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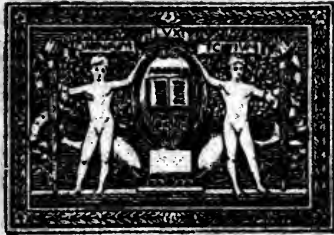
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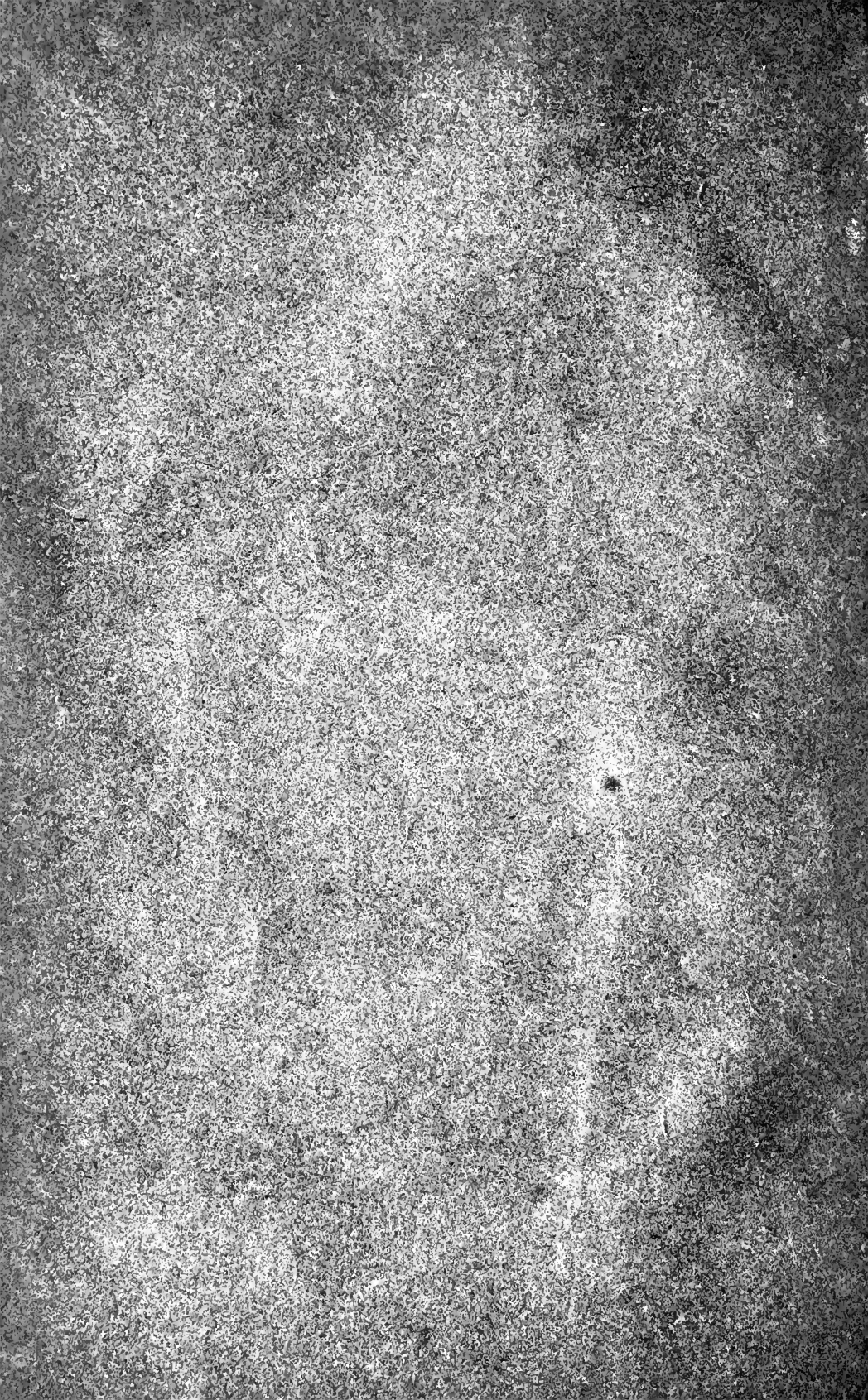
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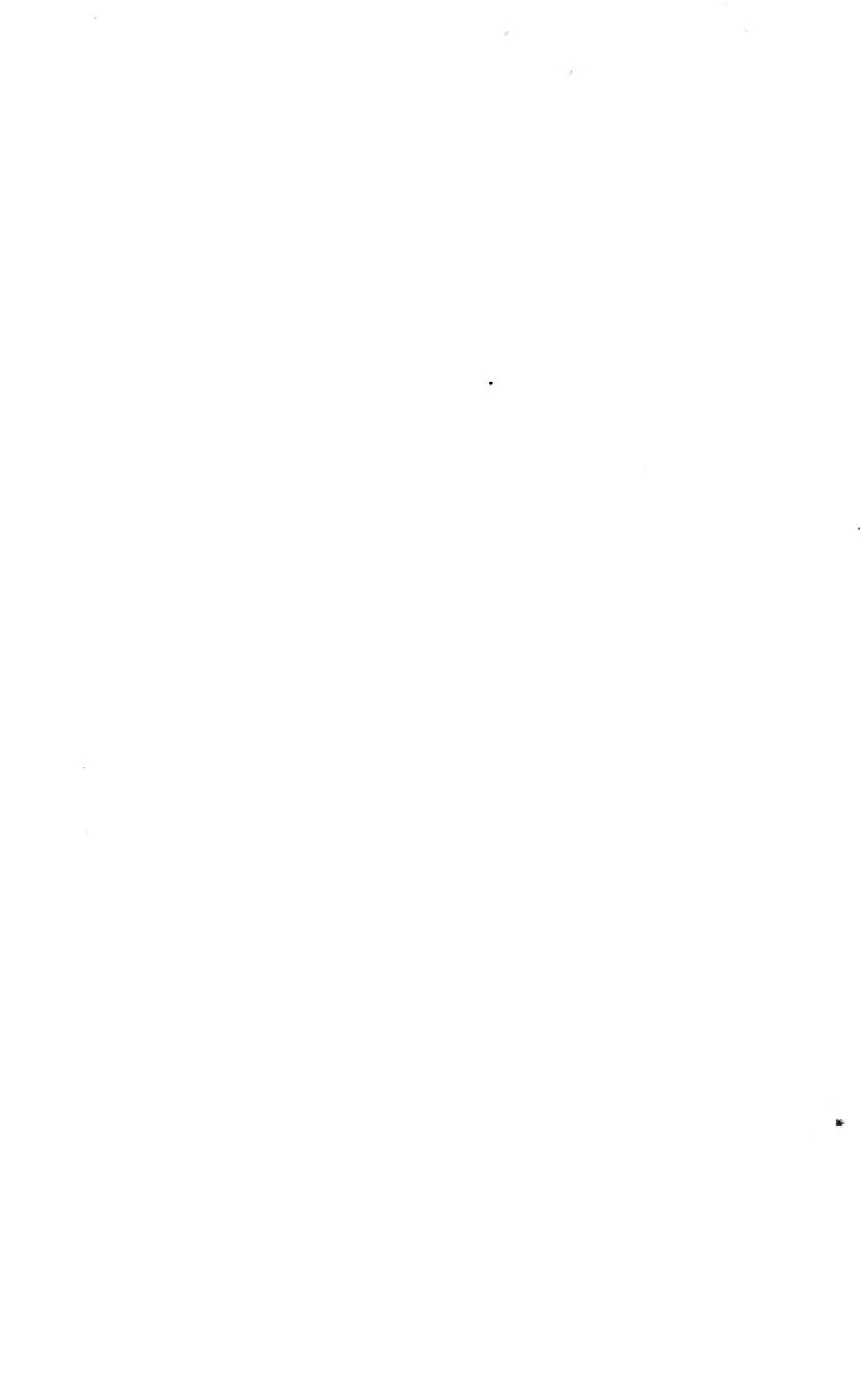
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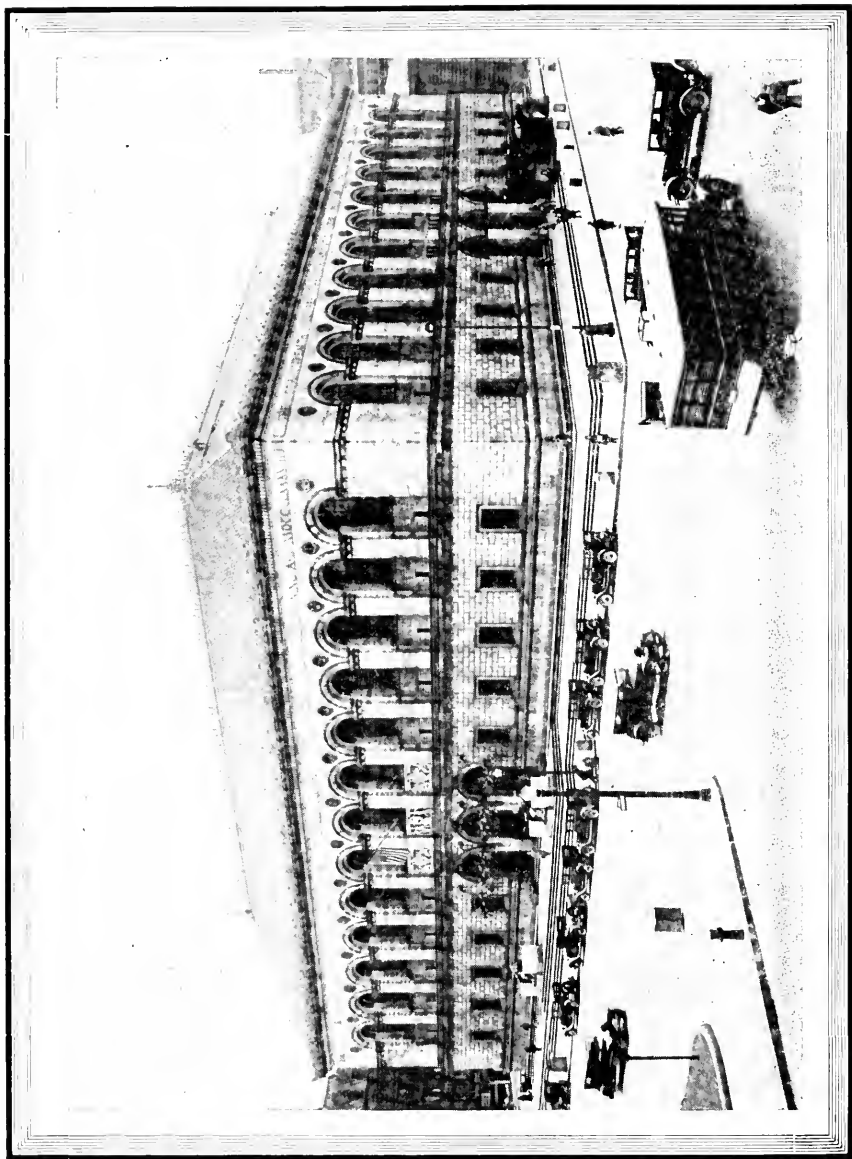
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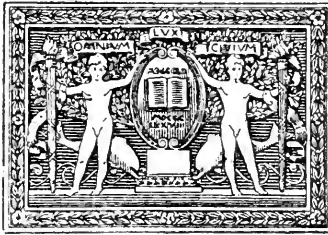
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TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
ON JANUARY 1, 1930.

