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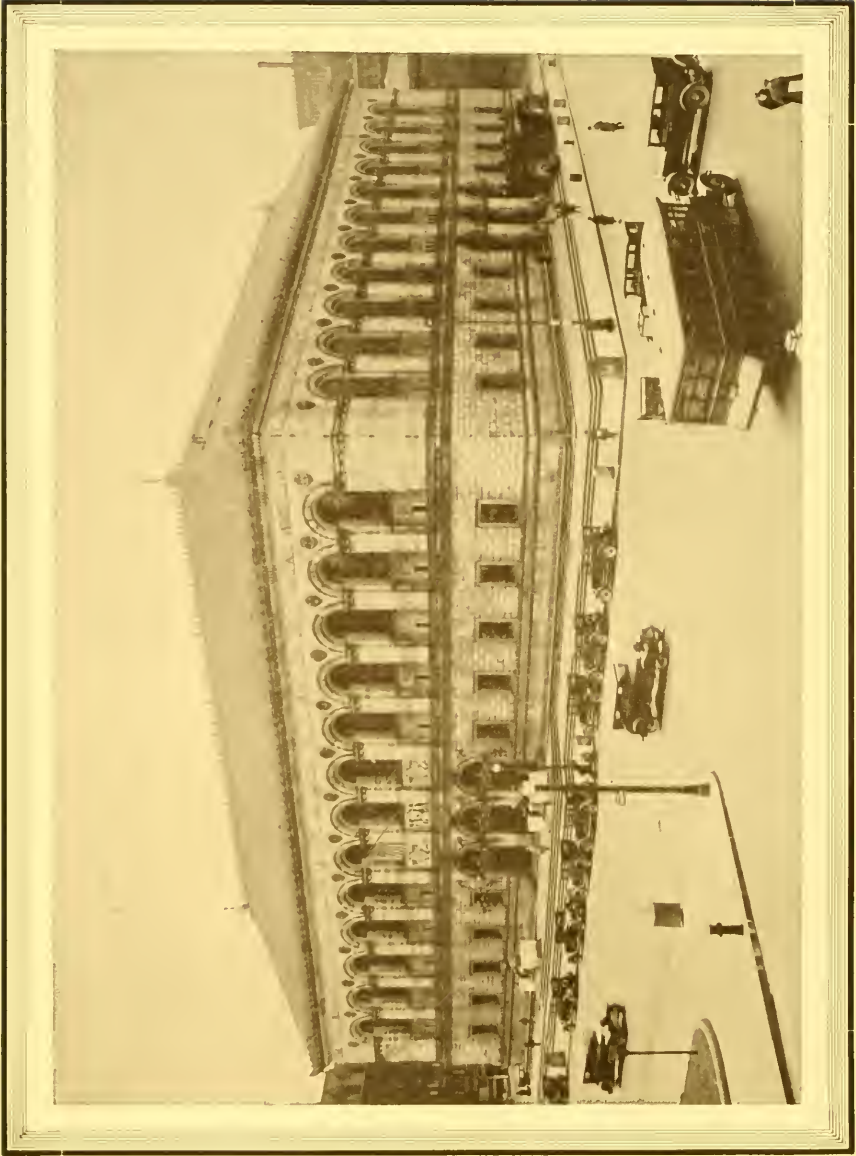
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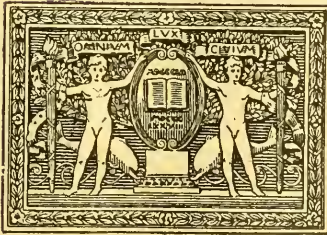
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ARTHUR T. CONNOLLY, *President.*

Term expires April 30, 1932.

GUY W. CURRIER.

Term expires April 30, 1928.

LOUIS E. KIRSTEIN.

Term expires April 30, 1929.

CLIFTON H. DWINNELL.

Term expires April 30, 1930.

GORDON ABBOTT.

Term expires April 30, 1931.

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CHARLES F. D. BELDEN.

DIRECTOR.

## 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 the 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 to 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, GORDON, A.B., 1926 -
- 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.
- DWINNELL, CLIFTON HOWARD, B.S., 1927-
- EVERETT, EDWARD, LL.D., 1852-64.
- FROTHINGHAM, RICHARD, LL.D., 1875-79.
- GASTON, WILLIAM ALEXANDER, LL.B., 1923-1927.
- 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., 1921-26.  
 PIERCE, PHINEAS, 1888-94.  
 PRINCE, FREDERICK OCTAVIUS, A.M., 1888-99.  
 PUTNAM, GEORGE, D.D., 1868-77.  
 RICHARDS, WILLIAM REUBEN, A.M., 1889-95.  
 SHURTLIFF, 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., 1868-70.  
 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, June 19, 1925 to July 2, 1926; GUY W. CURRIER, July 2, 1926 to May 2, 1927; MSGR. ARTHUR T. CONNOLLY since May 2, 1927.

### 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., LITT.D., *Librarian*, February 1, 1903 - March 15, 1917; *Acting Librarian*, March 15, 1917 - June 15, 1917.  
 BELDEN, CHARLES F. D., A.M., 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
‡Memorial Branch, cor. Warren and Townsend Sts. . . . .	*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
*Baker Library, Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration.	Jan. 15, 1927

|| 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. \* Under agreement with Harvard.

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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, 1927, being the seventy-sixth annual report.

#### ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD.

Col. William A. Gaston died on July 17, and on September 2, Mr. Clifton H. Dwinell was appointed in his place for the term ending April 30, 1930. At the annual meeting on May 2, Msgr. A. T. Connolly was elected President, Mr. Louis E. Kirstein, Vice President, and Miss Della Jean Deery, Clerk.

#### IMMEDIATE NEEDS.

The members of the Board of Trustees are deeply appreciative of the consideration given to their request for an appropriation by which it has been made possible to safeguard more adequately the important treasures of the Library. Urgent as was the need for these precautionary measures, it is desirable at this time to call to your attention certain other matters having to do with the rehabilitation of the Central Library Building in Copley Square.

Further protection from fire hazard should be secured by enclosing, where practicable, the various stairways in the stacks and the book carrier shaft, and by providing fireproof partitions, with fire doors, to the stock room and storage room in the basement.

Among the necessary major repairs that should be undertaken as soon as the money can be secured are: the reconstruction of the vaulting under the Dartmouth Street granite platform in front of the Library, and the relaying of the platform; the renovation of Bates Hall and the Delivery Room, including cleaning, paint-

ing, and the refinishing of the woodwork and wall cases; the repair and replacement of worn floors in various parts of the building.

In order to improve still further the ventilation of the building, the present roof exhaust fan should be replaced by a modern fan of larger capacity with its appropriate motor: the Guastavino tile vaulting in various parts of the building should be repaired where necessary; the roof of the Annex on Blagden Street, including skylights, flashings and ventilators should also be renovated.

The requirements of the Central Building, pressing as they are, should not be allowed to obscure the crying need of a number of the Branch Libraries for better and larger accommodations. The Branches are the channels through which nine-tenths of the circulation of the Library is carried on; they must not be allowed to become clogged. In many cases the service of juvenile readers and students interferes seriously with the use of the Branch Libraries by adults; ample room must be provided for the efficient service of all ages, if the balance of the Library's work for the community is to be properly maintained.

In some cases this cramped condition can be eliminated only by the erection of new buildings especially designed for library purposes; in others additional space or better quarters may be rented. The Libraries at Allston, Andrew Square, Jeffries Point, Mattapan, Mt. Bowdoin, Parker Hill and South Boston are in pressing need of new or greatly enlarged accommodations. In all of these Branches a rapid expansion of the Library's work is possible if adequate quarters are provided; the present year's circulation of 95,000 volumes at Mattapan shows an increase of 375% in the past five years.

No less important than the needs of the established Branches are the urgent demands of certain sections of the city, now remote from any library, for a fair share in Public Library service. The Trustees have caused a careful survey of the entire city to be made with a view to determining the relative claims of various districts to new branches or improved facilities. As soon as the existing library system has been put on an efficient basis, the task

of providing new branches in certain localities should be undertaken without delay.

#### 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 . . . . .	\$1,104,569.00
Special appropriation (Annex balance) . . . . .	11,799.39
Library Building, Addition, etc . . . . .	2,416.34
Income from Trust Funds . . . . .	26,804.66
Unexpended balance of Trust Funds income of previous years . . . . .	62,074.32
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	\$1,207,663.71

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 . . . . .	\$18,529.10
From sales of catalogues, etc. . . . .	100.61
From commission on telephone stations . . . . .	696.34
From payments for lost books . . . . .	1,154.14
Interest on bank deposits . . . . .	45.32
Refund on contract . . . . .	2.00
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Total . . . . .	\$20,527.51

#### ESTIMATES FOR 1928.

The estimates for the maintenance of the Library for the year ending December 31, 1928 in segregated budget form are as follows:

A—Personal service . . . . .	\$773,644.00
B—Service other than personal . . . . .	220,522.00
C—Equipment . . . . .	178,290.00
D—Supplies . . . . .	39,680.00
E—Materials . . . . .	28,900.00
F—Special items . . . . .	864.00
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Total . . . . .	\$1,241,900.00

## ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

During the year there were added to the Central Library and branches 98,487 volumes as against 93,867 in 1926. Of these 85,766 were acquired by purchase and 12,721 by gift, exchange, etc. The total expenditure for books, periodicals, newspapers and other library material from City appropriation and Trust Funds income, was \$152,414.34. The total number of volumes in the Central Library and branches is 1,418,489.

## CIRCULATION.

The total number of books issued for home use during the year was 3,705,657, as against 3,499,137 for 1926, a gain of 206,520 volumes.

## GIFTS AND BEQUESTS.

The Trustees are glad to report the following gifts and bequests other than books and related material, during 1927:

In May, a bequest of \$1000 was received under the will of Helen Leah Reed as a memorial to Guilford S. Reed, and was funded as the "Guilford Reed Fund", the income to be applied to the purchase of books of non-fiction; in July a gift of \$25,000 was received from Helen Storrow and Elizabeth Randolph Storrow as a memorial to James Jackson Storrow, Senior, and was funded as the "James Jackson Storrow (Harvard '57) Fund", the income to be used for the purchase of Italian books; in October there was received a check for \$29.88 payment in final settlement of the residue of the estate of Sarah E. Pratt, to be added to the "Sarah R. Pratt Fund"; and in November, a gift of \$1000 from Mr. Louis E. Kirstein, to be added to the "Louis E. Kirstein Fund" established in 1925, being the third contribution to the fund.

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

## MORE MONEY FOR BOOKS.

There is no city in the United States in which the public library unites so completely as does that of the City of Boston the accumulation of a great mass of valuable reference material with the provision of popular books for circulation. The possession of its great reference collection, built up with intelligent care during seventy-five years, has made the Boston Public Library an institution of national importance; its treasures are a source of pride to the city and have been a potent factor in maintaining the position of Boston as a center of scholarship.

In the early days of its history the Library was the recipient of many unique collections of books and of funds, large for those days, which enabled it to take and hold a position of leadership among the public libraries of the country. At present, however, its total invested funds amount to \$755,000 and produce an income of less than \$27,000 yearly, which seems pitifully small compared with the \$22,647,000 endowment of the Reference Department of the New York Public Library. The funds which we have testify to the munificent public spirit of friends of the Library in the past; it is only through a similar munificence that the Library will be able to hold its place and to afford to scholars in Boston the assistance on which they have always counted.

The other branch of the Library's work, the circulation of books to the people, could also be carried forward more rapidly if the city's appropriation for books were increased. The Boston Public Library acquired last year a total of 98,487 volumes. In the same year the Cleveland Public Library acquired 201,174 volumes. The circulation of books in Boston showed a gain of 206,520 over the preceding year; in Cleveland the gain in circulation was 807,005. Could there be any clearer proof of the degree to which the acquisition of books promotes their circulation? If a library is to help and encourage people to read, it must provide the books which they desire. Old books may be invaluable for reference, but with a few exceptions they make little appeal to borrowers. The Board concurs heartily in the recommendation of the Examining Committee that the budget item for the purchase of books should be materially increased.

## THE GEORGE F. BAKER BRANCH LIBRARY.

The most important step taken in Library extension during the year was the agreement with the authorities of Harvard University for the consolidation of the great collections of material relating to business, contained in the George F. Baker Library of the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration and in the Public Library of the City of Boston; the terms of the agreement constitute the Baker Library a branch of the Boston Public Library.

Each of these collections consists roughly of two sections, one comprising live books on the practical aspects of business and the methods of carrying it on, the other made up of material relating to the past history of business, and consisting largely of reports of one sort or another. The live books belonging to the Public Library will be retained by it for the convenience of persons actively engaged in business who use the Copley Square building. To the research worker, however, completeness is of far more importance than convenience, and the consolidation of the historical material belonging to the two libraries will be for him a great boon. It happens that the two collections supplement each other admirably, the Public Library being strong in material from the earlier periods of American business, while the Baker Library has vast quantities of matter covering American business in the present century, together with a large number of items from foreign countries.

The orderly consolidation of all this material in Brighton for the free use of the public makes accessible to the people of Boston the best collection in this country for the study of business history. As in the similar arrangement with the Boston Medical Library, entered into in 1906, the books transferred will remain the property of the Public Library of the City of Boston, which may recall them at any time; they will be administered for the Boston Public Library by a staff of experts; and, in addition, the citizens of Boston are given the right to use an exhaustive accumulation of valuable material to which they would otherwise have no access.

An important feature of the agreement, which follows, pledges the co-operation of Harvard University in bringing to accomp-

lishment that long cherished dream of the Board of Trustees and the Director of the Library — the establishment of a business reference branch in downtown Boston.

AGREEMENT by and between the TRUSTEES OF THE BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY and the PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS OF HARVARD COLLEGE.

Whereas, in order that the material of the Boston Public Library relating to business and business education and business administration and the material of the Harvard Business Library may be made available in such a way as to render the greatest practicable service to the community and to the cause of business education and research at a minimum cost, it is hereby agreed as follows:

1. The Trustees of the Boston Public Library shall constitute the Harvard Business Library, located in that part of Boston known as Brighton, a depository for books and other material as hereinafter provided, the Harvard Business Library becoming to this extent a branch of the Boston Public Library. The books and other material so deposited shall be combined with similar material of the Harvard Business Library and the two catalogued jointly.

2. The Harvard Business Library shall furnish the physical facilities and equipment as rapidly as possible to take over such books and material as shall be agreed upon, thus relieving the Boston Public Library of considerable expense for operation and releasing space in the Boston Public Library for other uses.

3. The Harvard Business Library will, as rapidly as its resources permit, prosecute the work of introducing the books and material into its shelves and cataloguing them. Such sum or sums as the Trustees of the Boston Public Library may at any time and from time to time before completion of this work contribute to its prosecution the Harvard Business School will devote to the purpose, and by so much will the work be expedited and the full use of the collection become available earlier.

