Albert Hatton Gilmer, A.M. (Drama League Course.)
- Mar. 14. *Concert by the Lenox Quartet.
- Mar. 18. French Highways and Byways. André Morize, Agrégés-Lettres.
- Mar. 21. *Concert by Lincoln House Orchestra. Jacques Hoffman, Conductor.
- Mar. 22. This Realm! This England! Mrs. Arthur Dudley Ropes. (Ruskin Club.)
- Mar. 25. Our New and Proposed National Parks, East and West. George H. Browne, A.M.
- Mar. 28. Trails and Trail Building in the White Mountains. Charles Winthrop Blood, Litt.B.
- Apr. 1. City Health and Emergencies. Dr. Hollis Godfrey, LL.D., D.C.L.
- Apr. 4. *Folk Songs of Europe. Catherine S. Swett, Assisted by members of the University Double Quartet and Radcliffe Choral Society.

- Apr. 8. England in Art and Story. Mrs. James Frederick Hopkins.
 Apr. 11. *Aunt Clarissa Lends her Heirlooms of Two Centuries. Mrs. M. Gertrude Cutter.
 Apr. 12. *The Educational Value of the Library. Mr. Henry A. Higgins. Ruskin: A French Critic's View. Prof. Melvin B. Webber. (Ruskin Club.)
 Apr. 26. *Author's Reading. Dr. Henry H. Saunderson. (Ruskin Club.)

PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS, 1925.

- Feb. 2. Photographs of stage settings loaned by the *Theatre Arts Magazine*.
 Portolan Atlas.
 Photographs of a Shakespearian Costume Ball.
 21. Original designs for *House Beautiful* Cover Designs Competition.
 26. Manuscript letters and first editions of Longfellow (Barton-Ticknor Room).
 Mar. 7. Color prints of great paintings (Medici and Seeman prints).
 9. Illustrations from the descriptive booklet of Balieff's *Chauve Souris*.
 11. "Fifty Books of 1924," selected by the American Institute of Graphic Arts.
 26. Bowditch memorial exhibition: manuscripts and book rarities from the Nathaniel Bowditch Collection. (Barton-Ticknor Room).
 Apr. 11. Competitive poster designs and medals loaned by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to mark "Be Kind to Animals Week."
 15. Manuscripts and printed memorials of the Battle of Lexington, to commemorate the 150th Anniversary. (Barton-Ticknor Room).
 21. John Singer Sargent Memorial Exhibition. (Reproduction).
 May 7. Photographs of old-time Base-ball Players from the McGreevy Collection.
 10. William Ellery Channing memorial exhibition. Manuscripts and editions. (Barton-Ticknor Room).
 11. Reproductions of the work of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood.
 June 2. Editions of the Book of Common Prayer, from the Benton Collection.
 15. Music commemorating the Battle of Bunker Hill.
 Memorials of the Battle of Bunker Hill. (Barton-Ticknor Room).

- July 1. Documents and prints relating to the early history of the United States.
18. Thackeray manuscripts and first editions commemorating the 114th anniversary of the author's birth.
- Sept. 23. Boston Theatre Memorials, in great part loaned by Mr. Quincy Kilby.
Decorative color prints.
- Oct. 6. Oil paintings and photographs illustrating the *Miracle*, loaned by Morris Gest.
10. Columbus Day exhibition of rare books and maps.
29. Fifty Books of 1925.
- Nov. 3. The originals of Subercaseaux's water-color illustrations of the Life of Saint Francis, loaned by the Marshall Jones Company.
16. John Singer Sargent exhibition of reproductions, supplementing the exhibition of originals at the Museum of Fine Arts and including six oil copies by Sargent from Old Masters, loaned by Governor Fuller.
- Dec. 21. Editions of *Miracle Plays*. (Barton-Ticknor Room).
29. Paintings and photographs illustrating the Official Mission of the Duc de Trévisé to make known the *Franco-American Society La Sauvegarde de l'art français*.