GORDON ABBOTT, *President.*
Term expires April 30, 1931

FRANK W. BUXTON.
Term expires April 30, 1930.

GUY W. CURRIER.
Term expires April 30, 1933.

ARTHUR T. CONNOLLY.
Term expires April 30, 1932.

LOUIS E. KIRSTEIN.
Term expires April 30, 1934.

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.
- BUXTON, FRANCIS WILLIAM, A.B., 1928—
- CARR, SAMUEL, 1895—96, 1908—22.
- CHASE, GEORGE BIGELOW, A.M., 1876—85.
- CLARKE, JAMES FREFMAN, 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—28.
- EVERETT, EDWARD, LL.D., 1852—64.
- FROTHINGHAM, RICHARD, LL.D., 1875—79.
- GASTON, WILLIAM ALEXANDER, LL.B., 1923—27.
- 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.
 SHURTLEFF, NATHANIEL BRADSTREET, LL.D., 1852-68.
 THOMAS, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, LL.D., 1877-78.
 TICKNOR, GEORGE, LL.D., 1852-66.
 WALKER, FRANCIS AMASA, LL.D., 1896.
 WHIPPLE, EDWIN PERCY, A.M., 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, May 2, 1927 to June 22, 1928; LOUIS E. KIRSTEIN, June 22, 1928 to June 21, 1929; GORDON ABBOTT since June 21, 1929.

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, MELLEEN, 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, 1930.

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, 271-277 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, 5 Butler 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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Central Library Building, Copley Square	Frontispiece
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TO HIS HONOR JAMES M. CURLEY,

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, 1929, being the seventy-eighth annual report.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD.

Mr. Louis E. Kirstein whose term as a Trustee expired on April 30, 1929, was re-appointed for the term ending April 30, 1934. The Board organized at the annual meeting on June 21, 1929 by the election of Mr. Gordon Abbott as President, Mr. Frank W. Buxton as Vice President, and Miss Della Jean Deery as Clerk.

RECEIPTS OF THE LIBRARY.

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

During the year 1929 these receipts were:

Annual Appropriation	\$1,171,544.00
Special appropriations: Library Bldg., Fireproofing, Foundations, etc.	280,000.00
Income from Trust Funds	27,444.12
Unexpended balance of Trust Funds income of previous years	60,802.11
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	\$1,539,790.23

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	\$20,348.65
Sales of waste paper	537.51
From sales of catalogues, etc.	52.50
From commission on telephone stations	709.02
From payments for lost books	1,136.23
Interest on bank deposits	66.83
Refund	2.50
Total	<u>\$22,853.24</u>

ESTIMATES FOR 1930.

The estimates for the maintenance of the Library for the year ending December 31, 1930, in segregated form are as follows:

A— Personal service	\$812,000.00
B— Service other than personal	167,985.00
C— Equipment	223,200.00
D— Supplies	45,730.00
E— Materials	32,000.00
F— Special items	864.00
G— Miscellaneous (branches)	40,000.00
Total	<u>\$1,321,779.00</u>

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

During the year there were added to the Central Library and its branches 112,346 volumes as against 96,163 in 1928. Of these 94,339 were acquired by purchase and 18,007 by gift, exchange, etc. The total expenditure for books, periodicals, newspapers and other library material from city appropriation and trust funds income, was \$192,033.98. The total number of volumes in the Central Library and branches is 1,475,743.

An outstanding purchase of the year, made in January, was that of the entire library of Dr. William P. Trent of Columbia University. This library consists particularly of works by Daniel Defoe or relating to Defoe and his period. It is a collection of great scholarly value, undoubtedly the greatest Defoe collection in existence. As bought, the library contained 3,732 volumes of Defoe and related material, and 3,854 volumes of general works,

a total of 7,586. If each volume of every title were bound separately, the collection would total 9,209 volumes.

GIFTS.

The Trustees are glad to report the following gifts other than books and related material, during 1929:

A memorial tablet, of bronze, to Thomas Sergeant Perry, given to the Library by friends of Mr. Perry, was placed in position in the Court on July 18, 1929. A gift of \$1,000 from Mr. Louis E. Kirstein, to be added to the "Louis E. Kirstein Fund" established in 1925, being the fifth contribution to the fund.

The action taken by the Trustees in the matter of the gift of a memorial library building by Mr. Louis E. Kirstein was noted in the last Annual Report. Since then Messrs. Putnam and Cox have been selected as architects of the proposed building, and plans and specifications prepared by them were approved in August when work was actually begun. It is anticipated that the building will be ready for occupancy early in the new year.

A detailed list of important gifts of books and other library material may be found in the Director's report.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The Trustees desire especially to call to the attention both of Your Honor, and of all friends of the Library, the appended report of the Examining Committee. It is most excellent. The members of the Board acknowledge with gratitude the assistance rendered by the Committee. Its recommendations will receive most careful consideration and will be followed as rapidly as means are found available. The membership of the Committee for the year consists of the following persons:

Miss Anna M. Bancroft.	Mr. Hollis French.
Mr. Arthur H. Cole.	Miss Susan J. Ginn.
Mrs. Frank D. Comerford.	Mr. Francis L. Higginson.
Hon. James M. Curley.	Mr. Henry S. Howe.
Mr. Frederic H. Curtiss.	Mr. Henry Lewis Johnson.
Mr. William J. Davidson.	Mr. Melville D. Liming.
Mr. Carl Dreyfus.	Mrs. Edward L. Logan.
Mr. Albert W. Finlay.	Mr. Percival Merritt.

Prof. Kenneth B. Murdock.	Mr. William B. Snow.
Mr. George R. Nutter.	Rev. William M. Stinson, S.J.
Hon. James P. Parmenter.	Mr. Kenneth G. T. Webster.
Mr. Samuel Silverman.	Mrs. Barrett Wendell.
Mrs. Eva Whiting White.	

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. They hesitate to so 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.

Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bonds \$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, 1929. 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.

Invested in City of Boston Four and one-quarter per cent Bond \$15,000.00

City of Boston Four per cent Bond 42,000.00

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, 1929 117.74

\$103,117.74

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

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

Henry Sargent Codman Memorial Fund — This is a contribution from the friends of HENRY SARGENT CODMAN, to be used to perpetuate the memory of Mr. Codman by the purchase of books upon landscape gardening. It is the desire of the subscribers that a special book plate shall be inserted in each of the volumes purchased, identifying it as part of their memorial collection. Received in 1898.

Invested in City of Boston Three and one-half per cent Bond \$2,800.00

Cash in City Treasury, December 31, 1929 54.41

\$2,854.41

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

Invested in City of Boston Three per cent Bond \$4,000.00

City of Boston Four and one-quarter per cent Bond 100.00

Cash in City Treasury, December 31, 1929 30.00

\$4230.00

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.

Deposited in Hibernia Savings Bank \$2,652.50

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

Invested in

City of Boston Four per cent Bond 1,500.00

City of Boston Three per cent Bond 500.00

\$2,000.00

Charlotte Harris Fund — Bequest of CHARLOTTE HARRIS, late of Boston, the object of which is stated in the following extract from her will: "I give to the Charlestown Public Library \$10,000, to be invested of interest, which interest is to be applied to the purchase of books published before 1850. I also give to said Public Library my own private library and the portrait of my grandfather, Richard Devens." Bequests accepted by City Council, July 31, 1877.

Invested in City of Boston Four and one-quarter

per cent Bond \$10,000.00

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

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

Alfred Hemenway Fund. — Bequest of Alfred Hemenway. Received in 1928.

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

Hyde Fund — Bequest of FRANKLIN P. HYDE of Boston, to be known as the "Franklin P. Hyde Fund," the income to be applied to the

purchase of books and other library material. Received in 1915.
Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bonds . . . \$3,600.00
 Cash, December 31, 1929 32.40

 \$3,632.40

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

“I give to the Public Library of the City of Boston, the income to be used for the purchase of books, \$10,000.” Received in 1924.
Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bonds . . . \$9,000.00
 City of Boston Three and one-half per cent Bond . . . 1,000.00

 \$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
 October, 1928 1,000.00
 October, 1929 1,000.00

 \$5,000.00

Deposited in Hibernia Savings Bank \$5,000.00

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 Bos-

ton 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

Gardner O. North Fund — Bequest of Gardner O. North. Received in 1928. \$2,000.00

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.

Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bonds \$11,780.00
 Cash, December 31, 1929 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

City of Boston Three and one-half per cent Bond . . . 1,000.00

\$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 in May, 1924, \$964.30.

Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond . . . 1,400.00

City of Boston Three and three-quarters per cent Bond . . . 90.00

Cash in City Treasury, December, 1929. 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.

Deposited in Dorchester Savings Bank \$1,000.00

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.

Deposited in Dorchester Savings Bank \$3,858.24

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 legacy tax, namely, To the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) to be added to their funds and the income to be used for the purchase of books.”
 Received in 1918.

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

Skinner Fund — Extract from the will of FRANCIS SKINNER:

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

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

“If there shall be no issue surviving at the time of my son’s death, then to turn the said property into cash and to divide it equally among the following legatees: The Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, the Museum of Fine Arts of Boston, Massachusetts, the Massachusetts General Hospital, the Medical School of Harvard University, and the Free Hospital for Women, Brookline, Massachusetts.” Received in 1914.

Invested in City of Boston Three and one-half per cent Bond \$40,000.00
 City of Boston Four per cent Bonds 10,250.00
 City of Boston Four and one-half per cent Bond 200.00
 16 shares Worcester Street Railway Company 1,280.00
 Cash, December 31, 1929 2.14

\$51,732.14

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

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

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

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

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.