4. The Boston Public Library will furnish the Harvard Business Library with a copy of the essential information in its existing catalogue relating to the transferred material.

5. The books and other material transferred to the library of the Harvard School of Business Administration by the Boston Public Library, with the other material belonging to the Business Library and any additions however made, shall be available for use by such persons as would be entitled to use the same if contained in the Central Building of the Boston Public Library, subject to any restrictions made in an instrument of gift of any such books or material and to reasonable restrictions to the use

of particular items of books or material which may be made by the authorities of the Harvard Business School Library. It is understood that the Library of the Harvard School of Business Administration will afford reasonable opportunity for such use in its library building, so far as such use is consistent with the ordinary and usual service for which the facilities of the library are adapted. In the discretion of its authorities, however, the Library of the Harvard School of Business Administration may restrict such use in its library building to the extent of its facilities for service; in case of such restriction the Boston Public Library may provide for such use in its Central Building, and may call for such books and material as are required from time to time by its card-holders for such use, in accordance with and subject to such reasonable regulations as may be from time to time agreed upon between the authorities of the two libraries.

6. Both libraries are to co-operate to as full an extent as is practicable in the inter-loan of books, to the end that the material of each shall be so used as to be of maximum benefit to the community.

7. The books and material intended to be covered by this agreement are those pertinent to the work of the Harvard Business Library which are not, in the opinion of the Librarian of the Boston Public Library, needed for current use of the Boston Public Library. The Librarian of the Boston Public Library may at any time recall from deposit specific material for which need has arisen.

8. All details as to the transferring of the books and material to the Harvard Business Library under this agreement shall be under the direction of the Librarians of the two Libraries. Books and material so transferred shall remain the property of the Boston Public Library. Lists of books and materials actually delivered shall be signed by the two Librarians or someone authorized to sign on their behalf.

9. It is expected that the arrangement for which provision is made in this agreement will be permanent. It is, however, understood that if it appears to either party to be undesirable it may be terminated upon conditions to be the subject of consideration at the time, but which, so far as possible, will work a minimum of damage to either party and which will leave both with as complete collections of books and material as is possible under the circumstances.

10. Each party shall bear the risk of loss by fire or other hazard or by theft; it being understood that the Harvard Business Library will give the same degree of care to the books and material of both parties.

11. The two institutions, that is to say, the Trustees of the Boston Public Library and the President and Fellows of Harvard College, stand ready to co-operate in the establishment, as a branch of the Boston Public Library, of a business reference library in the downtown section of Boston, to be established, operated and maintained by and in connection with the two Libraries. The expense of such a reference library would have to be



borne presumably by the business community, or at any rate by some person or persons other than the two Libraries.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have caused their official seals and signatures to be affixed by their duly authorized officers this fifteenth day of January 1927.

THE PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS OF HARVARD COLLEGE

By: A. LAWRENCE LOWELL (*signed*)  
*President.*

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

By: GUY W. CURRIER (*signed*)  
*President.*

Attest: CHARLES F. D. BELDEN (*signed*)

#### PROTECTION OF SOME OF THE LIBRARY'S TREASURES.

The necessity of more adequately protecting the rare and valuable special collections of the Library having been considered by the Trustees for some time, the following communication was addressed to Your Honor on November 27, 1926:

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

Copley Square, Boston, Mass.  
November 27, 1926.

HON. MALCOLM E. NICHOLS,  
Mayor of the City of Boston.

Sir:

The Trustees of the Public Library desire to bring again to your attention the urgent necessity for the relocation and more adequate protection of the treasures of the library, consisting of many volumes whose value cannot be estimated, and thousands which, if lost, could not be replaced.

Reports have been submitted relating to the necessary changes and reconstruction to be undertaken in the Central Library Building for the safe-keeping of such material as follows:

In March 1926, from John C. Paige & Co.; in April, from the office of the Building Commissioner, and in May, from O'Brien, Russell & Co.

The Paige report was referred to you on March 12, and by you forwarded to the Budget Commissioner for consideration. The additional reports were obtained and submitted at the latter's request.

The reports are practically unanimous in their findings and recommendations; namely:

Change the present Music Room into a Treasure Room with the necessary fire-proof construction and equipment, and reconstruct the present Barton-Ticknor Room and the North Gallery with fire-proof equipment.

These changes will allow the safe-guarding, against fire, of the valuable collections, and permit some additional shelving, the need for which is already pressing.

Contemplated changes also include the installation of the sprinkler system in the Bindery and Printing Departments in the annex, and of more importance, the completion of the system in the basement of the Central Building.

Careful estimates have been submitted as to the probable cost of the necessary and desired changes. It is expected that contracts can be let covering all the work, and including incidental expenses, for amounts not exceeding \$260,000 in the aggregate.

The Board commends this expenditure to you as the only plan for meeting a serious situation relating to the proper care of the treasures of the library, and earnestly urges upon you the importance of a special appropriation for this purpose.

Very truly yours

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

By: GUY W. CURRIER (*signed*)  
*President.*

In response to this request, and on Your Honor's recommendation the City Council on December 12, 1927 passed the following order:

"ORDERED: that the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to be expended by the Trustees of the Public Library for the Central Library Building, Fireproofing, Improvements, etc., and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount."

#### 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.

*Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond . . . \$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.

*Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond . . . \$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.

*Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bonds . . . \$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.

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

Bradlee Fund — Bequest of the REV. CALEB DAVIS BRADLEE to the Boston Public Library. Received in 1897.

*Invested in City of Boston Four and one-half per cent Bond . . . \$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 City of Boston Four per cent Bonds</i>	\$1,600.00
City of Boston Three and one-half per cent Bonds	32,300.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Three and one-half per cent Bond	6,000.00
Cash in City Treasury, December 31, 1927.	8.89

\$39,908.89

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 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.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Four and one-quarter per cent Bond</i>	\$15,000.00
City of Boston Four per cent Bond	42,000
City of Boston Three and one-half per cent Bond	20,000.00
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 City Treasury, December 31, 1927	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.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond</i>	\$2,000.00
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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 of the volumes purchased, identifying it as part of their memorial collection. Received in 1898.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Three and one-half per cent Bond</i>	\$2,800.00
Cash in City Treasury, December 31, 1927.	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.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Three per cent Bond</i>	\$4,000.00
City of Boston Four and one-half per cent Bond	100.00
Cash in City Treasury, December 31, 1927.	40.00

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\$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 Elizabeth 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 them on the Public Library, attaching thereto only the following conditions:

“In trust, that the income, but the income only, shall, 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.	
<i>Deposited in Hibernia Savings Bank . . . . .</i>	\$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.	
<i>Invested in</i>	
City of Boston Four per cent Bond . . . . .	1,500.00
City of Boston Three per cent Bond . . . . .	500.00
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	\$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.	
<i>Invested in City of Boston Four and one-quarter</i>	
<i>per cent Bond . . . . .</i>	\$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.	
<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond . . . . .</i>	\$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.	
<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bonds . . . . .</i>	\$3,600.00
Cash, December 31, 1927. . . . .	32.40
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	\$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.	
<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bonds . . . . .</i>	\$9,000.00
City of Boston Three and one-half per cent Bond . . . . .	1,000
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	\$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."	
October, 1925. . . . .	\$1,000.00
October, 1926. . . . .	1,000.00
November, 1927. . . . .	1,000.00
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<i>Deposited in Hibernia Savings Bank . . . . .</i>	\$3,000.00

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."

*Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond . . . . .* \$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.

*Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond . . . . .* \$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.

*Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond . . . . .* \$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.

*Invested in City of Boston Four and one-half per cent Bond . . . . .* \$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, 1927. . . . .	1.44

\$11,781.44

John Boyle O'Reilly Fund — Donation received from the PAPHYRUS 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
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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.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond</i> . . . . .	\$10,000.00
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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.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Three and one-half per cent Bond</i> . . . . .	\$20,000.00
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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.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bonds</i> . . . . .	\$4,000.00
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City of Boston Three and one-half per cent Bond . . . . .	1,000.00
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\$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. Received in January, 1922.

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.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond</i>	1,400.00
City of Boston Three and three-quarters per cent Bond	90.00
Cash in City Treasury, December, 1927.	4.18

\$1,494.18

Guilford Reed Fund — Bequest of Helen Leah Reed, as a memorial to  
Guilford S. Reed; the income to be applied to the purchase of books  
of non-fiction.

<i>Deposited in Dorchester Savings Bank</i>	\$1,000.00
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John Singer Sargent Fund — Balance remaining in hands of surviving  
trustees of fund originally raised to install in the Library decorations  
by John Singer Sargent; the income to be used for the care and  
preservation of the Sargent decorations, etc.

<i>Deposited in Dorchester Savings Bank</i>	\$3,858.24
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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.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bonds</i>	\$41,800.00
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 Three and three-quarters per cent Bonds	2,000.00

\$61,800.00

Sewall Fund — Extract from the will of RICHARD BLACK SEWALL:

"*Tenth.* — I bequeath the following pecuniary legacies clear of lega-  
cy 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.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Four and one-quarter per cent Bond</i>	\$25,000.00
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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." Received in 1914.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Three and one-half per cent Bond</i>	\$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, 1927.	2.14

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\$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.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Four and one-quarter per cent Bond</i>	\$100.00
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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.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond</i>	\$3,500.00
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James Jackson Storrow (Harvard '57) Fund — Gift of Helen Storrow and Elizabeth Randolph Storrow as a memorial to James Jackson Storrow, Senior; income to be used for the purchase of Italian books.

<i>Deposited in Boston Five Cent Savings Bank</i>	\$10,000.00
" " Dorchester Savings Bank	5,000.00
" " Suffolk Savings Bank	10,000.00

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\$25,000.00

Patrick F. Sullivan Bequest — Extract from will: "I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Boston Public Library the sum of five thousand

and 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. Received in 1871.

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

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

City of Boston Three and three-quarters per  
cent Bond . . . . .

\$25,000.00

\$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, 1927. . . . . 37.69

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\$13,987.69

Tufts Fund — Bequest 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 Bond* . . . . . \$ 100.00

*Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bonds* . . . . . 10,000.00

Cash in City Treasury, December 31, 1927. . . . . 31.77

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\$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. Received in 1913.

*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 Four and one-quarter per cent Bond* . . . . . 1,000.00

*Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bonds* . . . . . 4,000.00

\$5,000.00

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 re-invested 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.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Four and one-half per cent Bonds</i> . . . . .	\$1,200.00
City of Boston Four and one-quarter per cent Bonds	2,000.00
City of Boston Four per cent Bonds . . . . .	10,500.00
Cash in City Treasury, December 31, 1927. . . . .	40.64
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	\$13,740.64

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
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*Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond* . . . . . \$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
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\$10,915.88



BOYLSTON STREET BUILDING.  
Location of Library, 1858-1895.





## 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 . . . . .	39,908.89
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 . . . . .	2,652.50
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 . . . . .	3,000.00
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 . . . . .	1,494.18
Guilford Reed Fund . . . . .	1,000.00
John Singer Sargent Fund . . . . .	3,858.24
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
James Jackson Storrow (Harvard '57) Fund . . . . .	25,000.00
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
Alice Lincoln Whitney Fund . . . . .	5,000.00
James Lyman Whitney Fund . . . . .	13,740.64
Mehitable C. C. Wilson Fund . . . . .	1,000.00
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	\$755,082.00

## EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The Trustees gratefully acknowledge the assistance rendered by the Examining Committee of the year. The recommendations of this Committee have received careful attention. The membership of the Committee consisted of the following persons:

Miss Anna M. Bancroft.	Mr. Francis L. Higginson.
Mr. Jeffrey R. Brackett.	Mr. David H. Howie.
Mr. Herman L. Bush.	Mr. Henry Lewis Johnson.
Mr. Frank W. Buxton.	Mr. Melville D. Liming.
Mr. Sidney S. Conrad.	Gen. Edward L. Logan.
Mr. Henry V. Cunningham.	Mr. Thomas W. McMahon.
Hon. James M. Curley.	Mr. Percival Merritt.
Mr. Frederic H. Curtiss.	Miss Jane L. Mesick.
Mr. William J. Davidson.	Mr. Samuel Silverman.
Prof. Arthur S. Dewing.	Mrs. Francis E. Slattery.
Mrs. David A. Ellis.	Prof. H. W. Tyler.
Mr. Albert W. Finlay.	Mrs. Barrett Wendell.

## CONCLUSION.

The members of the Board would call to your attention the illuminating reports of the Examining Committee and the Director which are, as customary, appended hereunto. They deserve to be read by all those interested in the work of a great educational and recreational institution of the City of Boston.

During the year the activities of the Library Department, ever growing in variety and magnitude, have moved smoothly and well. This result is owing to the loyal and faithful service of the Director, the Chiefs of Departments and other persons in the service of the Library. We are pleased to be able again to commend the substantially uniform excellence of their work.

ARTHUR T. CONNOLLY  
 LOUIS E. KIRSTEIN  
 GUY W. CURRIER  
 CLIFTON H. DWINNELL  
 GORDON ABBOTT

BALANCE SHEET.  
1927

## BALANCE SHEET, RECEIPTS AND

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## CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES:

## To expenditures for

Permanent employees (exclusive of Printing and

Binding departments) . . . . . \$536,140.25

Temporary employees . . . . . 99,410.84

\$635,551.09

## Service other than personal

Contract work (outside) . . . . . 281.90

Advertising . . . . . 108.55

Transportation of persons . . . . . 1,369.29

Cartage and freight . . . . . 12,284.91

Light and power . . . . . 13,313.92

Rent, taxes and water . . . . . 17,303.74

Surety bond and insurance . . . . . 17.50

Communication . . . . . 2,640.90

Cleaning towels, etc. . . . . 1,273.07

Removal of snow and ashes . . . . . 364.20

Medical . . . . . 9.00

Expert . . . . . 15,968.38

Fees . . . . . 70.00

Central plant repairs . . . . . 83,567.71

148,573.07

## To expenditure for equipment

Machinery . . . . . 681.08

Motorless vehicles . . . . . 851.50

Furniture and fittings . . . . . 14,563.76

Office . . . . . 950.81

## Books:

City appropriation . . . . . \$115,479.75

Trust funds income 19,455.25

plus transfer to

London account 5,000.00 24,455.25 139,935.00

## Newspapers:

City appropriation . . . . . 1,317.76

Todd fund . . . . . 2,347.00 3,664.76

Periodicals . . . . . 10,499.65

Photographs . . . . . 175.20

Lantern slides . . . . . 306.45

Tools and instruments . . . . . 1,540.43

General plant equipment . . . . . 1,979.94

175,148.58

## To expenditure for supplies

Office . . . . . 7,352.05

Food and ice . . . . . 606.59

Fuel . . . . . 22,047.06

Forage for animals . . . . . 29.25

Medical . . . . . 18.20

Laundry, cleaning, toilet . . . . . 2,021.97

Agricultural . . . . . 699.67

Chemicals and disinfectants . . . . . 85.23

General plant supplies . . . . . 2,964.09

35,824.11

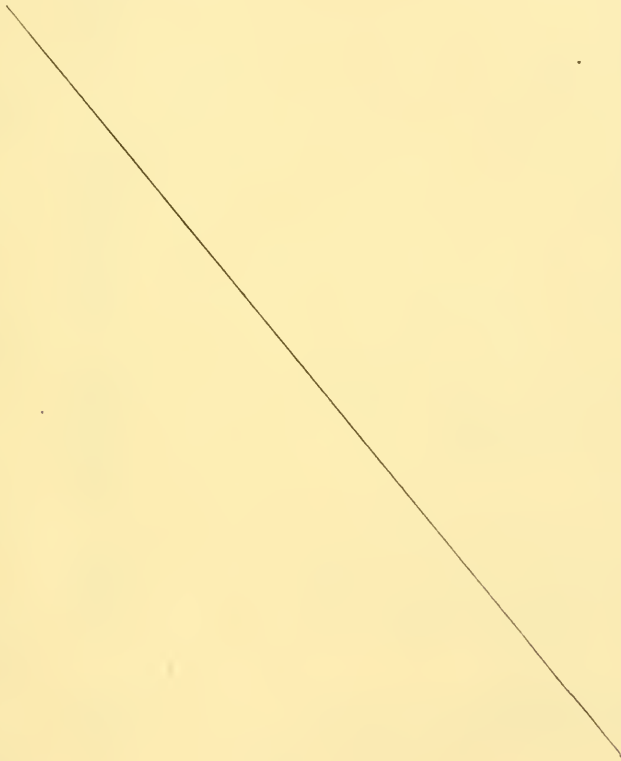
Carried forward . . . . .