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- Allen, John K. Liberty Loan Committee of New England.
Publicity Committee's Scrap Book in 10 volumes.
Mr. Allen was organizer of the Publicity Committee and its Executive Officer during the five loans, 1917-1919.
- Alling, Carolyn E. Sixty-nine volumes of miscellaneous works, including a number of publications relating to social service study and an illustrated edition of the History of the World War, by Frank W. Simonds, in five volumes.
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- Baxter, Sylvester. Sixty-five volumes of Spanish literature, history, fiction and poetry, a number of which are autographed presentation copies by the authors to Mr. Baxter.
- Blake, Miss Sarah Swan, Kittery Point, Maine. Diaries and letters of Francis Minot Weld, M.D., with a sketch of his life; A brief history and genealogy of the family of Weld, by Sarah Swan Weld Blake. Privately printed. Boston, 1925.
- Bradford, Gamaliel, Wellesley Hills. *Wives*, by Gamaliel Bradford. New York (1925)

- Brown, Abbie Farwell, Literary Executor of Oscar Fay Adams. The literary works of Oscar Fay Adams, including the manuscript of notes, written for William Morris's "Summer" (second part of "The Earthly Paradise"); some two dozen short stories collected from magazines in which they first appeared; a collection of eighteen essays entitled "American Women of Yesterday"; a group of studies on "Men of Yesterday"; together with thirty short essays, stories and literary sketches, written in the course of the last quarter of the past century.
- Buenos Aires, Province of, La Plata. Obras completas y correspondencia de Florentino Ameghino. Volume 4. La Plata, 1915. (Continuing the set).
- Champney, Miss Lydia C., Estate of. Twenty volumes of miscellaneous works and a collection of music of 138 volumes and unbound material.
- Clark, William Andrews, Jr., Library of Los Angeles. Some letters from Oscar Wilde to Alfred Douglas, 1892-1897. (Heretofore unpublished.) With illustrative notes by Arthur C. Dennison, Jr. and Harrison Post, and an essay by A. S. W. Rosenbach. San Francisco, 1924. No. 112 of an edition of 225 copies.
- Committee on Historical Records, Winchester, Mass. Winchester's War Records, Civil, Spanish-American, World. Published by the Town of Winchester, 1925.
- Coolidge, John Gardner. Random letters from many countries, by John Gardner Coolidge. 1924. Autograph copy.
- Coolidge, J. Randolph, Jr. Sixty-eight lantern slides of modern architecture.
- Councilman, Mrs. W. T. 363 volumes of miscellaneous works, including a number of text books, 204 numbers of periodicals, Geographic Magazine, St. Nicholas etc., a collection of sheet music and 50 librettos, and 90 photographs.
- Cubberley, Mrs. Ellwood P., Stanford University, California. Notes concerning the Van Uxem family in France and the United States. Compiled by the sole male survivor of the name in America (Francis Van Uxem.) Privately printed. Los Angeles, 1923.
- Curley, Hon. James M. Bronze medal to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill, 1775-1925.
- Dossert, Mrs. F. G., New York City. Mass in B minor for four voices, solo, chorus and orchestra, by Frank G. Dossert. Written to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Pope Leo the Thirteenth and produced in St. Peter's Rome, April 23, 1893, under the leadership of the composer.
For the Allen A. Brown Music Library.
- Dunham, Otis Emerson, Cambridge. History of Dunham-on-Trent, with Ragnall, Darlton, Wimpton, Kingshaugh, etc. A record of nine hundred years. By Rev. Howard Chadwick. Cambridge, 1924.