Deposited in Boston Five Cent Savings Bank \$10,000.00
 “ “ Dorchester Savings Bank 5,000.00
 “ “ Suffolk Savings Bank 10,000.00

\$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 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.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Four and one-half per cent Bond</i>	\$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, 1929.	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.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Three and one-half per cent Bond</i>	\$ 100.00
<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bonds</i>	10,000.00
Cash in City Treasury, December 31, 1929.	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.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Four and one-quarter per cent Bond</i>	\$5,000.00
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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.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Four and one-quarter per cent Bond</i>	\$5,000.00
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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.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bonds</i>	\$1,000.00
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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.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Four and one-quarter</i>	
per cent Bond	1,000.00
<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bonds.</i>	4,000.00
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	\$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</i>	
cent Bonds	\$1,200.00
City of Boston Four and one-quarter per cent Bonds	4,200.00
City of Boston Four per cent Bonds	10,700.00
City of Boston Three and three-quarter per cent Bonds	800.00
Cash in City Treasury, December 31, 1929	22.76
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	\$16,922.76

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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<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond</i>	\$150.00

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

J. Ingersoll Bowditch	\$6,800.00
Samuel Appleton, late of Boston.	1,000.00
Sally Inman Kast Shepard	1,000.00
James Brown, late of Cambridge	500.00
Andrew Carnegie	980.75
Nathaniel I. Bowditch	200.00
James Nightingale	100.00
Dorchester and Milton Circulating Library, for the benefit of the Dorchester Branch Library	335.13
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	\$10,915.88

RECAPITULATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS.

Artz Fund	\$ 10,000.00
Bates Fund	50,000.00
Bigelow Fund	1,000.00
Robert Charles Billings Fund	100,000.00
Bowditch Fund	10,000.00
Bradlee Fund	1,000.00
Joseph H. Center Fund	39,908.89
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	4,230.00
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
Alfred Hemenway Fund	5,000.00
Hyde Fund	3,632.40
David P. Kimball Fund	10,000.00
Louis E. Kirstein Fund	5,000.00
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
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Carried forward

\$429,045.94

<i>Brought forward</i>	\$429,045.94
Gardner O. North Fund	2,000.00
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	16,922.76
Mehitable C. C. Wilson Fund	1,000.00
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	\$767,354.16

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

The question of re-laying the front platform of the Central Library was considered by the Trustees early in the year, but as an examination disclosed a serious rotting of the piles under the main foundations, work on the platform was temporarily discontinued. Owing to the gravity of the condition of the piling as reported by the engineers and the officials of the Building Department of the City, the Trustees were authorized by the City Government to expend during the year \$200,000 to explore and repair all weakened piles. This work was successfully carried out and completed by the Blakeslee Rollins Corporation under the supervision of J. R. Worcester and Company, Engineers.

Note should be taken, however, that unless some method can be found and applied whereby the "water-table" underlying the Back Bay section of the city can be stabilized, future trouble with the underpinning of the Library Building is to be feared.

The reconstruction of the top floor of the Central Library

building was completed during the year. Other important repairs and improvements include the installation of a new pneumatic tube system, the reconstruction of the fountain basin in the Court, relaying of the marble floor in the Entrance Hall, and the Cleaning of the Puvis de Chavannes murals. Further reference to these changes may be found in the Director's report.

Many branch improvements have been made during the year, among them, new and enlarged quarters for the Mt. Bowdoin and Orient Heights branches, and the enlargement of the Andrew Square and Parker Hill branches.

MISSING AND DISCARDED BOOKS.

It is reported that for the year just closed 14,497 volumes were missing: 5,080 from the Central Library and 9,417 from the 31 branches. "Missing" books include those lost by theft or otherwise unaccounted for. Judging from the experience of other years, a certain proportion of these missing volumes will be found during the year 1930. Books put back on the shelves by the stack attendants in the wrong place are constantly being discovered, so that the total number of volumes missing is at no time accurate.

The Boston Public Library is not alone in reporting each year a large number of books taken from the open shelves of the main library and its branches without being charged. In the main they are volumes used and asked for by students in high schools and the higher institutions of learning. Since the large majority of missing books have their place on the open shelves of the several libraries, there would seem to be little promise that their taking can be materially lessened except by curtailing the privileges of the open shelves. A slow process of education, combined with increased watchfulness on the part of the library assistants, rather than direct police supervision will, it is hoped, mitigate in some measure this perennial theft of library property.

During the year 41,338 volumes were condemned and withdrawn from circulation. These books were unfit for further Library use, having become, in the majority of cases, worn out.

From the Central Library 6,187 volumes were withdrawn, from the Central Branch Library Deposit 3,443 volumes, and from the branch libraries of the system 31,708 volumes. The number of volumes withdrawn from the open shelves of the branch libraries, in addition to the above, because seldom asked for or obsolete, was 1338. These volumes, however, are available if called for by the student or research worker.

RETIREMENT OF FRANK C. BLAISDELL.

Mr. Frank C. Blaisdell, Chief of the Issue Department, retired on December 31, 1929. At a regular meeting of the Trustees on January 10, 1930, the following action was taken:

“RESOLVED: that the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston record their warm appreciation of the faithful service rendered to the Library during fifty-three successive years by Frank C. Blaisdell, Chief of the Issue Department, who has just reached the age of retirement. Always instinctively a gentleman, he has filled a succession of positions with loyalty and discretion, and has given a noteworthy example of steadiness and reliability in the performance of duty. The best wishes of the Trustees go with him as he leaves the service.”

“VOTED: that Frank C. Blaisdell be appointed Assistant Librarian emeritus as of December 31, 1929.”

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion the Board would repeat what was said in the report of last year: “We wish to stress the need of more money for the purchase of books; we hope both for larger City appropriations for this purpose and for gifts from individuals for the establishment of book funds. A public-spirited citizen can leave no better memorial than a fund which shall supply a steady stream of valuable new books for the use of the public; such a fund is a spring of intellectual nourishment contributing richly to the life of the community. Provided with a proper book-plate, each book is a worthy reminder during untold years to come of the man or woman whose generosity has brought it into the hands of the reader who needs it.”

The report of the Director which follows gives an account of the work of the Library for the past twelve months and is worthy of study. It is both interesting and encouraging, and shows that the life of the Library has gone on satisfactorily in spite of the many groups of laborers in and under the Central building. This in large measure has been due to the able and loyal service of the Director and his Staff, and we have pleasure in commending their excellent work to the interest of the public.

GORDON ABBOTT
FRANK W. BUXTON
ARTHUR T. CONNOLLY
GUY W. CURRIER
LOUIS E. KIRSTEIN

BALANCE SHEET

BALANCE SHEET, RECEIPTS AND

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CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES:

To expenditures for			
Permanent employees (exclusive of Printing and Binding employees)		\$590,995.82	
Temporary employees		109,119.28	
		<hr/>	\$700,115.10
Service other than personal			
Advertising		105.25	
Transportation of persons		647.18	
Cartage and freight		12,675.16	
Light and power		16,873.06	
Rent, taxes and water		20,202.28	
Surety bond and insurance		78.50	
Communication		2,807.94	
Cleaning		2,046.60	
Removal of ashes		96.00	
Removal of snow		413.31	
Expert		9,744.25	
Fees		115.00	
Photographic and blueprinting		312.90	
General plant		74,734.70	
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To expenditure for equipment			
Machinery		968.24	
Motorless vehicles		384.20	
Furniture and fittings		10,278.43	
Office		1,010.77	
Books:			
City appropriation	129,915.52		
Trust funds income (including transfer to London account)	52,177.76	182,093.28	
Newspapers:			
City appropriation	2,029.72		
Trust funds income	1,534.60	3,564.32	
Periodicals (City)		9,883.80	
Photographs:			
Trust funds income		92.00	
Lantern slides:			
City appropriation	49.80		
Trust funds income	77.40	127.20	
Music:			
City appropriation	332.10		
Trust funds income	941.28	1,273.38	
Tools and instruments		1,254.70	
General plant		1,182.22	
		<hr/>	212,112.54
<i>Carried forward</i>			<hr/> \$1,053,079.77

EXPENSES, DECEMBER 31, 1929

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BY CITY APPROPRIATION 1929	1,171,544.00	
Income from Trust funds	27,444.12	
Income from James L. Whitney Bibliographic account	700.00	
Interest on deposit in London	207.58	
Transfer from Domestic Funds to London account	5,000.00	
Special appropriation, Fireproofing, Improvements, etc.	80,000.00	
Special appropriation, Foundation, Improvements, etc	200,000.00	
	<u> </u>	1,484,895.70

Carried forward \$1,484,895.70

BALANCE SHEET, RECEIPTS AND

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<i>Brought forward</i>		\$1,053,079.77	
To expenditures for supplies			
Office	9,424.09		
Food and ice	714.29		
Fuel	20,004.32		
Forage and animal	28.85		
Medical	24.43		
Laundry, cleaning, toilet	2,228.76		
Agricultural	223.50		
Chemicals and disinfectants	200.39		
General plant	2,604.29		
			35,452.92
To expenditures for material			
Building	13,332.97		
Electrical	3,679.64		
General plant	1,099.99		
			18,112.60
To Special item			
Pension	863.50		863.50
To BINDING DEPARTMENT:			
Salaries	55,902.81		
Light	51.39		
Repairs	108.47		
Equipment	162.47		
Supplies	10.32		
Electrical material	20.00		
Stock	6,529.02		
			62,784.48
To PRINTING DEPARTMENT:			
Salaries	14,349.35		
Transportation of persons	2.35		
Light	34.27		
Communication . . . . .	.69		
Repairs	5.20		
Equipment	98.54		
Supplies	50.18		
Stock	4,354.36		
Outside work	243.00		
			19,137.94
To SPECIAL APPROPRIATION:			
Central Library Building, Fireproofing, Improvements, etc.	83,353.44		83,353.44
Central Library Building, Foundation, Improvements, etc.	131,595.79		131,595.79
			\$1,404,380.44
<i>Carried forward</i>			

EXPENSES, DECEMBER 31, 1929

<i>Brought forward</i>		\$1,484,895.70
BY BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 1928:		
Trust funds income, City Treasury	55,737.35	
Trust funds income on deposit in London	5,064.76	
City appropriation on deposit in London	3,331.98	
James L. Whitney Bibliographic account	7,838.33	
Special appropriation, Fireproofing, Improvements, etc.	98,661.76	
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<i>Carried forward</i>		\$1,655,529.88
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EXPENSES, DECEMBER 31, 1929

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<i>Brought forward</i>		\$1,655,529.88
By RECEIPTS:		
From Fines	20,348.65	
Sales of catalogues, bulletins and lists	52.50	
Commission on telephone stations	709.02	
Payments for lost books	1,136.23	
Interest on bank deposit	66.83	
Refund	2.50	
Sales of waste paper	537.51	
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Carried forward \$1,678,383.12

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE

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

Gentlemen:

The Examining Committee submits its report for 1929. As heretofore sub-committees have been appointed, who have investigated and reported upon the condition of the Library. The Committee has in great measure adopted their recommendations.

BOOKS.

We find an insistent call for more books both at the Central Library and branches; in some cases for special purposes, e.g. reference books for children or books in foreign languages in parts of the city where there are many immigrants. We earnestly recommend that the appropriation for books be placed at the amount already submitted in the budget of the Trustees.

In the purchase of books the Library has to meet many and various needs, but the ordinary books procured fall into two classes, popular books and those of a more scholarly type.