\$995,096.85

EXPENSES, DECEMBER 31, 1927

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BY CITY APPROPRIATION 1927 . . . . .	\$1,104,569.00	
Income from Trust funds . . . . .	26,804.66	
Income from James L. Whitney Bibliographic account . . . . .	700.00	
Interest on deposit in London . . . . .	211.85	
	<hr/>	\$ 27,716.51
BY BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 1926:		
Trust funds income, City Treasury . . . . .	58,034.16	
Trust funds income on deposit in London . . . . .	4,040.16	
City appropriation on deposit in London . . . . .	6,626.30	
James L. Whitney Bibliographic account . . . . .	6,438.33	
Library Building Addition, equipping and furnishing . . . . .	11,799.39	
Library Building Addition, etc. . . . .	2,416.34	
	<hr/>	89,354.68



<i>Carried forward</i> . . . . .	<hr/>	\$117,071.19
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## BALANCE SHEET, RECEIPTS AND

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<i>Brought forward</i> . . . . .		\$995,096.85	
To expenditure for material			
Building . . . . .	498.00		
Electrical . . . . .	3,584.20		
General plant . . . . .	11,090.31		
			<u>15,172.51</u>
Special item			
Pension . . . . .	863.50		
A. L. Whitney Fund (Employees' sick benefit) . . . . .	260.00		1,123.50
BINDING DEPARTMENT:			
Salaries . . . . .	54,718.89		
Stock . . . . .	6,114.30		
Equipment . . . . .	470.21		
Light . . . . .	56.43		
Repairs . . . . .	116.13		
Outside work . . . . .	.70		
Electrical materials, ice and supplies . . . . .	39.37		
			<u>61,516.03</u>
PRINTING DEPARTMENT:			
Salaries . . . . .	13,628.02		
Stock . . . . .	4,385.39		
Equipment . . . . .	6,742.33		
Light . . . . .	37.62		
Repairs . . . . .	1,157.74		
Outside work . . . . .	150.51		
Insurance . . . . .	89.61		
Telegrams, ice and supplies . . . . .	54.38		
			<u>26,245.60</u>
TO AMOUNT PAID INTO CITY TREASURY:			
From Fines . . . . .	18,529.10		
Sales of catalogues, bulletins and lists . . . . .	100.61		
Payments for lost books . . . . .	1,154.14		
Interest on bank deposit . . . . .	45.32		
Commission on telephone stations . . . . .	696.34		
Refund . . . . .	2.00		
			<u>20,527.51</u>
TO BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1927:			
Trust funds income on deposit in London . . . . .	1,133.54		
City appropriation on deposit in London . . . . .	4,198.58		
Trust funds income, City Treasury . . . . .	60,332.04		
James L. Whitney Bibliographic account . . . . .	7,138.33		
Interest on deposit in London . . . . .	211.85		
			<u>73,014.34</u>
BALANCE UNEXPENDED:			
General appropriation . . . . .	35,255.63		
Central Library Building Addition, etc. . . . .	2,416.34		
Central Library Building Addition, Equipping . . . . .	11,799.39		
			<u>49,471.36</u>
			<u>1,242,167.70</u>

## EXPENSES, DECEMBER 31, 1927

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<i>Brought forward</i> . . . . .		\$117,071.19
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# 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 1927.

The twenty-four members appointed by you for the year 1927-8 have been divided into six sub-committees to examine into and report upon as many special aspects of the Library, while all members form one sub-committee on Branches. The Examining Committee has accepted the reports of these sub-committees substantially as made, and commends their recommendations to the Trustees.

## ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

(a) Since the report of last year, the rewiring of the main Library, which was obsolete and dangerous, has been undertaken, but not yet completed. Other repairs, also, for which appropriations were made last year, have been started but not finished. This work should be expedited.

(b) The money appropriated in the past for the up-keep of the main Library has not been sufficient to keep the property in proper repair so that the Library can give adequate service to the citizens of Boston. The committee therefore has submitted several detailed suggestions for repairs to floors, to the roof, to the Lecture Hall, and for remodelling the old manuscript room.

(c) The committee recommends an increase in the book appropriation to \$175,000, as the money now appropriated is not sufficient to take care properly of the requirements at the main Library and its branches.



(d) Although there have been requests for additional branch libraries, the committee feels that the first obligation of the Library is to "put its house in order" and make the necessary repairs and improvements in the central building and branches.

#### BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

*Central Library.* The committee made a thorough investigation and examination of the Central Library building. It is quite apparent that the building has not been kept in good condition and that many changes are needed and much repairing work must be done. It is indeed gratifying to learn that the City government has appropriated by a loan order \$250,000 for extensive alterations and changes in the building, and that this sum, together with various budgetary provisions, will permit the Trustees to remedy many defects in the building and permit of some of the changes and alterations desired. The committee is advised that from this money, the roof, now in poor condition, will be repaired; that the inadequate lighting and defective wiring of the building will be cared for; that the rearrangement suggested by the committee on Buildings and Equipment of last year, and as proposed by the Trustees, of the present Music Room and the Barton-Ticknor Room and the long North Gallery will be effected; that the Treasure Room will become a reality; and that the sprinkler system will be extended and certain other general repairs will be made.

Our Library is recognized as one of the most beautiful buildings in the city, if not in the country, and its beauty should not be permitted to suffer by reason of neglect. The committee does not know just what general repairs will be made from the funds available to the Trustees, but makes the following recommendations for repairs and installations in the event that the Trustees have not included them within the general repairs.

The floors throughout the general reading and exhibition rooms are in unsatisfactory condition. The beautiful rooms are marred because of a repaired or cracked floor. It is suggested that a rubber tiled floor similar to that now used in the Children's Room be used more extensively throughout the building.

The committee is advised that the Trustees propose to substitute, in certain portions of the Library, steel stacks for books in place of the wooden ones. This policy should be carried on until all the book stacks in the Library, for which more adequate protection is desirable, are made of steel.

Our examination of the basement discloses the fact that many books are shelved there. The books in the basement, it is true, consist mainly of periodicals and other books very rarely called for. The large number of books in the basement indicates the necessity of a proper warehouse of some kind where they may be properly kept and the books sent for when needed. The Library building is quite crowded and much space could be made available for library purposes if some sort of an annex were secured.

The committee recommends that further consideration be given to the necessity of cleaning the paintings and walls in the building.

The committee feels that with the large number of branches and the necessity of traveling to them by the Library officials, the Trustees may well consider the advisability of securing an automobile for the Library officials, especially for the use of the Director and the Supervisors of Branches and of Work with Children.

*Branches.* The committee is opposed to the present arrangement of maintaining branch libraries in business blocks and small stores. Such an arrangement, while perhaps economical, is not prudent or satisfactory. In several parts of the city branches are maintained in small stores never intended for library purposes, but remodelled and maintained as far as possible for library purposes. These branch libraries are sometimes confronted with the problem of bad plumbing, improper heating facilities, and troublesome landlords who drive as hard a bargain as possible when the lease-making period arrives. Adults are required to mingle with small children. Space is insufficient and in many instances the branch is improperly located because no store is available in the desired section of the community.

#### BOOKS AND CATALOGUES

There is growing demand for books sought by readers. So far as this demand is constant and permanent, the books sought should be owned by the Library in sufficient numbers to provide

a reasonable opportunity for all to have them within a reasonable time. Where the demand is evanescent for recent and much advertised books, the Public Library cannot be expected to supply them for all quickly.

The supply of children's books is inadequate, and should be increased. With the opportunities ever increasing for education of adults, with continuation schools and extension courses, the demand for books for use in these ways is constantly growing.

To meet all these needs, the only available source is the appropriation from the City Treasury, which for the last two years has been \$125,000 each year. This year the Trustees have asked for an increase of \$25,000 in this appropriation, which the committee cordially endorses.

The committee has considered in what way the income from trust funds now available can be augmented in adding to the scholarly collections of the Public Library. We can only suggest to persons in the community who are interested in the Library, to support it through donations similar to the support now given to the Boston Art Museum; and we suggest the feasibility of the organization of a committee to work with and under the Trustees of the Public Library for this purpose.

The catalogues and the system of cataloguing, we believe are excellent, and we are informed that the Printing Department is now in process of re-organization.

We recommend that a photostat should be obtained for the reproduction of cards already printed, as well as documents, portions of books and other contents of the Library, which are from time to time sought.

#### SPECIAL LIBRARIES

The committee records its great satisfaction in the plans of the Board of Trustees and the Director, as also recommended by previous Examining Committees, for making more secure the care of the important works in the Special Libraries and in the proposed new Treasure Room. In view of the anticipated changes in housing the collections, we gave our attention particularly to the uses made of them. From our observations, the

reference works in the Fine Arts Department are particularly useful to students in the higher grades. This phase of library service seems most important and to be further developed.

The new arrangements of technical reference works are also noted, and the committee recommends that every possible aid be given to craftsmen, students and business men who are not now sufficiently familiar with the uses of such works and do not know to what extent they are available.

#### CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT AND WORK WITH SCHOOLS

The committee has given thoughtful attention to the Children's Department, and is convinced that the work is being efficiently done. The committee approves the recommendations made by last year's committee, and finds that definite progress has been made in carrying them out.

The need for more books is still pressing, while the need for more shelf room is general. In some cases it appears that, during the winter months, increased facilities for ventilation would be very helpful.

The Assistant Superintendent of Schools, who is chairman of a committee on School and Library co-operation, answering an inquiry for suggestions, stated that the Library has always generously responded to all calls from the schools and that he had no suggestions to offer.

The policy adopted by some teachers of giving librarians ample notice of what books they are likely to need for school or home work has worked well.

It might be helpful if pupils from the higher grades could come in groups, say not more than twenty in a group, to one or more of the branch libraries to learn the use of the card catalogue, including titles, subjects and authors. It is suggested that pupils making such visits might receive school credit.

Since great stress is being put upon "Adult Education", "Reading with a Purpose" and the like, and since the branch libraries are crowded and the school houses unoccupied many hours each day, it is suggested that rooms in certain school houses might be used for the older pupils for school work or reference

work of any kind a few hours each evening, if proper supervision and service could be provided. This might relieve the congestion at certain libraries and at the same time afford adults opportunity for systematic reading, which the Department of Education is so strongly advocating.

#### BRANCHES

All of the thirty-one branches have been visited.

Marked improvements have been made during the year in several branches, some of them following recommendations of the Examining Committee of a year ago. For example: Dorchester, by the removal of the District Court, has now additional room space and an entrance and hall used solely for the Library. Again, Brighton has a lecture hall and new lighting. Boylston is about to have enlarged quarters with room for adults. West End is freshly painted. Neponset is freshly painted and well lit. Fire exits have been increased. Such improvements are gladly noted and commended.

More important still is the conviction of the committee that much pains is taken by the administrative staff to improve the personnel of the librarian service and assistance. The interest and intelligence of the workers is indicated in such ways as window exhibits and special collections of books for branch neighborhoods where there are many persons of foreign extraction or many persons are following particular industries.

The marked needs in the service through the branches can hardly be overemphasized when we consider that the branches are the chief way of reaching the people of the whole city. The circulation through many of them is increasing. Many are in rapidly growing residential neighborhoods. They are close to the schools. They will be used by many more adults if made attractive to adults.

The need most generally expressed is for more books, supplied with reasonable promptness from the Central Library in answer to requests from branches. The estimate now of unsuccessful requests is about 70 per cent. The quality of books requested is higher than formerly.

Wholly new or enlarged quarters are urged for Allston, Mt. Bowdoin, Parker Hill, and are desirable for Jeffries Point and Orient Heights. Conditions at Mt. Bowdoin, crowded with children from ten large schools, and having a few seats only for adults, in an old wooden building, difficult to keep sanitary — altogether are a serious handicap to the staff and distinctly discreditable to the city. The plan made for enlargement at Parker Hill has fallen down. At Codman Square, where there is increased work with the schools, a separate room for juveniles is desirable, such as the large room in the basement, which has a separate entrance and stairway to the Library above. On the other hand, Mt. Pleasant and Memorial are illustrations of inadequate space for adults, and Memorial illustrates the tendency for a branch housed in a school building to be looked upon as chiefly for children.

Fellowes Athenæum and Mt. Pleasant illustrate the duty of considering neighborhood conditions as bearing on the uses of branches, such as the need of more adequate street lighting and of signs to indicate locations.

The Examining Committee recommends as a policy that branch buildings be erected by the Trustees and devoted wholly to library purposes; this policy should be adopted as soon as possible. As an alternative, branch libraries may be located in schoolhouses or other public buildings, *provided* that library quarters are kept independent, with a separate entrance, with rooms near the street level for both adults and children, and with separate lecture hall, storage, and space for all other library requirements. Privately owned buildings should be avoided.

We are glad to hear that the Library Trustees are considering the appointment of the Examining Committee in the spring, so that its report can be made before the Library budget for the coming year is determined. Our examination and experience lead us strongly to the desirability of this practice.

The Examining Committee thanks the Director and the staff for help and many courtesies.

Adopted as the Report of the Examining Committee,  
March 5, 1928.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

I respectfully submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1927.

### PROGRESS IN THE YEAR OF ANNIVERSARY.

The year 1927 marked the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Public Library of the City of Boston. While there was no formal observance of the anniversary, the occasion was recognized during the summer months by an extensive exhibit of material illustrating the growth and development of the Library and by a series of historical articles which appeared in the successive issues of the Library bulletin, "More Books".