- Endicott, William Crowninshield, Danvers, Massachusetts. Memoir of Samuel Endicott with a genealogy of his descendants, by his great-grandson William Crowninshield Endicott, the younger. Boston. 1924. Privately printed in an edition of 125 copies.
- The Explorers Club, Board of Directors, New York City. A set of facsimile reproductions of seven log books of William Scoresby, Sr., accompanied by an introductory brochure. New York, 1916, 1917. No. 83 of 300 copies printed and plates destroyed.
- Farlow, Dr. John W. The child's song book for the use of schools and families, Boston, 1830; the Musical Cabinet, by G. J. Webb and T. B. Hayward, 1841-1842; a bound collection of music for the Allen A. Brown Music Library.
- Faxon, John Lyman, Estate of. Through Amos L. Faxon, Executor. The finished manuscript of the work entitled, "The Ancient Theatres of Europe", by John Lyman Faxon. (Eight volumes of manuscript with drawings).
- Gannon, James P. J. Boston Public Library Employees Benefit Association. Exercises at the dedication of the Tablet in honor of those men of the Library who served in the World War, Armistice Day, 1924. (Programs and clippings in bound volume.)
- Gay, H. Nelson, Director, The Library for American Studies in Italy. Forty publications relating to Italian affairs, including programs and souvenirs of the Keats-Shelley Memorial in Rome; bulletin of the Library of American Studies in Italy, Nos. 1-8; 26 numbers of *Il Piccolissimo, Giornale per i Ragazzi*, 1917-1919.
- Good, Mrs. Isabella J. Two framed photographs of Mozart and Beethoven. Photographs by Bruckmann from paintings by C. Jaeger.
- Great Britain, Commissioners of Patents. London. Specifications of inventions, 205 volumes.
- Gress, Edmund G., Woodhaven, New York, through Norman T. A. Munder, Baltimore. Two photographs of Franklin, from the Duplessis portrait at the Metropolitan Museum of Art; Wish, the song of Franklin, three-colored portrait and decorations engraved in wood by Percy Grassby. Published by Norman T. A. Munder & Company, Baltimore.
- Hallowell, J. Mott. (From the Library of R. P. Hallowell.) Forty-one volumes, mainly anti-slavery literature, including 13 volumes of the Index, 1870-1876; The Atlanta Constitution, 1887-1888, 4 v., and two framed pictures, one of Last Moments of John Brown, and one of a photograph of a bust of John Brown.
- Harrison, Fairfax, Belvoir, Virginia. Virginia land grants. A study of conveyancing in relation to Colonial politics, by Fairfax Harrison. Richmond. 1925.
- Hewins, Mrs. Frank A. Twenty-five volumes for the West Roxbury Branch Library including 22 volumes of Bell's Cathedral Series.

- The Irish World, through Austin J. Ford, New York City. The Irish World, 1923-1925.
- Johnson, Axel B. Vi Udvandrere, af Joost Dahlerup, Kobenhavn, 1924; Sange og Digte paa Dansk og Engelsk, af John Volk, New York, 1903, and six Victor Records of Danish music.
- King, Mrs. Henry P. and Mr. John T. Spaulding, Sunset Rock. A portfolio of pencil sketches by Lester G. Hornby. Privately published for Mrs. Henry P. King and John T. Spaulding. Prides Crossing. 1924.
- Kittredge, Prof. George Lyman, Cambridge. Sir Thomas Malory. By George Lyman Kittredge. Privately printed. Barnstable. 1925. Edition of 50 copies.
- Leavens, T. C., Newtonville. A collection of music of 138 volumes and 70 pieces of sheet music including a number of full scores and organ music.
- Livingston, Mrs. Luther S., Cambridge. Benjamin Franklin's letters to Madame Helvétius and Madame la Freté. With an explanatory note by Luther S. Livingston. Cambridge. 1925.
- McNeil, Catherine C., New York City. The Clan Macneil. Clann Niall of Scotland. By the Macneil of Barra. Chief of the Clan. With an introduction by the Duke of Argyll. No. 81 of 200 autographed copies. New York. 1923.
- Mather, William G., Cleveland. The portraits of Increase Mather, with some notes on Thomas Johnson, an English mezzotinter. By Kenneth B. Murdock. For private distribution by William Gwinn Mather. Cleveland. 1924.
- Mergenthaler Linotype Company, New York City. Linotype instruction book. By John R. Rogers. Brooklyn. 1925. Four copies.
- Metropolitan Museum of Art, Trustees of, New York City. (At the request of Mrs. Edward J. Tytus.) Metropolitan Museum of Art. Egyptian Expedition. Robb de Peyster Tytus Memorial Series, Volume 4, The tomb of two sculptors at Thebes, by Norman de Garis Davies. 1925. (Continuing the set.)
- Minchin, Hamilton, London, England. Some early recollections of Sargent, by Hamilton Minchin. Letchworth. 1925. Edition of 50 copies.
- Mixer, Mrs. S.J. Seventy-three volumes of miscellaneous works, including 15 publications on Bridge whist.
- Mudgett, Mrs. Louis H. Fourteen framed photographs of musical artists, critics and music societies presented to Louis H. Mudgett; also the Commemorative record of the Handel and Haydn Society of Boston, 1815-1903.
- Myers, Albert Cook, Philadelphia. Facsimile of William Penn's first Charter to the people of Pennsylvania, April 25, 1682. Edited by Albert Cook Myers. One of 50 copies on special paper.