The popular books, those which interest and entertain great numbers of readers, must be bought in large quantities with many copies of each of the better known or more advertised books in order to supply even partially a demand which is temporarily great even if not lasting. To supply adequately this demand is hopeless and useless as the expense would be exorbitant and the result would be a large collection of books of little or no permanent value. We advise that great care be taken to limit the purchase of books of this character in order that the public money may be saved for wiser uses. We suggest that it may be

worthwhile for the Trustees to consider whether some form of "Duplicate Pay Collections" could be put into operation to relieve in part the pressure for the newest novels.

It is also incumbent upon the Library to keep up its supply of more serious books. The Library has now one of the largest and most important collections in the country of works of a scholarly type, a high distinction to this city. It has been estimated that there are not far from forty thousand persons in Boston and its neighborhood who have come here for purposes of study. Their residence here is not only of value to the ordinary trade and business of the city, but also continues and enhances its reputation as a desirable resort for students and persons of cultivation. The use made of the Library for study and research is great and the supply of books needed to expand our existing collections should not be allowed to fail. Here is an opportunity for private beneficence to supplement the public appropriations. Since the establishment of the Library a considerable number of gifts and bequests has been received, the income of which has been of the utmost value in permitting the purchase of important books which otherwise could not have been obtained. We urge that further endowments be made by gift or bequest for purchase of books of importance. A method used at the Bodleian Library at Oxford might well be adopted here. A society or association known as "Friends of the Bodleian Library" has been formed, each member of which contributes a small sum yearly; the receipts being used for the purchase of rare and interesting books. Such an association might be formed here to which each member might contribute five or ten dollars a year, half the proceeds to be used for the immediate purchase of books and half to form the nucleus of an endowment fund, the income being added to the principal. Even if the membership should at first be small it would be constantly increasing, the money would be put to good use, and as each member would receive the publications of the Library, knowledge of and interest in its work would be more widely spread than now and might well result in substantial endowments from persons who previously had been unaware of the many activities of the Library for the promotion of education. We commend this plan to the attention of the Trustees.

SALARIES.

The work done by the employees is of a high class and the salaries paid are in many instances too low. Here as elsewhere ill paid work is very poor economy. We recommend that the whole question of salaries be carefully considered and that they be put at a figure which will compare favorably with the salaries paid elsewhere for like services.

THE CENTRAL LIBRARY.

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

The following repairs and improvements recommended by the Examining Committee last year have been made or are in process:

A new rubber tile flooring has been laid in the periodical rooms, and renovation of other floors is under consideration, pending adoption of the budget.

A sum to repair service stairs, was included in the budget for 1930, and work will be undertaken very soon.

Illumination of main stairway and stairs to Sargent Hall is under way.

The tube room is much improved by the reconstruction of the pneumatic tube system.

The fountain basin was reconstructed during the summer of 1929; new bay trees were ordered, and renovation of the grass plot will be taken up at the proper season.

The work of replacing wooden lockers with metal, is now going on.

The work of repairs to the roof will continue during the summer months, until the roof is in good condition.

The reconstruction of the platform will be taken up as soon as the foundation work is completed.

We recommend that the following repairs and improvements be made as soon as practicable:

Main Vestibule. Walls and ceilings should be cleaned.

Entrance Vestibule. The wooden swinging door should be replaced by a suitable glass and bronze swinging door.

Newspaper Room. This room needs a new terrazzo or marble slab floor. The ventilation is poor and should be improved.

Westerly Periodical Room. A new chandelier is needed.

Branch Library Department. A new balcony on the east side would greatly relieve the present congestion.

Bates Hall. Walls and ceiling need cleaning. The terrazzo floor will have to be replaced soon by marble slabs.

Children's Room. The stack lighting should be improved.

Teachers' Room Ventilation and lighting should be improved.

Third Floor. This floor is mainly devoted to the housing of the Barton-Ticknor, Fine Arts, Technical, and Music collections. The reconstruction is already completed in the Barton-Ticknor Room and is proceeding in the Music and Treasure Rooms. The contrast is striking between the well appointed Barton-Ticknor Room, where the changes have so greatly enhanced its beauty and usefulness, and the Fine Arts and Technical Rooms where wooden shelving and cases increase the fire risk, and greatly limit the space available for readers. We urge strongly that the South and Southeast Galleries be refinished and refurnished so as to correspond with the work already done in the other portions of this floor, although as these galleries are primarily reading rooms there need not be the expensive ornamental treatment so appropriate to the Barton-Ticknor Room. We recommend that a special grant for this purpose be requested.

Window Washing. A safer method should be devised of washing the outside of the windows of Bates Hall and the Fine Arts Department as the present method is dangerous and likely to result in accident.

Annex Stack. The lighting is extremely poor. It could be improved at comparatively slight cost by using small Holographane fixtures on the present outlets. The ventilation also is unsatisfactory. The glass floors should be replaced when cracked by marble slabs so that eventually the floors will be entirely of marble. There should be fire hose on all fire risers on each floor.

ADMINISTRATION.

The work of administration is efficiently carried on. We commend especially the use of temporary typed cards in the catalogue cases, enabling the immediate use of recent accessions, and the interesting and scholarly publication "More Books."

With the increasing call for photostat copies, we think that it

would be true economy for the Library to have a photostat equipment of its own, thus saving the expense of outside work and the risk of sending out valuable manuscripts and books.

We renew our recommendation of last year that a competent proof reader be employed in the Printing Department, thus securing corrections at an early stage and avoiding the expense of changes in proof.

The mounting and rebinding of old and valuable books in the Special Libraries needs increasing attention. Moreover, maps have to be put into shape, books from the branches rebound, and photographs and views mounted. We recommend the employment of an additional binder, qualified to do the careful work required in the special libraries, another girl for "pulling and sewing," and of another apprentice.

THE BRANCH LIBRARIES.

These libraries have all been visited and examined by members of the Committee. The librarians and assistants take great interest in their work and evidently desire to be of as much service as possible to the public. Before taking up the branch libraries in detail we may state some general considerations applicable to them all.

1. A library should have the exclusive use of a building or part of a building where it will not be hampered or interrupted by the activities of other organizations.

2. Entrances should be well lighted and provided with outside signs clearly visible by day and night.

3. When children and adults occupy the same rooms experience shows that many adults find the conditions annoying and give up the use of the library. Wherever possible there should be separate children's rooms supervised by librarians especially qualified to work with and for children. Moreover, much of the best work with children is done in conjunction with the schools; hence, there should be the closest and most friendly co-operation with the school authorities.

We make the following suggestions as to the individual branches, arranged alphabetically:

Allston. This branch is in better quarters than heretofore, but before long will need more room, as its use is growing.

Andrew Square. The quarters are reasonably adequate for the present.

Boylston. This branch is badly situated in a rented building at the foot of a steep hill with a railroad station and a gasoline station adjacent. The lease expires December 31, 1931 with notice to vacate required October 31, 1931. We earnestly recommend the erection of a new building in the vicinity.

Brighton. This branch is on the whole in a satisfactory condition.

Charlestown. A new floor covering and painting are needed.

City Point. There should be better lighting at the entrance and a rest room for the staff. If the upstairs room can be obtained for a children's room the South Boston branch might be moved here, and in that event a new building should be erected nearer City Point, to house City Point branch.

Codman Square. More space and a better means of entrance are needed in the children's room. It would be advantageous if meetings of the District Nursing Association and clinics could be held elsewhere than in the present lecture room. Filing cabinets are needed.

Dorchester. This branch is in an old municipal building in fair condition, but requiring a good deal of repair. Better lighting is urgently needed. The use of the children's room twice a week by the Baby Hygiene Association for a clinic is highly objectionable. A study for the older children is desirable. The children's room, now on another floor, should be brought into closer connection with the library.

East Boston. The upper floor needs repairing. Storm windows are needed on the west side.

Faneuil. The building is badly located, has poor light and ventilation, and is overcrowded by children so as to cause a falling off in its use by adults. We strongly advise a new building near Oak Square.

Fellows Athenaeum. There is urgent need of better lighting at the entrance. An arc light at the corner of Milmont and Guild Streets would well serve the purpose.

Hyde Park. A wire fence about the grounds is recommended.

Jamaica Plain. A desk light, new shelving, and chairs for older children are needed in the children's room. The office should be enlarged. A sink should be placed in the basement and the walls cleaned and painted.

Jeffries Point. The location is excellent. Larger quarters, however, are needed.

Lower Mills. This branch occupies a municipal building with the American Legion and needs more space. The Legion should be accommodated elsewhere. More room for adults and better facilities for the staff are needed.

Mattapan. This branch is in a leased building and needs more room, especially for adults. A new building near the present location is recommended.

Memorial. This branch is in a school building and we suggest a closer co-operation with the school authorities to regulate and make more effective its use by children. There should be better lighting in some places and greater facilities for accommodating adults.

Mount Bowdoin. This branch has recently been removed into new quarters and needs only the completion of some details.

Mount Pleasant. This branch is in a satisfactory condition.

Neponset. The single room is wholly inadequate. The building should be enlarged or a new one erected. Adjacent property might be bought for this purpose.

North End. This branch is well housed and needs nothing beyond what has already been ordered.

Orient Heights. This branch is adequately housed in a fine new building.

Parker Hill. This branch is in a leased building which is in poor condition. The ventilation and lighting are unsatisfactory and there should be better accommodations for adults and a better rest room. A new building is much needed.

Roslindale. The space in the municipal building is badly crowded and a noisy gymnasium is directly overhead. We strongly recommend a new building, or, at least, an addition or larger and better placed quarters in the present building.

Roxbury Crossing. Better accommodations for adults are needed. The ventilation is poor. It is desirable to secure additional space to improve rest room facilities.

South Boston. This branch is badly cramped and much needs separate rooms for children and adults. As above suggested the South Boston branch might be transferred to the municipal building now housing the City Point branch, if more room can be obtained there.

South End. A large sign at the door and a screen in front of the delivery desk are needed.

Tyler Street. As the character of the neighborhood is rapidly changing this branch should be moved to a more convenient location. The building is not adapted to library use. Better rest room facilities are needed.

Uphams Corner. The children's room now in the basement should be brought into closer connection with the library. The entrance to the children's room is dark and dangerous and should be better lighted without delay. A rest room and space for repairing and cataloguing are much needed.

West End. Here there is great need of new counters properly arranged to facilitate distribution and clerical work. The ventilation of the hall and stairway should be improved if the use of the hall for distribution is to be continued.

West Roxbury. The roof should be repaired and a new stack placed in the adults' department. Inside painting and new curtains are desirable.

NEW BRANCHES.

The growth of the city will no doubt necessitate additional branches of the Library. We heartily approve the suggestion that a comprehensive plan be made to cover a number of years for the systematic establishment of such new branches. We are of the opinion, however, that it is necessary first to provide for the pressing needs of the existing branches to some of which we have above called attention.

Adopted as the Report of the Examining Committee, February 5, 1930.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

I respectfully submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1929.