The volumes in the Library have grown from less than 10,000 to 1,418,489. The home circulation in 1927 numbered 3,705,657 volumes. The total annual expenditures have increased from less than \$10,000 to \$1,099,173.

To-day it would require a shelf reaching from Boston to Plymouth, a distance of 35 miles, to hold the books in the Library system, while a shelf long enough to reach from Boston to Hartford, a distance of 100 miles, would be necessary to care for the books issued in 1927 for home use. If the books used in the Central Library and the branches for reference and other purposes were added to the number of books taken out of the Library the shelf would need to be extended another 100 miles, or to New York City.

The outstanding accomplishment of the year was the completion of the arrangements by which the George F. Baker Library of the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration became a branch of the Boston Public Library system. This great library of books on business and allied subjects, including the collections of the Business Historical Association, is freely open to the public for reference, and the closest connection is maintained between it and the Central Library in Copley Square.

Another interesting feature of the year has been the establishment of a Training Class, which began its work in October with an enrolment of fourteen, and which has already proved its value. The class is not intended to take the place of a library school, but to provide training for members of the staff and for outside applicants who have at least a high school education and who are unable to go to a library school.

The usual normal growth was noted in all departments during the year. Although the accessions for the year, including purchases and gifts, amounted to 98,487 volumes, the outstanding complaint of those who use the Library is that they are unable to obtain the required book when called for, an evidence of the fact that the Library is unable with its present book appropriation to buy a sufficient number of copies of a new book to meet the normal demand for it. The Library is glad however, to report an increase for the year in home circulation of books to the number of 306,520 over the circulation for 1926.

Although there is great need for additional branch libraries, two sections of the city, Readville and Germantown, being without any public library facilities, and although a number of applications have been received for the establishment of new branches in various sections of the city, the budget for 1928 contained no request for funds to establish additional branches. The first obligation of the Library Department is to "put its house in order"; to make the necessary repairs and improvements in the Central Building and existing branches; and to provide, where possible, additional room for branch libraries which are already over-crowded or in other ways unsatisfactorily housed. In ten of the existing branches additional rooms are needed. The children in these branches have practically driven out adult users. Little progress can be made in adult education through the library when no adequate provision is made for adult readers or students. Two branches are at present entirely too small to meet the needs of both children and adults, although separate rooms are provided.

The study of the Central Library and its branches made by the members of the Examining Committee of this year will undoubtedly suggest to them many desirable changes and additions,



and will also call attention to the need of additional assistants in certain departments and branches.

From the point of view of the public, as intimated, there is outstanding need for more books and better library accommodations. In addition to this, the physical needs of the Central Library and branches should be given attention as the necessary appropriations become available.

There will be found on page 68 certain suggestive tables of comparisons showing the growth of the Library Department during the past twenty-five years, in five-year periods.

#### ACCESSIONS AND GIFTS OF THE YEAR.

The total number of volumes added to the Library collections in 1927 was 98,487, acquired as follows: 82,271 by purchase, 12,577 by gift, 144 by exchange, 3,495 by binding periodicals and serials. Of the books purchased, 16,127 were added to the Central Library and 66,144 were placed in branch libraries and in the Central Library Deposit Collection, which serves as a reservoir for the branches.

The total amount expended for accessions by purchase was \$154,841.06, which included \$27,413.40 paid from the income of Trust funds. The corresponding amount for the preceding year was \$150,161.92 including \$24,168.50 paid from Trust funds income.

The City appropriation for books was the same as in 1926, namely, \$125,000. The disposition of this appropriation has not varied greatly from that of the preceding year. It has enabled the Library to extend with fresh material the circulating and reference collections of 31 branches and the various divisions of the Central Library, and has contributed in large measure to the repair of the ravages of wear and loss among the older books. It has not permitted the purchase of a large number of copies of current books of wide interest. To a library with active collections of books ranging from technology, architecture, painting, music, genealogy, statistics, education and works of reference to children's books and fiction, the question of satisfying, if only in a measure, the demands made by a growing constituency in a large city is a constant problem — the problem of adjusting the

increasing need of books to a more or less stationary annual income. In other words, the pattern is always larger than the cloth.

The distribution of book funds shows \$98,444.75 expended for branches and Branch Deposit, including \$4,155.96 for periodicals and newspapers. In addition, \$2,706.69 was drawn from branch trust funds to supplement the City appropriation in Charlestown, South Boston and Mattapan, making a total for branches and Deposit of \$101,151.44. The Central Library accounting shows an expenditure of \$53,689.62, including \$24,706.71 charged to Trust funds and including also \$7,014.94 for periodicals and \$620.61 for newspapers. This expenditure for newspapers is in addition to the income from the Todd Fund which for several years has been inadequate to cover the cost of the list originally subscribed for.

The important acquisitions of the year include a notable collection of works for the Bowditch Library bought with the income of the Bowditch Fund. A catalogue of more than 3,000 works on mathematics and astronomy assembled in London was carefully examined with reference to those already here, and the aid and expert judgment of Dr. Harlow Shapley, Director of the Harvard College Observatory, were enlisted in making the selection. The Library is deeply indebted to Dr. Shapley who undertook the checking of desirable titles in the midst of pressing duties.

Among the older works secured were six titles by Ptolemy, 1515-1605; four titles by Sacro Busco, 1490-1584; three titles by Tycho Brahe, 1603-1610; *Istoria*, by Galileo, 1613; *Cosmotheoros*, by Huygens, 1699; *Prodromus astronomiae*, by Hevelius, 1690; and the first edition of *Principia*, (1687), by Newton.

The Library has secured an important collection in facsimile of maps covering the period of the American Revolution, reproduced from originals in the Paris Archives under the direction of Dr. L. C. Karpinski.

A collection of commemorative material issued in connection with the Beethoven Centenary in the principal cities and musical centers of Europe is an outstanding acquisition. The collection comprises concert programs of music societies, posters, monographs, photographs and excerpts of special significance from foreign newspapers and periodicals. The material produced on the continent of Europe was assembled, arranged, mounted and indexed in eight portfolios by K. W. Hiersemann, the

Library agent in Leipzig; similar matter issued in England was collected by Harold Reeves in London.

Noteworthy individual works acquired include:

- Bacon, Francis. Of the proficiencie and advancement of learning. London, 1605. (The first edition.)
- The Barons' Book of England, from the Conquest to the 3d year of James 1st. Folio manuscript of 86 leaves with 544 coats of arms colored by a contemporary hand. Circa 1610.
- Boccaccio. De casibus virorum illustrium. English by Dan John Lidgate, monke of Burye. (London, 1554) Colophon.
- A disputation concerning church-members and their children in answer to XXI questions . . . wherein the state of such children . . . is discussed by an assembly of Divines meeting at Boston in New England, June 4, 1657. Now published by a Lover of Truth. London, 1659. Published anonymously. Ascribed to Nathaniel and possibly Increase Mather in the Brinley and Barlow Catalogues.
- Mather, Cotton. Shaking dispensation. An essay upon the mighty Shakes which the hand of Heaven hath given and is giving, to the world. With some useful remarks on the death of the French King, who left off to make the World a Wilderness and to destroy the Cities thereof: on the Twenty-first of August 1715. In a sermon on that great occasion at Boston, New England. 13d VIII m. 1715. Printed by B. Green. Sold by S. Gerrish . . . 1715.
- A privately printed set of the Plays and Poems of Shakespeare edited by J. Payne Collier, London 1878, of which only 58 copies were printed. The set secured for the Library is complete in 43 original parts forming eight volumes.

The following titles represent a brief selection of the important books added to the Fine Arts division:

- Bakst, Leon. Inedited works of Bakst. [With] Essays on Bakst by Louis Réau, Denis Roche, V. Svetlov and A. Tessier. New York. 1927. Illus.
- Godard, Octave. Jardins de la Côte d'Azur. Paris, 1927. Plates. For the Codman Collection of Landscape Architecture.
- Henschel, Walter. Sächsische Plastik um 1500. Dresden, 1926. Illus. A survey of late Gothic sculpture in Saxony.
- Hurlbutt, Frank. Bow porcelain. London, 1926. 56 plates, of which 8 are in color. Covers the whole range of Bow manufacture.
- Kaufmann, Isidor. (Reproductions of paintings of Jewish life.) (Vienna, 1926). 16 colored plates.
- Mayer, August Liebmann. Dominico Theotocopuli, El Greco. München, 1926. 90 plates.

- Mehta, Nānālāl Chamanlāl. Studies in Indian painting. Bombay, 1926. 61 plates.
- Roerich, George. Tibetan paintings. Paris, 1925. With 17 full plate reproductions of Tibetan paintings.

Among other miscellaneous works of interest acquired are:

- Pierre d'Ailly. *Imago Mundi incipit*. Circa 1483. A photostat reproduction of a copy in the Library of Seville (Spain) which contains 800 annotations which have been ascribed by some to Christopher Columbus. Reproduced by the Massachusetts Historical Society.
- A set of *Enciclopedia Universal ilustrada Europeo-Americana*. Published in Barcelona and now in its 58th volume. (For Bates Hall)
- A short-title catalogue of books printed in England, Scotland, and Ireland, and of English books printed abroad 1475-1640. Published by the London Bibliographical Society and compiled by A. W. Pollard and G. R. Redgrave.
- The Commonwealth History of Massachusetts, edited by Albert Bushnell Hart, as far as issued. 22 sets for the Central Library and branches.

During the year gifts have been received as follows: From various donors, 14,239 volumes, 15,196 serials, 996 photographs and 52 newspaper subscriptions.

From Mr. Louis E. Kirstein the sum of one thousand dollars, to be added to the "Louis E. Kirstein Fund."

From Mrs. Helen O. Storrow and Miss Elizabeth Randolph Storrow, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars to be funded as the "James Jackson Storrow (Harvard '57) Fund" and the income used for the purchase of Italian books, as requested by the donors.

From the executor of the estate of Helen Leah Reed, the sum of one thousand dollars, being a bequest to the Library under her will, "to be held as a fund called the Guilford Reed Fund in memory of Guilford S. Reed, and the income only of this fund shall be used for the purchase of books of non-fiction."

Certain additional gifts of interest, with the names of the donors, are listed on pages 75-76 of the Appendix.

#### REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

On January 1, 1927 there were 135,445 "live" cards in the hands of Boston citizens for the withdrawal of library books

for home use. Through the Central Library and its 31 branches there have been added 30,869 new registrations and 40,818 renewals, making a total of 71,687 cards added during the year. To offset this, 65,731 borrowers, including students and others who are no longer residents, allowed their home-use privilege to lapse, making a total of 141,401 "live" cards on December 31, 1927. The net gain of registered card holders was 5,956 over the previous year.

Prior to January 1, 1927, 10,153 cards had been issued to teachers. Of this number 1,498 have been renewed and 428 issued during the year, making a total of 1,926 teachers' cards in use. Of the 4,008 "special privilege" cards issued prior to January 1, 1927, there were 361 renewals and 180 new cards granted during the year, making a total of 541 "special privilege" cards now in use.

#### CATALOGUE AND SHELF DEPARTMENT.

During the year 1927, the number of volumes and parts of volumes catalogued was 115,447, covering 81,736 titles. Included in these numbers were 67,602 volumes (57,534 titles) assigned to the branch libraries and catalogued in the Central Branch Department.

The number of printed cards added to the catalogues of the Central Library alone was 45,424, and 20,075 were used in compiling bibliographies, or were reserved for such use in the future. The distribution of cards among the departments of the Central Library was: Bates Hall, 18,101; Official Catalogue, 18,650; Special Libraries, 8,673. Cards were also sent as usual to the Harvard College Library and the Library of Congress.

In order to hasten the appearance of new books in our catalogues, 11,876 temporary cards have been typed by the Card Division, to be replaced later by printed cards. As the result of this device, titles of recent accessions have been in the catalogues as soon as the books have been placed on the shelves. Over 5,100 cards have also been typed for the use of the Editor.

## PUBLICATIONS.

The Library bulletin "More Books", issued in its present form and under its new title since March, 1925, has been conducted along the same lines as last year. The publication is now firmly established and has proved to be a success with the public. Each issue is received with interest, and the first edition of 4,500 copies is usually nearly exhausted within three weeks of its publication. Each number carries a classified list of new books with descriptive notes and a synopsis of classification, in addition to a long article either on the book treasures of the Library, or on some topic of literary interest. For instance, the March issue contained three separate articles relating to the Beethoven Centenary. The September issue was almost entirely devoted, as were those of November and December, to the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Library.

Essays contributed by members of the staff were published on Joshua Bates, Alexandre Vattemare and Thomas Pennant Barton, men prominent among the founders of the Library about whom little had been written in recent years. Other articles described the collections and activities of the Library, such as the Branch system, the Catalogue Department and the Divisions of Fine Arts and Technology. Rare books and manuscripts recently acquired have also been described in separate articles; a Revolutionary Orderly Book, for instance, in the May issue, and a First Edition copy of Newton's *Principia* in the December issue. These and similar articles were usually illustrated with facsimiles.

A regular feature of the bulletin is "Ten Books" consisting of short and impersonal reviews which call attention to the more important new books. The selection aims to be comprehensive, ranging from art and literature to sociology and science, and including a wide variety of subjects. Its purpose is to interest the intelligent general reader rather than the specialist.

"Reading the Magazines" is another popular feature. Even a few paragraphs on recent articles that have appeared in the periodicals, make for timeliness and a few dozen lines on the leading foreign magazines give the reader a feeling that there is

breadth of view in the editing of the bulletin. "Library Notes", which usually occupy four or five pages, consist mainly of short bibliographical notices. Here also may be found certain communications of interest from the office of the Director.

Last year there were printed seven issues of "More Books", comprising in all, 360 pages. It is the hope of the Library to publish ten numbers a year, nine monthly numbers, and for the summer months one quarterly. It is hoped that this aim will be realized in the near future, in order that it may not be necessary to issue double numbers. In the meantime it must be recognized that the printing of the bulletin, in addition to the other steadily increasing demands on the Printing Department, represents a considerable task.

In connection with the fifth annual conference of the Workers' Education Bureau of America, held in Boston in April, 1927, the Library published "Brief Reading List, No. 36", entitled "Workers' Education, a selected list of books and articles."

Bibliographical lists have, as usual, been printed for the lectures on the programs of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, given by the Massachusetts Division of University Extension, in cooperation with the Library. Programs and lists were also issued for twelve concerts given in the Lecture Hall, prominent among which were the eight Chamber Music concerts presented through the courtesy of Mrs. Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge.

"Opportunities for Adult Education in Greater Boston," a list of courses of lectures free to the public or available at a nominal fee, without educational pre-requisites, was again published in 1927-28; the pamphlet this year contains over one hundred pages.

Part V of the "Guide to Serial Publications founded prior to 1918" and now or recently current in Boston, Cambridge, and vicinity, is now ready for publication. The material has been steadily increased through the generous co-operation of several libraries, including the New York Public Library, the Library of Congress and the John Crerar Library, and the current catalogue of this material may be consulted in the Barton Gallery with the help of Mr. Thomas Johnson Homer, the editor of the "Guide."