- Olmstead Brothers, Brookline. A system of parks and playgrounds for Birmingham. Preliminary report upon the park problems, needs and opportunities of the city and its immediate surroundings. By Olmstead Brothers. (Birmingham, 1925.)
- Page, L. C. & Company. Twenty-three volumes published by L. C. Page & Company.
- Pember, Francis W., Warden of All Souls' College, Oxford. Catalogue of the Archives in the Muniment Rooms of All Souls' College. Prepared by Charles Trice Martin. London. 1877.
- Robbins, Reginald C., Paris, France. Forty-three pieces of music, songs by Reginald C. Robbins. Paris. 1922-1924.
- Sellers, Edwin Jaquett, Philadelphia. Sellers family of Pennsylvania and allied families. By Edwin Jaquett Sellers. Philadelphia. 1925. Edition of 150 copies.
- Sesquicentennial International Exposition, Philadelphia. Publications relating to the Exposition of 1926. Exhibits, rules and regulations and colored posters of Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell.
- Strokoskas, Rev. Francis W., St. Peter's Lithuanian Church. Twenty-three volumes in Lithuanian. For the South Boston Branch library.
- Tannenbaum, Dr. Samuel A., New York City. Reclaiming one of Shakespeare's signatures. By Samuel A. Tannenbaum, Baltimore. 1925.
- Tappan, Miss M. A. Animal locomotion. An electro photographic investigation of consecutive phases of animal movements, 1872-1885. By Eadweard Muybridge. Philadelphia. 1887.
- Titcomb, Everett. Sixty volumes, a miscellaneous collection of chamber music and piano works by the following composers:— Brahms, Bach, Strauss, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Rubinstein, Grieg, St. Saëns, Wagner, Franck, Schumann, Beethoven, Schubert and Liszt. Also nine pieces, compositions by Everett Titcomb, for the Allen A. Brown Library.
- Welcher, The Misses, Hartford, Connecticut. The Warren, Little, Lothrop, Park, Dix, Whitman, Fairchild, Platt, Wheeler, Lance and Avery pedigrees of Samuel Putnam Avery, 1847-1920. New York, 1925. Edition of 200 copies.
- Wendell, W. G. and Ross L. Lynn, New York City. The Book of the Jacob Wendell Scholars. Privately printed. Boston. 1925.
- Wigglesworth, Richard B. Assistant to the Agent General for Reparation Payments, Berlin. Report of the Agent General for Reparation Payments, No. 30, 1925. Berlin.
- Woodruff, Frederick O. Woodruff genealogy. Matthew Woodruff of Farmington, Conn., 1640-1, and ten generations of his descendants, together with genealogies of families connected through marriage. Compiled by George N. Mackenzie and others. 50 copies printed. Boston, 1925.

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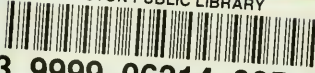
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