In every phase of its life the Public Library of the City of Boston has shown healthy growth. On the last day of the year there were 153,980 card-holders, 5,309 more than a year before; 112,346 volumes had been added to the collections, making now a total of 1,555,148 volumes in the library system. The number of books taken out for home use was 3,930,068, a gain of 30,782 over 1928. In the reading rooms, besides, uncounted people have consulted uncounted volumes either received from the closed book-stacks or taken from the open shelves.

The extensive repairs and improvements in the Central Library, which have been going on for several years, have made conspicuous progress. The most important among these has been the reconstruction of the North Gallery, the Barton-Ticknor Room, and the Brown Music Room, which has been provided for by the appropriation of \$250,000 made by the City Council in 1927. The North Gallery, in which most of the Special Collections of the Library are housed, was completed in October 1929, giving the Library a fitting home for its rare books. The Barton-Ticknor Room is being reconstructed as the headquarters of the Music Division, and the former Brown Music Room is being transformed into a Treasure Room, where those books which form the chief pride of the Library may be properly guarded, with adequate provision for their exhibition. These rooms set a new standard of attractiveness and efficiency for the whole Library.

During the year the discovery was made that the upper portions of the piles on which the Library is supported had rotted badly as a result of the lowering of the water-table. Emergency

funds were provided for the remedy of this serious condition, and foundations of steel and concrete are rapidly replacing the defective parts of the old piles.

Further repairs of the year included the reconstruction of the fountain basin in the court of the Library, and the installation of a new system of pneumatic tubes. At various locations new fire doors have been built and additional fire extinguishers have been provided.

The mural paintings of Abbey and Puvis de Chavannes have been cleaned, and an addition to the memorials in the Library has been made by the erection in the court of a tablet in memory of the late Thomas Sergeant Perry.

An important event of the year was the erection of the Edward Kirstein Memorial Library in City Hall Avenue, on the site of an abandoned police station which was given by the City for the purpose. This building, given by Mr. Louis E. Kirstein, a Trustee of the Library, in memory of his father, will be devoted to the uses of a Business Branch, equipped and operated as an aid to the business community of Boston. Thus what has for many years been regarded as the greatest need of Boston's library system will be met in a satisfactory way. The upper floor of the Kirstein Memorial Library will serve as an ordinary branch library for adults.

The buildings of the Branch system have considerably improved. New quarters have been secured for the Branches at Allston, Orient Heights and Mt. Bowdoin, all three of which had been badly cramped for room. At Andrew Square a new room for adults has been added, and at Brighton a new children's room was opened.

An interesting activity of the year has been the cooperation of the Library, through its Director, in the compiling of the quarterly issues of "Better Books," the selective catalogue of worthy new books issued by the Board of Trade of Boston Book Merchants. This publication, which has been widely circulated through public libraries, is proving a valuable force in encouraging book-buyers to select good books.

The use of the Lecture Hall by the Library and by outside organizations shows a steady increase. As in the year before, a

large number of concerts have been given. The free Chamber Music Concerts presented by the Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge Foundation have received hearty response. The Library Lecture Course maintains its honored place among the educational opportunities of the City.

The activities of the various Departments may be summarized as follows:

ACCESSIONS AND GIFTS

The total number of volumes added to the Library collections in 1929 was 112,346 compared with 96,163 volumes added in 1928. The volumes were acquired as follows: 94,339 by purchase, 13,976 by gift, 162 by exchange, 2,339 by binding of periodicals, 1,401 by binding of serials, and 129 by binding of newspapers. Material other than books — lantern slides, photographs, prints, phonographic records, and so forth — numbered 17,621 pieces, of which 962 were acquired by purchase and 16,659 by gift. The total number of volumes and pieces accessioned thus amounted to 129,970.

Of the 112,346 volumes added 39,290 were placed in the Central Library and 73,056 in the Branch Libraries and in the Branch Deposit Collection in the Central Library, the latter serving as a reservoir for the Branches.

The total amount expended for purchase of books was \$192,033.98, of which \$142,210.94 was taken from city appropriations and \$49,432.04 from the income of trust funds. The corresponding amount for the preceding year was \$154,436.42, including \$28,133.39 paid from the trust funds income.

The city appropriation for books and library material was \$140,000, compared with \$125,000 the year previous. It is necessary to state, however, that the additional \$15,000 was appropriated for the books and material necessary for the Edward Kirstein Memorial Branch Library. All of the amount appropriated, with the exception of \$2.40, was expended. The fact that the expenditures from the city appropriation amounted to \$142,210.94 while the appropriation was only \$140,000 is accounted for by the expenditure in England of sums from previous appropriations there on deposit.

Of the \$142,210.94 expended from the city appropriation \$101,897.42 was for the Branches and \$40,313.52 for the Central Library.

The year's appropriation for books, however, made it again impossible, as above indicated, to approximate the demands made on the Library. Only an increased appropriation for books can meet these. The following examples of how few copies of outstanding books, which led the library demands throughout the country, could be bought for the Central Library and its thirty-two Branches, make graphic the meagreness of the present appropriation: Of Ernest Dimmet's "The art of thinking" five copies were bought for the Central Library, and 39 for the Branches; of Lytton Strachey's "Elizabeth and Essex" seven copies for the Central Library and 26 for the Branches; of Remarque's "All quiet on the Western Front" five copies for the Central Library, and 43 for the Branches; of Willard Huntington Wright's "The Bishop murder case; a Philo Vance story" three copies for the Central Library, and 38 for the Branches.

The most notable among the acquisitions of the Library was the purchase of the library of Professor William P. Trent of Columbia University. The library is specially valuable for its splendid material bearing on the life and work of Daniel Defoe, of which it contains perhaps the best collection in existence. Among the significant items are first editions of every one of Defoe's novels, with a single exception; a set of the "Review," finer than that in the British Museum; and numerous tracts which are believed to be unique. This collection forms a noteworthy addition to the resources of the Library for scholars.

The wide variety of purchases will be indicated by the representative items here listed. They were purchased in the main from the income of trust funds:

Boswell, James. Private papers of James Boswell from Malahide Castle. In the collection of Lt. Colonel Ralph Heyward Isham. Prepared for the press by Geoffrey Scott, and now first printed. Vols. 1-6. (New York.) 1928. 6 v. Portrait. Colored plate. Facsimiles. No. 150 of an edition of 570 copies printed by William Edwin Rudge.

Burrough, Edward. A general epistle, and greetings of the Father's love, to all the saints . . . London. Printed for Thomas Simmons

- at the Bull and Mouth near Aldersgate. 1657. 14 pp. (One of a group of nine tracts by the same author bought at the same time.)
- Caedmon. The Caedmon manuscript of Anglo-Saxon Biblical poetry. Junius XI in the Bodleian Library. With an introduction by Sir Israel Gollancz. (London.) Milford. 1927. 229 pp. Colored plate. Decorated covers. (British Academy.) No. 224 of an edition of 250 copies.
- Cotterell, Howard Herschel. Old pewter, its makers and marks in England, Scotland and Ireland. An account of the old pewterer and his craft. Illustrating all known marks and secondary marks of the old pewterers . . . London. B. T. Batsford, Ltd. (1929). 432 pp. Illus. Plates.
- Encyclopedia Britannica, The. A new survey of universal knowledge. 14th edition. New York. Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc. (1929.) 24 v. Illus. Plates. Maps. Plans. Diagrams. Charts. Tables. Facsimiles. 6 sets.
- Gould, John. The birds of New Guinea and the adjacent Papuan Islands, including many new species recently discovered in Australia . . . Completed after the author's death by R. Bowdler Sharpe. London. Henry Sotheran & Co. 1875-88. 5 v. Colored plates.
- Maverick, John. Heads of sermons of the Rev. John Maverick, preached at Dorchester, New England, in the months of Jan. and Feb. 1631 . . . taken by one of his hearers, and preserved by one of his successors, F.M.H. Apparently contemporary manuscript. Incomplete. 146 pp.
- Napier, Sir John. *Mirifici logarithmorum cononis constructio, et eorum ad naturales ipsorum numeros habitudines; vnà cum appendice. de aliâ eâque præstantiore logarithmorum specie condenda quibus accessere propositiones ad triangula sphaerica faciliore calculo resolvenda: unâ cum annotationibus aliquot doctissimi D. Henrici Briggsii, in eus & memoratam appendicem. Authore & inventore Ioanne Nepero, Barone Merchistonii, &c. Scoto. Edinbvrge, Excudebat Andreas Hart . . . 1619.* 67 pp. Diagrams. Additional decorated title page.
- Nirenstein, Nathan, publisher. Preferred business real estate locations of the principal cities of the United States and Canada . . . Springfield. Nathan Nirenstein. 1929. 144 atlas sheets.
- Pageant, The. of America. A pictorial history of the United States. Independence edition. New Haven. Yale University Press. 1925-1928. 15 v. Plates. Maps. 16 sets.
- Peters, Richard. The two last sermons preached at Christ's Church in Philadelphia, July 3, 1737. Philadelphia. Printed and sold by B. Franklin. M.DCC,XXXVII. 29 pp.

Sargent, John Singer. An autograph letter signed. April 24, 1895. To James G. Huneker, referring to the writer's mural decorations in the Boston Public Library. 4 pp.

Virginia Gazette, The. 1736-1780. (Weekly.) Printed at Williamsburg, Virginia. Reproduced by photostat in the Massachusetts Historical Society. March 7, 1766 - June 24, 1771.

Mr. Louis E. Kirstein made his usual donation of \$1,000 to be added to the "Louis E. Kirstein Fund."

A selected list of the more important gifts may be found on pp. 77 of the Appendix.

CATALOGUE AND SHELF DEPARTMENT

During 1929 the number of volumes and parts of volumes catalogued was 110,048, covering 79,881 titles. Of these 49,795 volumes (26,336 titles) were taken care of in the Catalogue Department, and 60,253 volumes (53,345 titles) were assigned to the Branch Libraries and catalogued in the Central Branch Department.

Of the books catalogued in the Catalogue Department 27,203 volumes and parts (17,924 titles) were new to the Central Library; the number of serials added was 6,702; and 15,890 volumes and parts (8,412 titles) were recatalogued — thus making the total quoted above.

The number of printed cards added to the catalogues of the Central Library alone was 71,646, distributed as follows: 27,911 cards were filed in Bates Hall Catalogue, 29,682 in the Official Catalogue and 14,053 in the Special Libraries Department. In addition, 33,763 new printed cards were used for compiling bibliographies or, for the larger part, set aside for such use in the future; from this number, cards were also sent as usual to the Library of Congress. The total of new printed cards, thus, was 105,409.

In order to hasten the appearance of new books in the catalogues, 19,615 temporary cards have been typed and filed by the Card Division to be replaced later by printed cards. As a result of this practice, titles of recent accessions have been in the catalogues as soon as the books have been placed on the shelves.