## BATES HALL

If one may judge from the increase of more than 10% in the number of books sent from the stacks for the use of readers, the year has been a busy one in Bates Hall. The total for the year was 260,623 volumes, with no record of the steady use of books from the open shelves in the Hall.

The Reference Collection is under constant revision; 217 volumes have been retired to the stacks in the course of the year, 242 new volumes have been placed in the Hall, and 577 have been given new locations in the process of rearrangement. The shelves devoted to geography are at present undergoing a complete revision. The Atlas Collection has been condensed and many atlases which were out of date have been retired. An important addition of the year has been the *Enciclopedia Universal Ilustrada*, the publication of which began in Barcelona in 1905, and which has now, in its fifty-eighth volume, reached the letter T. This little-known encyclopaedia is one of the most important works of reference produced in modern times.

The Hall has been improved by the installation of handsome oak tables at the Catalogue, and by the completion of the new lighting of the bookcases, which greatly facilitates the finding of books in the evening.

The correspondence of the Department shows little change from the figures of last year; 229 genealogical inquiries were answered by mail, and 574 requests for information on general subjects. In this correspondence forty-four of the forty-eight United States and seven foreign countries were represented.

The work of the Division of Genealogy has continued to justify itself in improved service to readers. Increased emphasis has been laid on the various phases of Adult Education work. An office will soon be opened on the lower floor of the Library, where a Readers' Adviser may be consulted by the public. The sale of the "Reading with a Purpose" pamphlets issued by the American Library Association has gone on steadily; the sales by this Library have now reached a total of 13,150 copies.

The frequently crowded condition of the Hall raises anew the problem of its occupation as a study room by persons who are



using no library books. These students from near-by schools and colleges are sometimes careless of the rights of legitimate readers, and it is probable that this Library, like many others throughout the country, will find it necessary to consider steps for guarding itself against abuse by this class of visitors.

#### NEWSPAPER AND PATENT ROOMS.

The Newspaper Room continues to be crowded, although there is no attempt at a definite record of readers. There are now regularly received 213 daily and 55 weekly papers, of which 190 are published in the United States and 78 in 31 foreign countries. One hundred and fourteen volumes of bound newspapers have been added to the files, which now contain 9,357. In the course of the year 19,264 visitors consulted 33,174 bound volumes of newspapers — an average of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  uses for each volume in the collection. No portion of the Library has larger possibilities for students of contemporary history than this great mass of the news of other years printed while it was still fresh.

Six hundred and eighty-eight volumes were added to the collection of patents during the year. It is a satisfaction to record that the gaps in the set of German Patentschriften, resulting from the War, have been largely filled, so that this valuable file is now practically complete.

#### INFORMATION OFFICE, GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT ROOM AND OPEN SHELF ROOM.

The Information Office continues to save the time and energy of those persons who wish to use the Library but are unfamiliar with its many departments. Tourists likewise, in seeking all manner of information, find the office of great value. During the year there has been an increased number of telephone calls for service of various kinds from business firms, special libraries, schools and individuals. This increase in service rendered is true also of the other departments of reference in the Library.

Approximately 1,115 new catalogues, pamphlets and clippings have been added to the Vocational Guidance file. The attendants have been consulted about every possible kind of

school from the kindergarten to the university. Keen interest has been shown in the various phases of the Adult Education movement, and some 10,000 announcements of University Extension courses have been distributed.

The Government Document Room was used by about ten thousand persons on week days during 1927. Had a record been kept of those who came in the evenings and on Sundays this figure would have been greatly increased. In order to keep the Government material up to date it has been necessary to write continually to Washington for new publications and for those for which there is a nominal charge. During the year a card "continuations" catalogue of Government documents was completed for the convenience of those who use the room. This gives the Library call-number for each document series and saves the inconvenience of looking up the desired material in the Bates Hall catalogue. Clippings are made from "The United States Daily" and posted on the bulletin board in the entrance hall of the Library every day. This has attracted to the Document Room many additional inquirers and has also resulted in requests for 246 of the clippings.

It has been an unusually busy and successful year for the Open Shelf Room. The circulation last year was 46,378, an increase of 2,281 over the previous year. Effort is made to keep a fresh supply of books constantly on the open shelves. The volumes are changed frequently, as the room is so small that the collection rapidly becomes familiar to steady patrons. For an hour each morning and evening an attendant goes through the stacks of the Library making a selection of books for the Open Shelf Room. The "stations" of the stacks are often visited as many as six times a day in order that the newly returned books may be inspected and additional selections made from them.

The "Reading with a Purpose" lists have provided the room with suggestions for many excellent books. Psychologists, biologists, teachers of modern languages and other specialists who make frequent use of the Open Shelf Room have been most kind in suggesting significant books for the shelves.

Afternoons and evenings, particularly during the winter months, the room is so crowded that it is next to impossible to gain

access to the shelves. There is usually a cluster about the charging table and an overflow in the Information Office. The outstanding complaint of the public is that the Open Shelf Room is much too small. Unfortunately it is impossible at the present time to provide more adequate space for open shelf service.

#### PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

A steady growth is noted in the work of the Periodical Department, while the service rendered is giving satisfaction not only to residents of the city but, as in many other departments of the Library, to an ever increasing number of non-residents, many coming from long distances for research and for the study of current events.

#### *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.
1926 . . .	18,263	21,432	35,768	39,691	25,982	28,376	14,974
1927 . . .	19,374	22,197	37,261	41,863	26,192	29,214	15,357
Sundays at 1 P.M.							
1926 . . . . .		8654					
1927 . . . . .		9173					

#### *Bound Volumes.*

	1926	1927
Consulted during day . . . . .	53,281	60,285
Consulted during evenings and Sundays . . . . .	28,431	24,527

#### *Back Numbers of Magazines not yet Bound.*

	1926	1927
Consulted during day . . . . .	61,315	66,246
Consulted during evenings and Sunday . . . . .	28,421	30,124

The current periodicals, exclusive of those issued by the state and federal governments, regularly filed for readers in the Periodical Department, number 1,281. In addition there are filed for use by readers in other departments current periodicals

especially related to the fields covered by those departments, as follows:

Fine Arts and Music Divisions of the Special Libraries . . . . .	136
Ordering Department . . . . .	27
Statistical Department . . . . .	55
Teachers' Reference Room and Children's Room . . . . .	70
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Periodical Room . . . . .	288
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Total number of periodicals currently received . . . . .	1281
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	1569

#### SPECIAL LIBRARIES DEPARTMENT.

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 the special collections of the Library contained in the Barton-Ticknor Division. The fields covered by these four divisions were defined in detail in the Annual Reports for 1923 and 1924.

The numerous changes in arrangement and organization carried out in the past few years have resulted in better service, as reflected in the substantial increase in circulation (seven per cent), and a noticeable growth in the "hall use" of books. The crowded condition, especially in the afternoon, of the Fine Arts reading room has made it increasingly necessary to use some of the West Gallery student tables for general readers.

During the renovations in the summer months, the entire open-shelf reference collection, charging and reference desks, and telephone were moved into the West Gallery, and the card catalogue into the south pavilion. The book circulation was not affected to any degree by this temporary arrangement, but, inasmuch as it was possible to move only a small part of the circulating picture collection, a noticeable decrease in the home use of pictures resulted.

Early in the year a "Randex" file, listing Fine Arts and Technical periodicals in one alphabet with call-number, was made for the Indicator desk, in order to facilitate service to readers.

The Fine Arts Division has continued to build up its collections on the new classification schedule, the classified books

now being expanded into two alcoves. No large increase has been made in the picture collection, but, owing to an unusual opportunity of purchasing lantern slides, the Library has added some five thousand selected slides, thereby almost doubling its resources.

The Technology Division has continued work on its special reference tools, and has added many pictures to the technical picture collection. The moving of all the technical books when the alcoves were painted made possible a complete re-shelving of the collection, and the separation of the classified books from the unclassified. This has improved the service and provided room for growth. The usefulness of the chemical reference alcove is shown in the large numbers of students and chemists who daily consult these books.

The Music Division, as in former years, has continued its series of interpretive lectures on symphony concerts and operas, and has issued most interesting and useful annotated programs and booklists.

The number of books issued for home use from the Special Libraries during the year was 25,195, an increase of seven per cent as compared with last year. For use outside the Library there were issued 27,039 pictures and 8,448 lantern slides.

#### WORK WITH CHILDREN.

The year has been one of expansion in children's work throughout the Library system. The home use of books drawn directly from the Central and branch libraries on children's cards amounted to 1,691,269 volumes, a gain of 59,833 volumes over 1926. To meet this call on the resources of the department, \$50,149.61 of the book fund was spent on books for children to be placed in the Children's Room of the Central Library and in the thirty-one branches, and to be sent on deposit to the schools, public and parochial.

It is worth noting that more than seventy per cent of the amount annually spent for children's books goes for the replacement of worn-out or missing copies, while only a scant twenty-five per cent is spent for new volumes and for additional copies of a

given book required to keep pace with the growth in the number of card holders.

The importance of replacing books, however, cannot be denied, as the main body of children's literature is composed of books that have been tested for years and found acceptable to young readers. All replacement orders are given individual consideration, so that the collections may be kept alive through the elimination of titles no longer needed. To simplify the routine detail involved in the examination of so many book cards, a list of 1,000 titles approved for replacement during the year was prepared by the Supervisor of Branches and is now in use by the branch librarians and by the Order Department. It is hoped to compile supplementary lists from time to time, and to revise the list at stated intervals. That the present collections gather little dust is shown by the high rate of turnover from the shelves of the children's rooms; for example, at the North End Branch, where, during the winter months, 1,200 books are often borrowed in the space of three hours, the average yearly circulation amounts to eighteen times for each book.

*Accommodations.* During 1927 one new children's room was opened, that at the Dorchester Branch, where highly unsuitable quarters on the third floor were replaced by a pleasant, well-equipped room on the street level. During the period of several months' intermission, when the old room had been ordered closed and the new one was not yet ready for occupancy, work with children was successfully carried on in the Grover Cleveland School near by. This was an interesting experiment in adaptation, promoting friendly relations with the school, and incidentally demonstrating how quickly an attractive children's room can be organized when need arises.

At Brighton the assembly or lecture room, which had been undergoing alterations, was again made available for the Story Hour, and has given satisfactory use for that purpose. After a full year in the Memorial High School the Memorial Branch is able to show evidences of continued appreciation of its enlarged facilities. How far it has been possible to give better service, with better equipment, is indicated by a gain of 12,087 in the number of books drawn on children's cards from Memorial

Branch. Since this is our only branch library in a high school building, the measure of its success is a matter of special concern. A report from the branch contains this comment: "We have but begun to sound the possibilities which can grow out of a closer union of the library and the school. A better understanding and appreciation of both school and library is slowly but surely growing, as a result of our close contact."

Whenever the opening of a new room admits expansion in the work with children, fresh impetus toward healthy growth follows. This has been noticeably the experience at Dorchester and Memorial branches. Furthermore, the new rooms have relieved to some extent the pressure at Mt. Bowdoin, which lies between the two, by checking a further increase of circulation which had become unwieldy in the present restricted space. Particular attention was given to the physical appearance of children's rooms in some of the older, less inviting branches. A few good pieces of pottery were acquired, and some suitable pictures bought to give color and warmth to dark interiors. Acknowledgments are due to the Junior Red Cross and the Children's Museum for their courtesy in lending stimulating exhibitions for display in show cases and windows. Different members of the staff have also shown judgment and skill in the preparation of projects, often spending a great deal of their own time voluntarily to make the children's rooms more attractive.

*Schools and Children's Rooms.* Deposits of books in the schools constitute an important method of extending the knowledge of library resources among teachers and children alike. School circulation amounted to 66,037, and might have been much larger if the Library had been able to supply more books. Changes in the curriculum are reflected in the requests from teachers, not only for books to be used in the classrooms, but also in the character of the reference work in the different children's rooms. There has been continued effort to make the reference collections more adequate in order to meet new requirements, especially in the field of industrial and commercial subjects. The ordinary type of geography, for example, is not enough, as the schools require more current information. For

this purpose, and also for furnishing facts about contemporary writers, the librarians rely more and more upon the pamphlet files which are being enlarged and strengthened in the different children's rooms.

The requirements of the intermediate or junior high schools call for special attention at the present time. As the required reading lists include a large proportion of books that are classed as adult literature, there is room for a broad and inclusive policy which will place more advanced books upon the children's shelves, or will admit younger readers to some divisions of the general adult collections of the Library system.

*Story Hours.* No slackening of the hold that the Story Hours have upon children can be seen. Six hundred and eighty-three regular story hours were held, with an attendance of thousands of children to whom the fine presentation of great classics, folklore, and legend was a quickening experience. Sufficient proof of the vitality of the story telling is given in the continued large attendance year after year, in spite of the multiplication of motion picture houses in practically every locality.

Requests from teachers and principals for story telling in the schools are too numerous to be supplied, and this is the more gratifying since the Library story tellers are the only outside visitors freely invited to the public schools.

For the first time the Library was able to include the summer vacation schools in a program of story telling, giving one period to each school during July and August. As the Museum of Fine Arts had discontinued its summer work along this line, the teachers and children were especially happy in the connection thus made with the great field of good reading.

*Central Children's Room.* The laying of the new floor covering in the Central Children's Room was an improvement long anticipated. It greatly enhances the beauty and comfort of the room and gives it increased dignity and finish.

While the room was closed, an opportunity to practice adaptation was afforded children and staff by the establishment of a small collection of books and a temporary charging service in the Venetian Lobby outside the room. Although the limitation on their habits of selection, combined with lack of seating room,





MASON STREET SCHOOLHOUSE.  
Location of Library, 1854-1858.



decreased the use of the Library by the younger readers and markedly affected the circulation of books, it was an interesting experiment. It revealed to the staff of the Children's Room the readers to whom the Library is indispensable, and who consequently make the best of an inconvenient situation. Moreover, there was a certain unlooked for value in the prominence suddenly given this phase of library work, which brought it before the eyes of the general visitor to whom it was previously unknown.

During the period of exclusion the annual Children's Book Week was observed by a display of books in the small reception room on the first floor. Entered upon as a makeshift, this proved to be a delightful innovation, affording an admirable opportunity to show off the new books among fitting surroundings. With the gratifying attendance of 1,739 observant visitors in the six weeks it was open, this was far and away the best exhibition of new books the Children's Department has ever held. Changes were made each day in the type of books shown in order to give consideration to different groups in the community who seek books from various motives. The staff is deserving of great commendation for its excellent and unified work under difficult conditions.

*Teachers' Room.* The quiet and convenience of a room in which one may work with necessary books at hand is appreciated not only by individuals who are teaching but equally by the students in colleges and other educational institutions. At times the capacity of the Teachers' Room is taxed to its limit with readers who are making the best use of its facilities.