For the use of the Editor in making up the List of New Books in "More Books" 4,534 cards have been typed. To replace old cards the Division typed and filed, besides, 3,948 other cards. Corrections were made and new editions were indicated on 39,949 cards, a larger number than has ever been done before. In addition, thousands of cards have been stamped to indicate two or more copies, or removal to the Harvard Business Branch, while many other cards have been removed for books that are lost, missing or condemned.

The number of requests for photostats of books, plates, maps and manuscripts was about the same as last year. Most of the work was done by the Boston Photocopy Print Company and the rest at Harvard, the Massachusetts Department of Archives, and the Massachusetts Historical Society. The amount charged was about \$1,200. Again it must be emphasized that it would be a great saving of time — and that it would be much safer for the books and manuscripts — if an outfit could be installed in the Library. A part-time operator could take care of all requests.

The Shelf Division has had a year busier than any other for a long time. Besides carrying on its routine activities, the Division has accomplished several important tasks.

To this Division was assigned the sorting and shelving of the Trent Collection. The Defoe items, being the most valuable books in the Collection, were separated from the rest. A preliminary list was prepared of this group suitable for use until the books are permanently shelved.

The whole Statistical Department was rearranged and put in numerical order.

The Special Collections of the Barton-Ticknor Division, with part of the Cabinet Collection, were moved into the new North Gallery. The installation of new map-cases in that Division made necessary a new classification; the atlases have been separated from the maps in portfolios, and a census of the sheet maps has been made preparatory to the work of reclassifying.

Pending the reconstruction of the new Music Room, the reference music collection was moved to a temporary location, the M books being shelved at the time in the north-west corner of the new North Gallery.

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

On January 1, 1929 there were 148,671 "live" cards available for present use in the hands of residents entitling them to borrow books for home use. Through the Central Library and its thirty-two Branches there have been added 30,515 new registrations and 46,481 renewals, making a total of 76,996 cards added during the year. There have been 71,687 borrowers who have allowed their home use privilege to lapse. Thus the total number of "live" cards on December 31, 1929 was 153,980 — a gain of 5,309 over last year. The gain in the number of card-holders in the year previous was 7,270.

There were 10,986 cards issued to teachers prior to January 1, 1929. Of this number 1,563 have been renewed and 369 added during the year, making a total of 1,932 teachers' cards in use compared with 2,047 in 1928.

Of the 4,341 special privilege cards issued prior to January 1, 1929 there have been 422 renewals and 151 new cards issued, making a total of 573 special privilege cards compared with 727 in 1928.

During the year the Chief of the Registration Department has made visits to the Branch Libraries, inspecting registration files and offering such suggestions as have been found to be necessary. These visits have resulted in a clearer understanding of the details of the work and in a smoother functioning between the Central Library and the Branches in all matters pertaining to registration.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

The number of books issued last year for home use from the Central Library direct to readers was 331,956, a decrease of 16,002 from last year. This decrease may be perhaps explained by the fact that in the early part of the year a new flooring was laid in the Delivery Room, and later a staging was erected there for the cleaning of the Abbey paintings — both causing considerable noise and confusion and creating temporarily an unsatisfactory condition. Through the Branches 87,259 books were issued to readers; these however were chiefly taken from the

Branch Deposit Collection and are accounted for in the report of the Branches.

The average daily circulation — not including the books which went through the Branches — was 910. The largest circulation on a single day, on February 23, was 1,744. The number of works of fiction was 152,175; that of other books was 179,781.

The number of missing books (from the general collection, Bates Hall, Special Libraries, Children's Room, Open Shelves) was 5,266. During the year 1,616 volumes reported as missing were found. In all, 1,042 special requests were made to locate certain books for unsuccessful applicants. In 371 cases these books were delivered; in 352 they were reserved but not called for; in 232 cases there were no definite records, while the remaining number were accounted for as missing, in the bindery, etc.

To recover the books which were over-detained, 41,859 mail notices and 4,777 messenger notices were sent out. The fines collected for these delays amounted to \$4,490.99. For 128 lost and 24 damaged books \$275.09 were paid to the Library.

This Department handles also the articles lost and found in the building: 1,295 articles were found, of which 632 were returned to the owners, 62 destroyed and the others carried over. The sum of \$183.00 found in the Library was returned to the owners.

BATES HALL

During the year 273,265 stack books were used in Bates Hall, 6,297 more than in 1928. These figures do not represent all the books used in the Hall, as there are no means of recording the use of reference books taken from the open shelves. During the academic season the Hall is usually crowded. The maximum attendance, at a given hour, was on March 3rd, when 316 persons were recorded.

The new mechanical equipment for handling "hall use" slips has been a decided improvement. The Centre Desk is now connected directly with the stacks which has considerably shortened the time of book deliveries.

thorough-going revision and much dead material has been removed. Many of the shelves have become crowded in the course of the last few years, and the staff is now engaged in the process of relieving the pressure by sending to the stacks the less used books.

In the ordinary work of keeping the Bates Hall collection up to date, 199 new titles (239 volumes) have been placed on the shelves and 165 older books have been returned to the stacks. It is interesting to note that the Hall now contains 127 volumes of annual publications. No less than 231 books are, or seem to be, missing from the Hall. As some 35 books which failed to be found at the shelf-reading in 1928 reappeared during 1929, it is safe to assume that many of these will be found.

The custom of bi-weekly conferences of the Bates Hall staff has been instituted, and these meetings have proved very helpful.

There has been a substantial increase in the use of the department by mail. In all, 872 requests for information were received and answered during the year; of these 220 were in the field of genealogy and heraldry and the rest were on general topics.

The work of the Division of Genealogy is greatly appreciated by the public. The number of inquiries for the genealogy of families of other than English origin is on the increase, indicating a growing interest on the part of our more recent immigrants in their family history. The appearance of the genealogical shelves has been improved by the substitution of fresh volumes for many that were badly worn. The Vital Records of Maine and Connecticut have been placed beside the rapidly growing set of Massachusetts Records. The 220 letters answered by the Division have come from all but seven states of the Union, and from a number of foreign countries. As usual, New York leads in the number of inquiries, and this year Ohio stands second. There have been numerous requests for coats-of-arms, of which drawings have been supplied without charge by the Division.

At the conference of the American Library Association in Washington last May, Mr. Chase presided at the meeting of the College and Reference Section, the first meeting ever devoted to reference work in public libraries.

PUBLICATIONS

MORE BOOKS, the Bulletin of the Library, has completed its fourth year. Ten issues have been published as against nine in 1928, seven in 1927, and six in 1926. With this, the Bulletin has finally caught up with the intended schedule: it is the purpose of the Library to publish ten issues every year — nine monthly numbers during the season and one quarterly for the summer.

In all, the Bulletin comprises 456 pages, thirty-six pages more than in 1928. Of each issue 4,500 copies were printed, of which about 750 were sent by mail to other libraries, newspapers and subscribers, while the rest was distributed at the Central Library and at the Branches.

It is worth while to remember that of the old series of the Bulletin — while it was still published as a quarterly — only 2,000 copies were printed. In 1923, the last year of its appearance, 8,000 copies of the old Quarterly Bulletin were mailed and distributed as against 45,000 copies of MORE BOOKS in 1929. After deducting the mailed and "reserve" copies, the comparison seems even more striking: *in 1923 about 4,000 copies were distributed to the general public, and in 1929 no less than 35,000!* It is to be noted, that in 1923 the Bulletin was even larger than it has been at any time since; it occupied 480 pages, thirty-four more than in 1929.

It may be justifiably said, therefore, that MORE BOOKS has maintained the popularity with which it was received at its start. And this in spite of the fact that the Library has freely distributed in its precincts "Better Books," an annotated quarterly list, published by a group of Boston booksellers.

This success of MORE BOOKS is partly due to the fact that it publishes the lists of new books in "classified," instead of the earlier "dictionary" form. The reader now can conveniently turn to the group of books in which he is primarily interested, without being compelled to scan through the whole list. Further, the adoption of the classified form has reduced the space which the list occupies to one-third of its former length, thus leaving room for the publication of articles and book-notes.

As in earlier years, each issue of MORE BOOKS has carried a leading article of four to seven thousand words, written on the book treasures of the Library or on some topic of library interest, and occasionally illustrated with facsimile reproductions. Thus the May issue contained an article about a copy of the first Latin edition of Columbus's letter relative to the discovery of America — "The Islands beyond the Ganges," as he called it. In the June issue Eliot's Indian Bible was described. In the same number was printed for the first time the original draft of the Preface to the Bay Psalm Book, written by Richard Mather. In April an article appeared about a newly acquired manuscript, "The Barons Book of England." The October issue published a description of the manuscripts and other original documents on West Indian subjects bequeathed to the Library by Benjamin P. Hunt in 1877. The November issue began the publication of a detailed descriptive catalogue of the fifteenth-century books in the Library. This catalogue, which will run through six or seven issues, promises to be one of the most important scholarly undertakings of the Library. Earlier in the year, in the January, February and March numbers an essay on Shakespeare's influence in Hungary was published — the first comprehensive study on the subject in the English language. The Kern Sale of rare English books gave an opportunity to check up on similar possessions of the Library, and the resulting notes were printed in the March issue. In the September number an article was published on the recently discovered papers of James Boswell. In May appeared an article on Herbert Putnam as Librarian of the Boston Public Library; and in December a paper on the Art of Reading. All these essays, with the exception of the last two, were original contributions, written especially for MORE BOOKS.

A regular feature of the Bulletin is, besides, "Ten Books," in which ten of the outstanding new books are reviewed in an informative rather than critical manner. The selection is catholic, ranging from art and literature to science and sociology. In "Library Notes" fine editions and other important new acquisitions are described in brief paragraphs. Library news of public interest, and communications from the Director's Office find their place also in these columns.

The articles and notes, in all, occupied 226 pages out of a total of 456.

Four numbers have been added during the year to the series "Brief Reading Lists." No. 39 is entitled "Applied Art"; this was a contribution of the Library to the activities of the first "Art Week in Boston," organized by the Committee on Industrial and Civic Art of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. No. 40 contains a list of books on "Retail Selling" and was compiled at the suggestion of the Retail Trade Board of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. No. 41, the "Homemaker's Bookshelf," was compiled by the American Home Economics Association. And, finally, No. 42, entitled "Light's Golden Jubilee, 1879-1929" consisted of a selected list of books and articles relating to Thomas Alva Edison.

Bibliographical lists have been printed, as in former years, for the lectures on the programs of the Boston Symphony Orchestra as well as for the free concerts given in the Lecture Hall of the Library, prominent among which were the Chamber Music Concerts presented under the auspices of the Library of Congress, Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge Foundation.