Saturday is naturally the busiest day, and many books are brought from other parts of the Library on request of teachers who are taking advanced courses in one or another of the universities and colleges. In order to gain a little more space for the necessary expansion, some of the unused titles in the text book collection have been withdrawn and the shelves given up to material on psychology, curriculum formation, school surveys and so forth.

Summer school work brought teachers from all parts of the country and offered an opportunity to make the Library favorably

known by that best of all methods, service. The imperative need of increase in the book stock as well as in the seating capacity of this room continues to be its most difficult problem.

#### THE BRANCH SYSTEM.

The total circulation through the branch libraries and the Central Branch Department for the year was 3,358,967. This is a gain over 1926 of 200,415. The number of books issued from the Central Library through branches was 99,070; this includes 76,602 from the Deposit Collection and 22,468 from the stacks of the Central Library. Twenty-six of the branches gained in circulation. The greatest gains were at Uphams Corner, Mattapan, Memorial, Roxbury Crossing, Jamaica Plain, Codman Square, Hyde Park and Roslindale.

The number of volumes sent on deposit to 345 agencies (232 schools, 56 fire-engine houses and 57 institutions of various kinds) was 93,269 as against 86,570 last year. The total number of volumes sent to schools was 66,037, compared with 56,818 last year. Of this number 26,337 were sent from the Branch Issue Division, Central Library. The number of books issued on deposit from the branch libraries, chiefly to schools, was 39,700, compared with 37,134 in 1926.

Inter-library loans amounted to 1,987 volumes, 157 more than last year. Of the 2,569 applications received, 582 had to be refused. Twenty-four volumes were borrowed from other libraries.

The Dorchester Branch now rejoices in the finest children's room in the system, a room from which the municipal court moved about a year ago. The Neponset Branch has been completely renovated. A good-sized lecture hall has been added to the Brighton Branch; a small lecture hall to Faneuil Branch. The grounds of Brighton, Faneuil, Hyde Park and West End have been put into shape. Shrubbery has been trimmed and replaced and lawns have been reseeded.

The ever-increasing requests for new buildings in many different sections of the city attest a growing appreciation on the part of the public for the Library's extension service. With six-

teen such requests on file, a survey of the city's library needs seemed imperative. This request resulted in the preparation by branch librarians and their assistants of thirty detailed maps and thirty district guides of information. In this work the Secretary of the City Planning Board gave generous assistance. Using these maps and guides as a basis for study of an extension forecast, it has been possible to plot on one large map localities which in the near future should be given library service and to give adequate reasons for the selection of these localities.

A standard list of over 200 reference books with which all branch librarians and assistants should be familiar, has been prepared in loose-leaf form so that it can be readily revised and kept up to date.

The number of good books discarded has been for a long time a cause for anxiety. However, when the charging plates in these volumes show that months and often years have passed since the books were borrowed, and when shelf room is needed for the newer books now in demand, it appears wise to remove them. To dispose of standard books still in good condition, excepting discarded textbooks and out-of-date reference books, seems a mistaken policy. A single book on biography or philosophy may be useless, but related to others in a collection it frequently becomes of value. Hence, these books withdrawn from the shelves of the various branches are now being assembled in collections in the basements or attics of several branches where there is room for their care. At Dorchester, for instance, some 2,000 volumes of biography have been shelved. These books are available for students and research workers throughout the city.

#### EXHIBITIONS AND LECTURES.

During the year twenty-eight exhibitions were arranged; twenty-two being displayed in the Fine Arts Exhibition Room, and six in the Barton-Ticknor Room. Thirteen of the exhibits consisted of loan material; three of them comprising books. Fifteen were made of material owned by the Library. Eight were of books and documents; sixteen were of prints, paintings and

photographs; one was an arts and crafts exhibit of old world costumes, laces, etc.; one was of small soap sculpture; and another was the Boston Public Library Anniversary and Historical Exhibit. For list of exhibitions see Appendix, pages 73-74.

During the season 1927-28 there were given in the Lecture Hall 138 lectures and entertainments under the auspices of the Library, the Dickens Fellowship, the Drama League, the Field and Forest Club, the Ruskin Club, and other organizations. Following the established custom, they were all free to the public.

The lectures were in the following fields: travel, 23; literature, 17; music, 11; history, 9; drama, 7; art and archeology, 6; and miscellaneous, 33. There were also 32 concerts, recitals, and plays. Eight of the concerts were made possible through the generosity of Mrs. Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge, while various societies, orchestras, and ensembles contributed one concert each. All of these concerts appealed to a public so wide that the doors often had to be closed almost an hour before the scheduled beginning. It is a privilege to announce that The Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge Foundation has generously offered a series of six concerts for the season of 1928-29. For list of lectures, etc. see Appendix, pages 69-73.

In 1927-28 the Division of University Extension of the State Department of Education, as customary, used the Lecture Hall every evening, except Thursday and Sunday, for educational courses. Several courses were also scheduled for morning and afternoon hours.

A course on the programs of the Boston Symphony Orchestra was again offered by the Division of University Extension in collaboration with the Library. This was arranged by Richard G. Appel, of the Library staff, who was assisted by other musicians, notably Edward Burlingame Hill, Malcolm Lang, John P. Marshall, Daniel Gregory Mason, Alfred H. Meyer, Walter R. Spalding, and Alexander Tansman.

#### THE LIBRARY TRAINING CLASS

A Training Class, under the supervision of Mrs. Bertha V. Hartzell, was opened on October 17, 1927, for applicants de-

siring positions in the Library, and for a few members of the present staff who were especially adapted to training for all-round library work.

The subjects in the course for the first year included reference work, book selection, the principles of cataloguing and classification, work with children and library administration. Practical work in the different departments of the Library is a feature of the course, as are also visits to other libraries and to bookstores, and lectures by librarians of note.

Students already connected with the Library will take two years in training; new students giving full time to the work will complete their course in June, 1928.

Applicants from outside the Library are either high school or college graduates, who have passed the examination for admission. The class is limited in number, and candidates must be between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five. Preference is given to residents of Boston.

In view of the fact that no tuition is charged, it is expected that applicants, upon satisfactory completion of the course and subsequent appointment to a position, will remain in the service of the Library for a period of at least two years.

#### OTHER STAFF INSTRUCTION.

During the year the Supervisor of Work with Children has offered to assistants who came into the work with children without the requisite courses in children's literature the usual instruction, in amount averaging one period a week.

The Supervisor of Branches has given instruction to thirty-one branch library assistants in reference books and book selection. Marian A. McCarthy, assisted by Hilda M. Baker, has conducted a course in book mending and lettering.

The work of the Training Class in giving to the employees of the Library a better equipment for their duties, is being extended downward by means of the new examination for the Ungraded Service. Temporary employees, who have not yet graduated from high school, are now required at the end of two months of experience to pass an examination on the duties in which they

are engaged; the candidates are given instruction in the work of the various departments in preparation for this examination.

#### MECHANICAL AND OTHER REPAIRS.

The reconditioning of the Central Library Building and certain of the branch libraries has gone on apace during the year. The outstanding accomplishments were as follows:

About two thirds of the roof-tiles of the Central Library Building, of which there are some fifty thousand, have been repointed, and repairs have been made on the gutters, cresting, skylights, and certain sections of the inner condensation roof. The exterior façades and the walls of the inner court of the Central Building were repointed.

The catalogue enclosure in Bates Hall has been equipped with new tables, shelves, and cases. Rubber tile flooring has been placed in the Children's Room. A new electrical switch-board has been installed in the basement, while a good start has been made in the rewiring of the entire building. The installation of added air ducts in the Fine Arts Department has greatly improved its ventilation. During the summer a new brick sidewalk was laid on Dartmouth Street.

In addition to the changes already noted at the Dorchester and Brighton branches, the Dorchester, Hyde Park, and Andrew Square branches were repainted, as well as the Newspaper and Teachers' Rooms and the Fine Arts reading room in the Central Building.

#### RETIREMENTS.

During the year the following persons retired under the Boston Retirement Act: *South Boston Branch*: Mary J. Slattery, cleaner, (retired January 31, voluntary), entered service January 10, 1912; *West End Branch*: Rebecca Millmeister, second assistant, (retired June 30, disability), entered service May 12, 1899; *Catalogue Department*: Mary A. Tenney, cataloguer, (retired June 30, voluntary), entered service January 25, 1897; *Engineer and Janitor Department*: Bridget Healey, cleaner, (re-



tired June 30, voluntary), entered service March 17, 1906; *South End Branch*: Alice McEttrick, first assistant, (retired September 30, disability), entered service December 12, 1902.

## CONCLUSION.

Upon the loyal service of the staff in the Central Library and Branches depends the satisfactory and effective operation of the entire Library Department. The Director earnestly solicits reports of dissatisfaction with the service of the Library or of failure to obtain information desired. It should be remembered that inquiries requiring special knowledge should be made to chiefs of departments, branch librarians or first assistants, most of whom have been long in the Library service and know its resources, rather than to minor assistants. Inquiries by telephone are welcome. If questions are asked which do not fall within the province of the department of the Central Library, or of the branch library, in which the inquiry is made, the inquirer will be directed to the proper source of information.

It is again a privilege to record my continued appreciation of the members of the Library staff in the regular day and evening service — in minor as well as in major positions — who have co-operated so admirably with their Director during the year. On the efficient performance of their duty depends the credit for the operation of the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. D. BELDEN,

*Director*

## APPENDIX.

TABLE OF CENTRAL AND BRANCH CIRCULATION.

Central Library	1922-23	1923-24	1924-25	1925*	1926	1927
	590,655	576,997	623,024	608,852	644,896	657,977
BRANCHES:						
Allston . . .	53,598	57,705	60,358	63,434	74,297	81,984
Andrew Square	33,413	51,991	68,196	68,772	89,662	92,926
Boylston Station	55,672	62,340	64,871	64,559	71,261	68,196
Brighton . . .	83,238	87,672	92,702	89,384	101,286	98,907
Charlestown . .	101,140	99,035	98,433	95,288	107,562	110,069
City Point . . .	38,381	43,277	47,441	50,108	51,154	54,232
Codman Square	103,810	113,529	114,950	119,758	145,001	156,559
Dorchester . . .	67,810	75,608	88,628	90,123	100,188	101,957
East Boston . .	120,993	125,968	128,771	125,820	138,691	140,379
Faneuil . . . .	24,944	27,004	30,443	31,560	43,782	50,212
Fellowes Athen.	79,125	71,673	76,007	84,765	85,151	89,479
Hyde Park . . .	82,498	89,716	95,334	93,582	98,147	107,168
Jamaica Plain .	59,970	64,022	68,630	67,232	73,117	85,262
Jeffries Point .	35,925	40,857	52,020	53,004	58,218	61,893
Lower Mills . .	17,577	25,801	27,259	25,488	32,274	35,835
Mattapan . . .	20,497	27,699	48,789	58,290	69,364	95,085
Memorial . . .	108,665	122,159	136,981	135,913	147,263	171,034
Mount Bowdoin	83,376	98,961	107,679	112,320	125,907	129,487
Mount Pleasant	53,846	52,977	53,953	53,778	59,101	66,315
Neponset . . .	33,263	40,353	41,466	39,479	43,349	48,331
North End . . .	96,359	107,329	117,075	121,651	137,896	143,381
Orient Heights .	34,240	30,580	40,605	45,395	58,913	55,625
Parker Hill . .	49,459	44,081	37,038	39,860	43,719	45,862
Roslindale . . .	82,597	89,336	94,888	93,154	105,074	113,150
Roxbury Crossing	55,911	57,869	67,143	58,634	62,462	77,770
South Boston . .	124,809	139,173	152,799	148,751	169,625	170,911
South End . . .	99,543	111,682	117,845	112,578	118,315	116,226
Tyler Street . .	39,973	42,270	37,321	37,436	43,421	39,868
Upham's Corner	120,257	109,731	95,975	100,288	126,010	152,140
West End . . .	142,470	154,267	157,321	152,043	169,142	175,683
West Roxbury . .	74,970	81,199	88,249	88,482	104,889	111,754
Total . . . . .	2,768,984	2,922,861	3,132,194	3,129,781	3,499,137	3,705,657

\*For a year of eleven months.

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

	VOLUMES.
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
1926† gain over preceding year (of 11 months) . . . . .	369,356
1927 gain over preceding year . . . . .	306,520

### USE OF BOOKS.

#### CIRCULATION FROM CENTRAL BY MONTHS.

	HOME USE DIRECT.	HOME USE THROUGH BRANCH DEPT.	SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS THROUGH BRANCH DEPT.	TOTALS.
January, 1927 . . . . .	35,176	10,663	21,150	66,989
February " . . . . .	32,944	9,946	21,225	64,115
March " . . . . .	36,791	11,322	21,635	69,748
April " . . . . .	31,996	9,094	22,590	63,680
May " . . . . .	28,701	8,026	22,750	59,477
June " . . . . .	21,550	6,609	22,750	50,909
July " . . . . .	22,355	5,406	6,047	33,808
August " . . . . .	20,663	5,068	6,060	31,791
September " . . . . .	22,052	5,699	8,240	35,991
October " . . . . .	31,132	8,403	14,000	53,535
November " . . . . .	33,008	9,534	22,210	64,752
December " . . . . .	30,322	9,300	23,560	63,182
Totals . . . . .	<u>346,690</u>	<u>99,070</u>	<u>212,217</u>	<u>657,977</u>

#### DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL CIRCULATION.

	HOME USE.	SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS.	TOTALS.
CENTRAL LIBRARY:			
a. Direct . . . . .	346,690		
b. Through Branches			
1. Deposit Collection . . . . .	76,602		
2. General Collections . . . . .	22,468		
c. Schools and Institutions through Branch Department . . . . .		212,217	657,977
BRANCHES:			
Allston . . . . .	81,984		81,984
Andrew Square . . . . .	92,926		92,926
Boylston Station . . . . .	68,196		68,196
Brighton . . . . .	75,289	23,618	98,907
Charlestown . . . . .	98,098	11,971	110,069
City Point . . . . .	54,232		54,232
Carried forward . . . . .	<u>470,725</u>	<u>35,589</u>	<u>506,314</u>

\*Eleven month period.

† Gain over an approximation of preceding twelve months 233,279.

<i>Brought forward</i> . . . . .	470,725	35,589	506,314
Codman Square . . . . .	144,847	11,712	156,559
Dorchester . . . . .	84,430	17,527	101,957
East Boston . . . . .	120,171	20,208	140,379
Faneuil . . . . .	50,212	. . . . .	50,212
Fellowes Athenæum . . . . .	71,434	18,045	89,479
Hyde Park . . . . .	95,308	11,860	107,168
Jamaica Plain . . . . .	72,977	12,285	85,262
Jeffries Point . . . . .	61,893	. . . . .	61,893
Lower Mills . . . . .	35,835	. . . . .	35,835
Mattapan . . . . .	95,085	. . . . .	95,085
Memorial . . . . .	167,356	3,678	171,034
Mount Bowdoin . . . . .	124,300	5,187	129,487
Mount Pleasant . . . . .	66,315	. . . . .	66,315
Neponset . . . . .	48,331	. . . . .	48,331
North End . . . . .	141,594	1,787	143,381
Orient Heights . . . . .	55,625	. . . . .	55,625
Parker Hill . . . . .	45,862	. . . . .	45,862
Roslindale . . . . .	102,781	10,369	113,150
Roxbury Crossing . . . . .	77,770	. . . . .	77,770
South Boston . . . . .	144,820	26,091	170,911
South End . . . . .	99,230	16,996	116,226
Tyler Street . . . . .	39,868	. . . . .	39,868
Upham's Corner . . . . .	151,402	738	152,140
West End . . . . .	150,794	24,889	175,683
West Roxbury . . . . .	91,776	19,978	111,754
	<u>2,810,741</u>	<u>236,939</u>	<u>3,047,680</u>

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)	657,977
From Branches (excluding books received from Central Library)	<u>3,047,680</u>
Total	3,705,657

COMPARATIVE.	1926.	1927.
Central Library circulation (excluding schools and institutions):		
Direct home use . . . . .	340,585	346,690
Through Branches . . . . .	106,456	99,070
	<u>447,041</u>	<u>445,760</u>
Branch Libraries circulation (ex- cluding schools and institutions):	2,612,108	2,810,741
Schools and institutions circulation (in- cluding books from Central through the Branch system)	439,988	447,156
	<u>3,499,137</u>	<u>3,705,657</u>

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:

	1926.	1927.
Volumes lent from this Library to other libraries in Massachusetts	1,580	1,723
Lent to libraries outside of Massachusetts . . . . .	250	264
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Totals . . . . .	1,830	1,987
Applications refused:		
From libraries in Massachusetts . . . . .	475	478
From libraries outside of Massachusetts . . . . .	117	104
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Totals . . . . .	592	582
Borrowed from other libraries for use here . . . . .	24	24

The classified direct circulation of the branches was as follows, for two successive years:

	1926		1927	
	VOLUMES.	PERCENTAGE.	VOLUMES.	PERCENTAGE.
Fiction for adults . . . . .	825,834	32	901,688	32
Non-fiction for adults . . . . .	256,018	10	273,932	10
Juvenile fiction . . . . .	1,022,430	39	1,107,625	39
Juvenile non-fiction . . . . .	507,826	19	527,496	19

At the Central Library the classified direct circulation shows the following percentages:

	1926.	1927.
	PERCENTAGE.	PERCENTAGE.
Fiction . . . . .	48.5	47.7
Non-fiction . . . . .	51.5	52.3

#### BOOK ACCESSIONS.

##### BOOKS ACQUIRED BY PURCHASE.

For the Central Library:	1926.	1927.
From City appropriation . . . . .	9,474	9,870
From trust funds income . . . . .	3,237	2,688
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	12,711	12,558
For branches:		
From City appropriation . . . . .	67,435	66,424
From trust funds income . . . . .	....	3,289
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	67,435	69,713
Totals . . . . .	<hr/>	<hr/>
	80,146	82,271

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

	CENTRAL.	BRANCHES.	TOTAL VOLUMES.
Accessions by purchase . . . . .	12,558	69,713	82,271
Accessions by gift . . . . .	11,437	1,060	12,497
Accessions by Statistical Department . . . . .	80	....	80
Accessions by exchange . . . . .	144	....	144
Accessions by periodicals bound . . . . .	1,622	70	1,732
Accessions by newspapers bound . . . . .	116	....	116
Accessions by serials bound . . . . .	1,647	....	1,647
Totals . . . . .	27,644	70,843	98,487

#### THE CATALOGUE.

	1926		1927	
	VOLS. AND PARTS.	TITLES.	VOLS. AND PARTS.	TITLES.
Catalogued (new):				
Central Library Catalogue . . . . .	23,496	14,544	25,811	15,932
Serials . . . . .	5,475	....	6,697	....
Branches . . . . .	57,473	50,246	67,602	57,543
Recatalogued . . . . .	17,819	9,358	15,337	8,261
Totals . . . . .	104,263	74,148	115,447	81,736

#### 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 collection, new books (including continuations) . . . . .	24,553
Special collections, new books and transfers . . . . .	2,081
Books reported lost or missing in previous years, but now found, transfers from branches, etc. . . . .	1,904
	28,538
Removed from Central Library shelves during the year:	
Books reported lost or missing, condemned copies not yet replaced, transfers, etc. . . . .	12,304
Net gain at Central Library . . . . .	16,234
Net gain at branches . . . . .	13,816
Net gain, entire library system . . . . .	30,050

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	1855-56 . . . . .	28,080
1853-54 . . . . .	16,221	1856-57 . . . . .	34,896
1854-55 . . . . .	22,617	1857-58 . . . . .	70,851

1858-59 . . . . .	78,043	1893 . . . . .	597,152
1859-60 . . . . .	85,031	1894 . . . . .	610,375
1860-61 . . . . .	97,386	1895 . . . . .	628,297
1861-62 . . . . .	105,034	1896-97 . . . . .	663,763
1862-63 . . . . .	110,563	1897-98 . . . . .	698,888
1863-64 . . . . .	116,934	1898-99 . . . . .	716,050
1864-65 . . . . .	123,016	1899-1900 . . . . .	746,383
1865-66 . . . . .	130,678	1900-01 . . . . .	781,377
1866-67 . . . . .	136,080	1901-02 . . . . .	812,264
1867-68 . . . . .	144,092	1902-03 . . . . .	835,904
1868-69 . . . . .	152,796	1903-04 . . . . .	848,884
1869-70 . . . . .	160,573	1904-05 . . . . .	871,050
1870-71 . . . . .	179,250	1905-06 . . . . .	878,933
1871-72 . . . . .	192,958	1906-07 . . . . .	903,349
1872-73 . . . . .	209,456	1907-08 . . . . .	922,348
1873-74 . . . . .	260,550	1908-09 . . . . .	941,024
1874-75 . . . . .	276,918	1909-10 . . . . .	961,522
1875-76 . . . . .	297,873	1910-11 . . . . .	987,268
1876-77 . . . . .	321,010	1911-12 . . . . .	1,006,717
1877-78 . . . . .	345,734	1912-13 . . . . .	1,049,011
1878-79 . . . . .	360,963	1913-14 . . . . .	1,067,103
1879-80 . . . . .	377,225	1914-15 . . . . .	1,098,702
1880-81 . . . . .	390,982	1915-16 . . . . .	1,121,747
1881-82 . . . . .	404,221	1916-17 . . . . .	1,139,682
1882-83 . . . . .	422,116	1917-18 . . . . .	1,157,326
1883-84 . . . . .	438,594	1918-19 . . . . .	1,173,695
1884-85 . . . . .	453,947	1919-20 . . . . .	1,197,498
1885 . . . . .	460,993	1920-21 . . . . .	1,224,510
1886 . . . . .	479,421	1921-22 . . . . .	1,258,211
1887 . . . . .	492,956	1922-23 . . . . .	1,284,094
1888 . . . . .	505,872	1923-24 . . . . .	1,308,041
1889 . . . . .	520,508	1924-25 . . . . .	1,333,264
1890 . . . . .	536,027	1925 . . . . .	1,363,515
1891 . . . . .	556,283	1926 . . . . .	1,388,439
1892 . . . . .	576,237	1927 . . . . .	1,418,489
Volumes in entire library system . . . . .			1,418,489
Volumes in the branches . . . . .			391,125

### These volumes are located as follows:

Central Library . . . . .	1,027,364	Mattapan . . . . .	6,663
Allston . . . . .	6,675	Memorial . . . . .	12,961
Andrew Square . . . . .	6,274	Mount Bowdoin . . . . .	10,090
Boylston Station . . . . .	5,700	Mount Pleasant . . . . .	6,379
Brighton . . . . .	19,086	Neponset . . . . .	5,127
Charlestown . . . . .	15,133	North End . . . . .	11,959
City Point . . . . .	8,433	Orient Heights . . . . .	5,413
Codman Square . . . . .	12,328	Parker Hill . . . . .	5,410
Dorchester . . . . .	12,957	Roslindale . . . . .	12,182
East Boston . . . . .	21,378	Roxbury Crossing . . . . .	7,486
Faneuil . . . . .	6,758	South Boston . . . . .	20,589
Fellowes Athenæum . . . . .	37,043	South End . . . . .	14,678
Hyde Park . . . . .	35,898	Tyler Street . . . . .	5,966
Jamaica Plain . . . . .	17,555	Upham's Corner . . . . .	12,846
Jeffries Point . . . . .	4,875	West End . . . . .	22,061
Lower Mills . . . . .	3,949	West Roxbury . . . . .	17,273

## THE BINDERY.

	1926	1927
Number of volumes bound in various styles . . . . .	66,946	68,313
Magazines stitched . . . . .	187	201
Volumes repaired . . . . .	2,176	2,036
Volumes guarded . . . . .	1,612	1,684
Maps mounted . . . . .	90	41
Photographs and engravings, etc. mounted . . . . .	4,908	3,044
Library publications folded, stitched and trimmed . . . . .	64,573	88,997

## THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

	1926	1927
Requisitions received and filled . . . . .	237	203
Card Catalogue (Central Library):		
Titles (Printing Department count . . . . .)	5,952	4,050
Cards finished (exclusive of extras) . . . . .	66,169	65,417
Card Catalogue (Branches):		
Titles (Printing Department count) . . . . .	760	480
Cards finished (exclusive of extras) . . . . .	33,583	32,160
Signs . . . . .	735	283
Blank forms (numbered series) . . . . .	3,402,038	3,127,019
Forms, circulars, and sundries (outside numbered series) . . . . .	69,370	46,317
Catalogues, pamphlets, and bibliographical programs . . . . .	55,490	43,695



A SUMMARY OF THE PAST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

	1901-02	1906-07	1911-12	1916-17	1922-23	1927
BOOKS IN SYSTEM						
Central	635,501	706,909	782,075	857,455	958,931	1,027,364
Branches	177,123	196,440	224,642	282,227	325,163	391,125
Total	812,624	903,349	1,006,717	1,139,682	1,284,094	1,418,489
ACCESSIONS						
Purchase	23,178	23,494	26,653	31,222	68,074	82,271
Gift, etc.	12,657	13,958	10,233	13,265	10,235	16,216
Total	35,835	37,452	36,886	44,487	78,309	98,487
HOME USE CIRCULATION	1,483,513	1,461,403	1,612,270	2,050,238	2,768,984	3,705,657
BOOK EXPENDITURE						
City funds	\$36,197	\$35,803	\$25,902	\$33,561	\$101,032	\$127,428
Trust funds	13,035	13,157	22,926	12,820	21,883	27,413
Total	\$49,232	\$48,960	\$48,828	\$46,381	\$122,915	\$154,841
BOOKS CATALOGUED						
Volumes and Parts	59,745	59,099	58,724	79,215	91,723	115,447
Titles	33,988	34,113	38,623	41,463	62,846	81,736
VOLUMES BOUND	16,120	31,886	42,398	41,863	48,544	68,313
REGISTRATION	72,902	76,782	89,162	104,325	113,883	141,401
TRUST FUNDS	\$283,742	\$422,224	\$441,350	\$538,507	\$678,219	\$755,082
TRUST FUNDS INCOME	\$11,861	\$15,948	\$17,590	\$20,842	\$24,223	\$27,504
CITY APPROPRIATION	\$302,000	\$324,550	\$355,200	\$409,080	\$741,993	\$1,104,569

## THE LECTURES OF 1927-1928.

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

1927

- Oct. 6. The American Indian Past and Present. Dr. Warren K. Moorehead.
- Oct. 9. \*Paul Claudel, Ambassador and Littérateur. William M. Stinson, S. J.
- Oct. 9. \*Concert. Gordon String Quartet of Chicago. (Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge series.)
- Oct. 10. \*Prof. E. Charlton Black Memorial. Address by Rt. Rev. William F. Anderson, D. D. In Memoriam: poem by Laura Simmonds. A Group of Songs, rendered by Mrs. Alice Wentworth MacGregor, and Raymond Coon, Pianist. (Ruskin Club.)
- Oct. 13. Today in the Lands of Yesterday: Changing Scenes in India, China and Japan. Walter W. Allerton.
- Oct. 16. On the Sea of Noon: Glimpses of Borneo, Java, Ceylon, and the Philippines. John C. Bowker, M. D.
- Oct. 16. \*Concert. Boston Chamber Music Trio.
- Oct. 20. Our National Parks. Henry Warren Poor, A. M. (Under the auspices of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.)
- Oct. 23. \*Folk Songs of the British Isles, France and the South. Claramond Thompson, (in costume.)
- Oct. 23. \*Concert. Tokar String Quartet.
- Oct. 24. The Human Side of Egyptian Sculpture. Dows Dunham, A. M. (Ruskin Club.)
- Oct. 27. Sharing a Hobby: Studies in Color Photography. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Keith.
- Oct. 30. \*Our Country's Grandmother. Mrs. Christine von K. Wade.
- Oct. 30. Boston 75 Years Ago. Walter K. Watkins.
- Nov. 3. Famous Actors, Old and New, with Imitations of their Acting. Francis Henry Wade, M. D., Ph. D.
- Nov. 6. \*Folk Music of Many Lands. (Under the auspices of the International Institute, Y.W.C.A.)
- Nov. 6. \*Intimate Piano Concert, with interpretative talk. Margaret Anderton, Pianist.
- Nov. 10. \*The Trend of Contemporary Drama. Clayton Hamilton.
- Nov. 10. Forest and Trails in the White Mountains. Philip W. Ayres, (Field and Forest Club Course.)
- Nov. 13. \*Dramatizing the Novel. Frank W. C. Hersey, A.M. (Drama League Course.)