The Library's annual publication "Opportunities for Adult Education in Greater Boston" was issued this year in a new font of type, which greatly increased its attractiveness. A number of new features were included, which brought its size to 146 pages. It is planned to issue the pamphlet the coming year in two sections, so as to make it possible to publish the lists of study courses a month earlier than has been feasible in the past. The list of lectures — both those given in the Library and those offered by the Lowell Institute and other agencies — will appear as a separate pamphlet in late September.

INFORMATION OFFICE AND OPEN SHELF ROOM

Nine years ago the Information Office, the Open Shelf Room, and the Government Document Room began to function in three adjoining rooms on the first floor of the Library adjacent to the main stairway. During the past year the contents of the Government Document Room were re-transferred to the Statistical De-

partment. This move was expedient since the purpose of acquainting the public with the value of Government publications had been accomplished, and an increased and sustained interest in them established. Undoubtedly their present location will be equally serviceable; and at the same time much-needed space has been gained for the operation of the other units. The first two rooms have been given over entirely to open shelf books — books selected from the most interesting current acquisitions of the Library and constantly renewed; while the vocational and business files, directory files, and school catalogues have been concentrated in the inner room. As a result, the service has been found to function with greater ease and flexibility.

Little mention has been made heretofore of the work which has been performed by the Information Office through its opportunity to distribute printed matter. A perfunctory check has been kept during the past year and the results are of value and of some interest to the Library as a whole. The Information Office has distributed to the public the following:

"More Books"	300 a month
Library Lecture Lists	500 a month
Adult Education Opportunities	50 a month
Trustees' Annual Report (1928)	200 a year
Condensed Guide	50 a month
How to Find and Procure a Book	50 a month
University Extension Education Publications	20,000 a year
Tercentenary publications and miscellaneous publications in large numbers.	

The regular ready-reference material roughly classified as Manuals, Almanacs, Social Registers, Time Tables, Geographical Gazetteer, World Atlas, and so forth has served adequately the ever increasing demand for this kind of material, relieving, at the same time, the pressure on other departments for information of this type.

The circulation of books in the Open Shelf Room amounted to 49,165 volumes compared with 47,574 in 1928. Considering that the collection averages 4,000 volumes, it is interesting to observe that the circulation since 1921 has increased by 17,974 volumes.

It is much to be regretted that the Library is unable to provide more space for the Open Shelf service. On many occasions, especially during the evening hours in winter, the room is so

crowded that one can scarcely move. There surely is no lack of interest on the part of the readers: the problem is how to meet that interest.

NEWSPAPER AND PATENT ROOMS

The total number of papers on file is 253, fifteen less than last year. Some of these fifteen were dropped, others have ceased publication.

Of the 253 papers on file 182 are American and 71 are foreign. The number of American dailies is 148, that of the foreign dailies is 55; the number of American weeklies is 34, that of the foreign weeklies is 16.

The collection of bound volumes of newspapers consists of 9,609 volumes. During the year, 19,452 readers consulted 34,755 volumes as against 19,349 readers and 34,603 volumes in 1928. The attendance in the room is always large. The maximum was 165 on December 29 at five o'clock in the afternoon.

The patent collection consists of 11,654 volumes, an increase of 1,041 volumes over last year. During the year, 19,402 persons asked for 111,753 volumes. The actual use of the collection was, of course, much larger, since all books are accessible to the public.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT

The figures for the year 1929 again show a decided increase in the use of the extensive collection of periodicals in the possession of the Library. The students and pupils from the various schools and colleges are continuously searching the periodicals for material on current topics.

It is an interesting fact that the part of the reference work which has perhaps been most noticeably gaining in the number of requests is that dealing with books and authors. Book reviews and criticisms of literary style, comparisons of authors or of books are in constant demand. Biographies of authors and any bit of information, especially if it has a quality of human interest, are asked for by the reading public. The number of biographies of authors in the clipping file has increased one hundred per cent

during the past year. More than two hundred and fifty folders containing clippings on various subjects are now available in the vertical files.

Another class of reference work which has shown a substantial increase is in the field of period and national costume, doubtless because of interest in the Tercentenary Celebration. A list of special references on the subject is being compiled.

ATTENDANCE ON WEEK DAYS.

At the hours:	10 A.M.	12 M.	2 P.M.	4 P.M.	6 P.M.	8 P.M.	9.45 P.M.
1928	20,867	23,214	39,173	43,819	27,129	29,746	16,043
1929	21,204	23,792	40,827	44,762	27,943	29,925	16,871
Sundays at 1 P.M.							
1928	10,547						
1929	10,765						

During the day throughout the year 69,842, and during the evenings and Sundays 26,143 bound volumes of magazines were consulted, as against 68,449 and 25,732 in the previous year. The unbound numbers of magazines consulted in the day-time were 73,935, and during evenings and Sundays 33,184 as against 72,827 and 32,538 in the preceding year.

The number of bound volumes on the shelves in the Department was at the end of the year 23,394. The current periodicals, exclusive of those issued by State and Federal Governments, regularly filed for readers in the Periodical Department number 1,308.

In addition there are filed in other Departments a number of other current periodicals: in the Fine Arts and Music Divisions 150, in the Ordering Department 27, in the Statistical Department 54, in the Teachers' Reference Room and Children's Room 65 — making the total number of periodicals currently received in the Central Library 1,604.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES DEPARTMENT

In spite of the general upset due to the reconstruction, the Department has been able to carry on its work as usual. The circulation of books amounted to 33,110; it was about the same as

last year. The loan of lantern-slides, totalling 11,678, fell off a little from last year's record, but still remained far above the record of any other year. From the school picture collection (entirely rearranged and considerably augmented) 24,053 prints were issued, which represents an increase of 1,171.

The major event of the year was the installation of the Special Collections in the splendid new home of the Barton-Ticknor Division. The over-crowded condition of the *Fine Arts* and *Technology Divisions*, partly the result of natural growth, partly due to the relocation of the Barton-Ticknor Room, also calls for some relief. The extension of the steel stack construction to the West and South Galleries would provide much-needed space, and would restore the original beauty of these rooms.

The comprehensive reorganization of the Fine Arts picture collection, begun in October, 1928, has reached its first stage. A tremendous amount of pictorial material, estimated at 25,000 pieces, has accumulated in the past years. To date, over 8,000 of these pictures have been sorted, classified, titled and housed in vertical filing cases. Aside from the "process" plates, the entire collection of reproductions of paintings is now available for reference. Work has been begun, and is progressing steadily, on the plates of the unclassified sculpture group. There is a large amount of architectural material, but because of the greater need for plates on painting and sculpture, the classification of architectural plates has been deferred to the future. Practically no material has been found in the collection in the fields of graphic and applied arts.

Separate from its own pictorial material, the Division of Fine Arts has for many years maintained a large collection of mounted pictures for circulation, known as the School Collection. The reorganizing of this collection was begun in May, 1929. In addition to the task of arranging and classifying the material, there was that of discarding many pictures and of adding others to the collection.

The lantern slide collection has been also entirely rearranged on a simpler and more effective system. An inventory was taken, after which indexes were made, covering as nearly as possible all the slides in the subject group, and listing alphabetically all

the countries, cities and towns found in the geographical group.

The *Music Division*, as in former years, has continued its series of interpretive lectures on symphony concerts and operas, and has issued annotated programs and booklists for them. The steadily growing collection of recorded music, with which the Allen A. Brown Library is being enriched by the generous gifts of the publishers, requires in the new music room suitable provision for audition, so that students should be able to compare the recorded performances with the scores.

The number of books used in the *Barton-Ticknor Division* was 12,178, showing a decrease of 234 from the figure of last year. This decrease is amply accounted for by the noise and confusion which accompanied the reconstruction work. A great gain was observed in the use of the Prince Collection, due to the Tercentenary Celebration which brings many research scholars to consult the early Americana of the Library.

Three hundred and twenty-three books have been sent to the Bindery for special repair. It is to be hoped that this work may be continued until the special collections have all been properly cared for. The next pressing need is the repair and mounting of valuable maps and pictures.

It is desirable, besides, that photostat copies be made of the rare imprints of which the only library copies are in the special collections and which are in constant demand by students.

STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT

The reorganization of the Statistical Department, which had a mere beginning in December 1928, has been carried on throughout 1929.

Chief among the changes was, perhaps, the uniting of the current United States Documents (hitherto kept in the Information Office) with the main Document Collection. The files were checked up, and, where it was possible, the gaps were filled in, and the duplicates returned to Washington.

The entire Department has been rearranged. The whole first floor is now filled with reference material, and the balcony is devoted to circulating books. An inventory of the books has

been taken, with notes about the missing books on the check-list. This inventory will have to be verified next year. The whole material in Stack 4 Annex, chiefly foreign document continuations, was also put in order. Continuations which supplemented the Library's files were sent to be bound; while such material as had not been catalogued and which did not fit in with our files was listed and offered to the Baker Business Library, the Library of Congress and the New York Public Library. The Baker Library took about two-thirds of it.

Besides the document serials and the publications of the foreign banks and chambers of commerce, transferred from the Information Office, a number of much demanded magazines have been added to the Department. On the other hand, several expensive magazines which were little used were discontinued.

A beginning has also been made to the recording of continuations as received. A special blue card is used for all new titles of annuals, etc., which makes it easy to check up whether these year-books have arrived or not. A special effort has been made to have a more complete and up-to-date set of statistical year-books of all countries. First the shelf list was checked and then orders were made out for the annuals which had not been received in recent years. A letter was written to the commercial attaché of the American embassy in every country (or to the consul-general in the smaller countries) asking what year-books of this nature were now being published by the government of the country in which he was located. Replies were received from all but seven small countries and considerable free material was obtained as well as the year-books ordered.

Along with the reorganization of the Department there has been carried on the preparation for the new Kirstein Business Branch. Ten thousand dollars worth of books have been ordered, with all important sources of selection consulted and checked. Cataloguing has been begun. Publishers of directories and year-books were written to for information as to the publication dates of the next issues, so that the latest copies of these expensive books should be purchased. Much free material has been collected, such as state manuals, building laws of cities, etc.

The room has been practically full every afternoon, and there have been times when there were not enough chairs to accommodate patrons.

WORK WITH CHILDREN

The number of books issued to children using the Boston Public Library increased from 1,764,374 in 1928 to 1,802,080 in 1929, a gain of 37,706. Circulation for home use, in so far as it affects children, seems to have a direct relation to the size of the collection to which they have access. Comparison with the published statistics of another city approximately the same size, which has a library circulation among children $2\frac{1}{4}$ times greater than that of Boston, shows that the same city has a book stock also $2\frac{1}{4}$ times greater.

Throughout the Branch System fifty-five per cent of the circulation is classified as juvenile and nowhere is the effect of increased purchase of books more striking than in the children's rooms. Nearly everywhere the need for simple books is pressing. Children who have just been admitted as borrowers are easily discouraged. When they cannot get what they want their first thought is to "stop the Liberry," as they say at the Jeffries Point Branch. There, as elsewhere, during the busy hours a line of children is invariably waiting for books to be returned and placed on the shelves. When there are no easy books obtainable they exclaim, "What a liberry! No good books." Too often the failure to secure books within his comprehension results in a child's believing that he does not like to read and it may be years before this feeling is overcome.