- Nov. 13. \*Concert. Persinger String Quartet of Santa Barbara. (Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge series.)
- Nov. 14. \*Dante. Lilian Whiting. (Ruskin Club.)
- Nov. 15. The Riffs of Morocco: Their Customs and Lore. C. S. Coon. (Under the auspices of the Boston Branch of the American Folk Lore Society.)
- Nov. 17. Abraham Lincoln. Guy Richardson.
- Nov. 20. English Music Alive Again. Henry Gideon, A.M., and assistants. Musical and lantern illustrations.
- Nov. 20. \*Folk Music of Many Lands. (Under the auspices of the International Institute, Y.W.C.A.)
- Nov. 26. \*The Truth about Kipling's India. Dhan Gopal Mukerji.
- Nov. 27. \*America's Story in Song. Catherine Smith. Musical illustrations.
- Nov. 27. \*Concert. Durrell String Quartet.
- Nov. 28. A Trip Around the Mediterranean. Harriet Everard Johnson, S.T.B. (Ruskin Club.)
- Dec. 1. Across Czechoslovakia, the Heart of Europe. C. F. Deebon.
- Dec. 4. \*Concert. Orchestra of the Lincoln House Association. Jacques Hoffmann, Conductor.
- Dec. 4. Some Early Playhouses of London. Sarah E. Palmer, M. D.
- Dec. 8. Through Six National Parks with the Field and Forest Club in 1927. Rev. Charles W. Casson. (Field and Forest Club Course.)
- Dec. 11. \*The Problem Play. Robert E. Rogers, A. M. (Drama League Course.)
- Dec. 11. \*Musical Program. Mrs. M. H. Gulesian, Composer-Pianist, and Mme Olga Avierino, Soprano.
- Dec. 12. Traveller's Luck in Europe. Mrs. Charles B. Hall. (Ruskin Club.)
- Dec. 15. The Nativity in Stereopticon Slides, Music, and Tableaux: a Synthesis of Music, Color, Picture and Action. H. Augustine Smith, assisted by the Choral Art Society of the School of Religious Education of Boston University and by soloists.
- Dec. 18. When Dickens read the Christmas Carol in Boston on Christmas Eve. Edward F. Payne, President, Boston Branch of the Dickens Fellowship.
- Dec. 18. \*Concert. Musical Art String Quartet of New York. (Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge series.)
- Dec. 19. \*A Christmas Message. Mrs. Minnie Meserve Soule. Music by Mrs. Alice Wentworth MacGregor. (Ruskin Club.)

- Dec. 22. \*Song and Satire of the Eighteenth Century. Lecture-recital. Emma Marshall Denkinger, Ph. D., and Esther M. Wood, Soprano.
- Dec. 29. The Madonna in Italian Art. Mrs. William Dana Orcutt.  
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- Jan. 5. Long Wharf and the Old Boston Waterfront; History and Reminiscences. Gilbert R. Payson.
- Jan. 8. \*Symbolism in Modern Drama. Robert E. Rogers, A. M. (Drama League Course.)
- Jan. 8. \*Intersetlement Concert by pupils from the Music School Settlements.
- Jan. 9. \*The Making of a Ruskin Collection. Charles E. Goodspeed. (Ruskin Club.)
- Jan. 12. The Lure of New England. Percy A. Brigham. (Field and Forest Club Course.)
- Jan. 14. Northern Italy and the Dolomites. Rev. A. E. Worman.
- Jan. 15. \*Legends and Folk Songs of Finland. Aino Saari. Musical illustrations.
- Jan. 15. \*Song Recital. Elsie Winsor Bird, Soprano.
- Jan. 19. The Life and Art of Edgar Allan Poe. Joseph Lorraine.
- Jan. 19. Flemish and Dutch Art: a comparison and valuation. Adriaan M. DeGroot.
- Jan. 22. \*Concert. Choral Society of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs.
- Jan. 22. \*Modern Piano Music of the French, Russian and English Schools. Elizabeth Siedoff. Lecture-piano recital.
- Jan. 23. \*The Witch of Salem: Cadman's New American Opera. Grace May Statsman. Musical illustrations. (Ruskin Club.)
- Jan. 26. Evangeline Country at Apple-blossom Time. Edwin A. Freeman.
- Jan. 29. \*The Educational Value of Play Producing in Schools. Marie Ware Laughton, Director, The Out-Door Players.
- Jan. 29. \*Concert. Hart House String Quartet of Toronto. (Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge series.)
- Feb. 2. Nature's Mysteries. Dan McCowan. (Contributed by the Bureau of Commercial Economics, Washington, D. C.)
- Feb. 5. \*Russian Music. Dr. John P. Marshall.
- Feb. 5. \*Concert. The Players of Concerted Music.
- Feb. 9. The English Lake Country and its Poets. Olive C. Grigor. (Field and Forest Club Course.)
- Feb. 12. \*Our Social Comedies. Mrs. Carl L. Schrader, President, Drama League of Boston. (Drama League Course.)

- Feb. 12. \*Concert. Burgin and Durrell String Quartets of Boston. (Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge series.)
- Feb. 13. \*The Observance of John Ruskin's Birthday, February 8, 1818. (Ruskin Club.)
- Feb. 16. Unknown Newfoundland. Robert H. Tait. (Contributed by the Bureau of Commercial Economics, Washington, D. C.)
- Feb. 19. \*The Odes of the Roman Poet Horace, in musical settings, ancient and modern. W. B. McDaniel, II, A. M.
- Feb. 19. \*Intersettlement Concert by Pupils from the Music School Settlements.
- Feb. 23. Gainsborough, Painter of Beautiful Women, 1727-1927. Martha A. S. Shannon.
- Feb. 26. \*Authors and Wives, Face to Face. John E. Pember.
- Feb. 26. \*Concert. Gertrude Ehrhart, soprano, Carmela Ippolito, violin, and Nicolas Slonimsky, piano.
- Feb. 27. \*The Purpose of Literature. Prof. Earl Augustus Aldrich. (Ruskin Club.)
- Mar. 1. Picturesque Germany. John G. Bucher. (Contributed by the Bureau of Commercial Economics, Washington, D. C.)
- Mar. 4. \*Negro Writers and Composers. Recital. Dorothy Richardson, contralto, Eleanor Trent Wallace, reader, and Dorothy Wood, accompanist.
- Mar. 4. \*Concert. Boston Civic Symphony Orchestra. Joseph F. Wagner, Conductor.
- Mar. 8. Mountain and Woodland Trails. Frank H. Sprague. (Field and Forest Club Course.)
- Mar. 11. Folk Plays: the Foundation of Modern American Drama. Albert Hatton Gilmer, A.M. (Drama League Course.)
- Mar. 11. \*Concert. New York String Quartet. (Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge series.)
- Mar. 12. \*Ruskin's Country. Mrs. Herbert J. Gurney. (Ruskin Club.)
- Mar. 15. \*Varied Program. The Strolling Players. Helene Martha Boll, Director.
- Mar. 18. \*Concert. Orchestra of the Lincoln House Association. Jacques Hoffmann, Conductor.
- Mar. 18. \*Intersettlement Concert by Pupils from the Music School Settlements.
- Mar. 22. Pilgrim Land and Old New England Whaling. Rev. George T. Plummer.
- Mar. 25. \*Music of the Church, the Home, and the Nation. Mme Beale Morey. Vocal and Instrumental illustrations.

- Mar. 26. The Beauties of Switzerland. Mrs. Arthur Dudley Ropes.  
(Ruskin Club.)
- Mar. 29. General Allenby's Palestine Campaign. Lieut. Col. Girard  
L. McEntee.
- Apr. 1. \*The Shortest Trail to Bird Acquaintance, by Way of Song  
and Call. Lester W. Smith.
- Apr. 1. \*Concert. The Pierian Sodality Orchestra of Harvard  
University. Nicolas Slonimsky, Conductor.
- Apr. 5. Spain, the Land of History and Romance. Ellen E. Page.
- Apr. 8. \*Reminiscences of Famous Shakesperian Actors. Helen  
Adelaide Shaw.
- Apr. 8. \*Concert. Lenox String Quartet of New York. (Elizabeth  
Sprague Coolidge series.)
- Apr. 9. A New Experiment in Balancing Education. Arthur W.  
Gilbert, Ph. D. Mlle Berthe Hébert, soloist. (Ruskin  
Club.)
- Apr. 12. Robert Burns. Charles S. Olcott.
- Apr. 1. \*Piano Recital for Young People. Persis Cox.
- Apr. 15. \*Platform arrangement of *Cyrano de Bergerac*, by Edmond  
Rostand. Edward Abner Thompson, A. M.
- Apr. 15. \*Inter settlement Concert by Pupils from the Music School  
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- Apr. 22. \*The Modern Church Music Renaissance. Carl F. Pfat-  
teicher, Th. D. Musical illustrations.
- Apr. 23. \*Goya. Ellen E. Page. (Ruskin Club.)
- Apr. 26. From London to Land's End. Mrs. Arthur Dudley Ropes.
- Apr. 29. \*Concert. Leonora Choral Society of Bradford Academy.  
Frederick Johnson, Conductor.
- May 3. Home Life in Japan. Marguerite Rand.
- May 6. The New Art of Mobile Color. G. A. Shook. Color  
Organ and Musical illustrations.
- May 6. \*Concert. Rosé String Quartet of Vienna. (Under the  
auspices of the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.,  
Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge Foundation.)

## PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS. 1927.

## In Exhibition Room.

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- Jan. 14. Paintings and etchings by Anthony Thieme.
- Feb. 5. American Book Illustration. First annual exhibition, by  
American Institute of Graphic Arts.
- Feb. 10. Color prints of the works of Jan Vermeer van Delft, from  
collections in the Division of Fine Arts.

- Feb. 19. Prints of George Washington.
- Feb. 26. Centenary exhibition of material relating to Ludwig von Beethoven.
- Mar. 7. Historic German buildings, to accompany Beethoven material.
- Mar. 19. Original designs entered in the "House Beautiful" Cover Design Competition.
- Mar. 21. Memorial exhibition of rare manuscripts and editions of the work of Sir Isaac Newton, 1642-1727.
- Apr. 2. Fine Printing. Third annual exhibition by The American Institute of Graphic Arts.
- Apr. 4. "The Graphic Process": a series of actual prints, edited by Louis A. Holman — recently acquired by the Library.
- Apr. 18. "Workers Education", in connection with the 5th annual convention of the Workers Education Bureau of America; including original oil paintings by Gerrit A. Beneker.
- Apr. 30. Selected work from Lowthorpe School of Landscape Architecture for Women.
- May 2. "Better Homes Week": material loaned by the Small House Service Bureau.
- May 16. Resources in the Library for study and research in the Fine Arts.
- May 16. "Creative Expression in Design and Drawing"; work by pupils in the Boston Public Schools. (Held in Sargent Corridor.)
- June 1. Historical exhibition commemorating the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Boston Public Library; material from various departments of the Library.
- Oct. 8. Photographic enlargements by William E. Merrill.
- Oct. 15. "Fifty Books of the Year" and "Printing for Commerce", lent by the American Institute of Graphic Arts.
- Nov. 5. "Old World Handicraft", lent by the International Institute of the Young Women's Christian Association.
- Dec. 5. "Sculpture in Soap", lent by the Procter & Gamble Company.
- Dec. 17. Color prints of Christmas subjects, from the Seeman and Medici collections.

## IN BARTON-TICKNOR ROOM.

January	Books illustrating the historical development of Children's literature.
January	"Masterpieces of Modern Printing."
April	Examples of the work of the Kelmscott Press.
May	Orderly books of the Revolutionary War, including the recent accession, "Peter Scull's Orderly Book."
October	Pictographs of the Paleolithic and Neolithic eras.
December	Editions of Newton's "Principia," including first editions recently acquired by the Library.

## SELECTED LIST OF GIFTS AND GIVERS.

- Antin, Mary, Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Original manuscript of "The Promised Land" by Mary Antin. For the Artz Collection.
- Bates, Katherine Lee, Wellesley. "The Pilgrim Ship," by Katherine Lee Bates. Inscribed copy for the Artz Collection.
- Beethoven Association, The, New York City. Facsimile reproduction of the original manuscript of Beethoven's "Sonata Appassionata" which belongs to the Library of the Paris Conservatory of Music. No. 130 of 500 copies printed for the Beethoven Association of New York.
- Beneker, Gerrit A., West Newton. Colored reproductions of paintings by Gerrit A. Beneker, with descriptive text.
- Connolly, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Arthur T. Fourteen volumes of "Acta Sanctæ Sedis" 1897 to 1908 inclusive, and nineteen volumes of "Acta Apostolicæ Sedis. Commentarium Officiale" 1909-1927. Msgr. Connolly's gift completes and continues the Library set given by the late Archbishop Williams in 1897.
- Conway, Katherine E., Estate of, through James J. Conway, Executor. A collection of 88 volumes from Miss Conway's private library. Many of these are inscribed copies from the authors who were her personal friends and include names of well-known contemporary writers.
- Coolidge, Mrs. Elizabeth S., of Washington. A set in facsimile of the works of Claudio Monteverdi, printed in Venice in 1607 and reprinted in Asolo 1926 in a limited edition of 10 volumes. For the Music Division.
- Curtis, Miss Mary, Hamilton, Massachusetts. 660 photographs of architecture, painting and sculpture in European galleries.
- Deering, Charles, Estate of, Chicago. Tamarit. Some notes concerning this historical and legendary Catalonian town. Privately printed. In English and Spanish. Folio. In  $\frac{3}{4}$  morocco binding.
- Fleischner, Otto. Il Libro della bella donna. Composto da Messer Federico Luigini da Vdine. Venetio, 1554.  
For the Galatea Collection.



- Forbes, Mrs. J. Malcolm, Milton. (Through the Woodrow Wilson Foundation). Selected literary and political papers of Woodrow Wilson. New York., 1925. Five sets of three volumes each.
- Harper, Henry H. The story of a Nephrectomy. A true history of a semi-tragic episode, by Henry H. Harper. Norwood, 1927.
- Hersey, Miss Heloise E. Eighty-two volumes of miscellaneous works and 47 numbers of the Anglo-Catholic Congress Books. (London, 1923.)
- Hispanic Society of America, The President and Trustees of, New York City. A complete set of the Publications of the Society in 200 volumes. A noteworthy addition to the Ticknor Collection of Spanish and Portuguese books.
- Loring, Miss Katharine P., Prides Crossing. At Burnside. Verses by two friends. (George E. Woodberry and Louisa Putnam Loring) "Privately printed by D. B. Updike, The Merrymount Press, Boston, in January 1927." For the Artz Collection.
- McGreevy, Michael T. 182 photographs of base-ball players covering a period of fifty years, collected by Mr. McGreevy.  
"These pictures have accumulated through the past fifty years and represent in photographic form the evolution of our great national game." From letter of giver.
- Mackay, Clarence H., New York City. The Clarence H. Mackay Collection. Italian Schools. By Wilhelm R. Valentiner, New York. 1926. In Morocco binding. Large folio. (No. 60 of 100 copies printed for private distribution.)
- Phillips, Miss Mary E. Edgar Allan Poe the Man. By Mary E. Phillips. With a foreword by James H. Whitty. Chicago, 1926, 2 vols. (Inscribed to Mr. C. F. D. Belden and members of the Staff.)
- Sargent, Miss Emily and Mrs. Francis Ormond, London. (Through Mr. Thomas A. Fox.) Thirty-five volumes from the London Studio of John Singer Sargent. These books were obviously used by Mr. Sargent in connection with the decorations in the Library.
- Schirmer, G., Inc., New York City. Seventy-one pieces of music for the Allen A. Brown Library.
- Sohier, William D. 294 volumes of miscellaneous literature including poetry, history, Civil War, travel, guide books, etc.
- Stinson, Rev. William M., S. J. Boston College in the World War. 1917-18. Chestnut Hill. (1927.)
- During the year the Columbia Phonograph Company of New York and the Victor Talking Machine Company of Camden, N. J., have continued to enrich the Library collection to the extent of 117 and 63 records respectively. These records, added to the collection of the Library, are of great use in illustrating the weekly lectures on the Symphony Concerts.

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