The volume of work with children, however, is not measured merely by circulation statistics. In some parts of the city use of the libraries as study halls creates a serious housing problem. This has been a particularly satisfactory year in the allotment of larger and better children's rooms in a number of the Branch Libraries. The Library has now five more special rooms for children than it had a year ago.

While the better co-ordination of the Children's Work has gone on in every other place, mention must be made of the serious handicap on the work in Dorchester because of the encroachment of the "Well Babies' Conference" during eight months of the

year. There can be no question of its demoralizing effect upon the use of the library by the children of that locality.

The comparative circulation figures for the Children's Room in the Central Library show a decrease for every month except October, when there was a slight gain. This is no new condition but an inevitable result of the advance of business into the Copley Square section and the concomitant retreat of homes. In spite of these drawbacks, however, reference work has noticeably increased. Much of this added demand comes from young people and adults who have need of information in a fairly simple form, teachers and students working with children, or illustrators and designers, scene painters and artists who wish to examine the finely printed books included in the children's collections. The past year was one of unprecedented production in the field of children's books, and the Library was fortunate in being able to secure some very fine specimens of book making.

Reading lists for individuals and groups were prepared as occasion called. In anticipation of Tercentenary demands there was compiled in the Children's Department a reading list to fit the requirements of the elementary grades. Although this list has not been printed, but is in mimeographed form only, it has been of considerable service, especially to teachers working on programs for both city and state. Two editions of a reading list for the Junior High School age were prepared in the Department, and printed by the Library.

Exhibits have included some Alice in Wonderland figurines lent by the Newark Museum, home and garden models lent by the Wheelock School, and a Swiss village scene for which we were indebted to the E. T. Slattery Company. The Macmillan Company furnished an unusual exhibition in connection with the award of the Newbury Medal to Eric Kelly's book, "The Trumpeter of Krakow."

For the third year the display for the annual observance of Book Week was arranged in the Venetian Lobby, which affords an artistic and colorful setting for the books and pictures. At this time the Boston publishers were very generous in allowing the Library to exhibit original paintings for some of their new books.

During the year there has been a considerable strengthening of the staff of assistants with special knowledge of children's literature and the methods of work with them.

School use of the children's rooms continues to increase and in several of the Branches which are near school buildings there has been a growth in the number of pupils allowed to come to the Library for reference work during school hours. In this way the pressure after school is relieved and the librarians are enabled to give better service. Several of the librarians are now giving lessons on the use of the catalogues and books of reference which should help to clarify the ideas of school children. From the school authorities, teachers and principals there is much fine co-operation. Teachers in some sections of the city are prompt to notify the library of class assignments, often giving an idea of their requirements a week in advance. Some teachers take pride in having a class of one hundred per cent borrowers.

The Library makes a most acceptable contribution to the school program when it sends its story-tellers to class rooms or assemblies. Admirable work of this kind has been carried on during 1929. For the first time the Library has had a full year of Mr. John J. Cronan's story-telling and the results are most rewarding. One becomes more and more convinced that in the story hours at schools and in the libraries the authorities possess an ideal way to appeal to the minds of many young people.

THE TEACHERS' ROOM

While the Teachers' Room reports the busiest year it has ever had, statistics to show this are lacking, as books are not circulated from there. Service is given throughout the year to many students and teachers, but the most consistent and serious readers are to be found among those students who attend the summer schools in this vicinity. Coming as they do from different localities with the definite purpose of making the session count for as much as possible, they make intensive use of books and periodicals for six solid weeks. It has become necessary to keep files of the bound periodicals on education in the room, and a new book stack was built for this purpose. The Teachers' Room has been

improved in appearance by the laying of a new tiled floor in harmony with the adjoining Children's Room. A new catalogue has also been installed. Among reference tools the Educational Index has proved of signal importance.

During the summer months occasion was taken to go over the picture file to remount and reclassify some items and to discard others. Small though the collection is in comparison with that in the Fine Arts Department, it has helped to fill requests that could not otherwise be met.

The Supervisor of Work with Children adds each year to her other duties the filling of numerous speaking engagements before schools, parents' associations and clubs.

THE BRANCH SYSTEM

The total circulation through the Branch Libraries and the Central Branch Department for the year was 3,598,112. This is a gain of 46,784 over last year.

This total circulation was made up of the following items: 3,037,755 books were issued for home use direct from the Branches; 473,098 books were issued to schools and various institutions partly from collections of the Branches (216,073) and partly from the Branch Deposit Collection in the Central Library (257,025); and finally, in response to calls from individual readers at various Branches, 87,259 books were issued from the Central Library through the Branches — 69,717 from the Deposit Collection and 17,542 from the stacks of the Central Library.

Of the 3,037,755 volumes drawn out for home use direct from the Branches 1,353,459 were for adults and 1,684,296 for juveniles. Among the books for adults there were 1,035,386 volumes of fiction and 318,073 of non-fiction; among the books for juveniles there were 1,163,730 volumes of fiction and 520,566 of non-fiction.

The number of volumes sent on deposit from the Central Branch collection and from Branch Libraries to 338 agencies was 87,234. Among these agencies were 15 Branches, 55 engine houses, 6 high schools, 204 grammar schools, 14 parochial schools and 44 institutions of various kinds. To the 224 schools

61,991 volumes were sent in all. Last year the number of agencies was 364 and the number of volumes sent on deposit, 85,237; to 239 schools 61,231 books were sent in 1928.

Besides books, 44,682 pictures were sent to schools. The inter-library loans amounted to 2,326 volumes; 1,958 books to libraries in Massachusetts and 368 to libraries outside of the State. In all, 2,184 applications were received, of which 805 had to be refused.

Fifteen of the Branches gained in circulation. The greatest gains were at City Point, Faneuil, Allston, Mattapan, Lower Mills, South End, Andrew Square and Parker Hill. The largest circulation reached at a Branch was 180,854 and the lowest, 42,571.

Important improvements have been made during the year at several Branches. In February the Allston Branch was moved to new and commodious quarters at 161 Harvard Avenue. The resulting gain in circulation was 10,485. Mt. Bowdoin Branch has been moved to attractive quarters at 271 Washington Street, Dorchester. At Andrew Square a new room for adults has been added. Appreciation is shown by the fact that 2,947 more books have been drawn by adults since the room was opened than during the corresponding period last year. At Brighton a new children's room was opened November thirteenth. Orient Heights has been moved from the dilapidated structure it had occupied for twenty-eight years into a new building designed especially for library purposes.

During the summer Branch Librarians and their staff cooperated in providing material for a comprehensive survey of the entire library system, which was accompanied by thirty-one detailed maps of the thirty-one districts served by Branch Libraries.

THE LIBRARY TRAINING CLASS

The second year of the Library Training Class opened October first, 1928, and ended June 15, 1929.

During the year the Training Class became the happy possessor of a pleasant room of its own, equipped with twenty oak desks, two blackboards, a large bookcase, three bulletin boards.

a typewriter for the exclusive use of the students, and a telephone.

There were seventeen students in all, divided into three groups. Six students from outside the Library enrolled for the full eight months course; three library assistants enrolled on part time to begin the course and finish it in two years; and eight more library assistants were to continue on part time the work begun a year ago, and prepare to graduate in June.

Four of the six courses offered were conducted in the same manner as last year; children's literature, conducted by Miss Jordan; and reference work, cataloguing, and classification, conducted by Mrs. Hartzell, the Supervisor.

In book selection two classes instead of one were held each week, and two phases of the subject were considered: first, the theoretical aspect of ordering books for a library, and second, the acquiring of a more intimate acquaintance with a great variety of books through lectures, reading, and book-reviewing. During the course talks were given by Mr. Zoltán Haraszti on early inscriptions, mediaeval manuscripts, and early printed books. Other lecturers were Mr. John Clair Minot, Mr. Leslie T. Little of Waltham, and Mr. F. K. W. Drury of the American Library Association headquarters. Miss Mildred R. Bradbury, of the Fine Arts Division, repeated her talks on book illustration, and Mrs. Eleanor Gulick of Wellesley gave another lecture on standards for judging modern fiction.

The course in library administration consisted largely, as it did last year, of lectures by heads of departments or their representatives; of a thorough study of the interesting features of the Building; and of talks on the American Library Association and the State Division of Public Libraries. Visits were paid to book-stores, the State Library, the Boston Athenaeum, and the Brookline Library. A new feature of the course was the introduction of several lessons on book mending, conducted by Miss Marion A. McCarthy of the Branch Department. Practical work was carried on, as before, in some of the Branch Libraries, and in the main departments of the Central Library.

The work of the Supervisor has included the management of the Training Class as a whole, the teaching of four subjects, the arrangement of practical work for the students, and talks before

various organizations on the work of the Library Training Class. Contacts have also been made with school librarians, and with the vocational guidance department of the Boston School System.

READERS' ADVISER.

The work of the Readers' Adviser has gone on steadily. Twenty-seven reading lists have been compiled for readers at request. Thirty-five new persons have registered for systematic reading. The Readers' Adviser has given talks on Adult Education to a number of groups and has helped in the preparation of several club programs.

The World Conference on Adult Education at Cambridge, England, which was the first international meeting of its kind, brought out the fact that the work of Adult Education is still in a somewhat experimental stage. There is no doubt that when methods are entirely worked out the possibilities of Adult Education are almost unlimited. Many countries have gone farther than the United States, but in no country have the public libraries taken the leading position that they have in America.

LECTURES — CONCERTS — EXHIBITIONS

During the year 118 lectures and concerts were given in the Lecture Hall under the auspices of the Library, the Drama League, the Field and Forest Club, the Ruskin Club and other organizations. A course on the Massachusetts Bay Tercentenary was also given. Most of the lectures were illustrated.

The Lecture Hall has continued to be used by the Division of University Extension of the State Department of Education. The usual lectures on the concerts of the Boston Symphony Orchestra were offered by the Massachusetts Division of University Extension in collaboration with the Library. They were, as in previous years, under the supervision of Mr. Richard G. Appel of the Library staff, who has had the generous cooperation of other musicians.

Nineteen exhibitions have been arranged during the year in the Exhibition Room. Owing to the temporary housing of the

Music Division in the Exhibition Room, no exhibitions were arranged after September 15.

For a complete list of the lectures, concerts and exhibitions see Appendix, pp. 70.

BINDERY

For the first time in several years the total of bound volumes shows a slight decrease as compared with the preceding year. This, however, is accounted for by the retirement of one employee who has not yet been replaced, and by the work of repairing the old books in the Prince Collection. During the year over three hundred of these old books were repaired or entirely rebound.

The work of the Bindery has increased to such an extent that more help is necessary. All departments in the Central Library want more work done for them and the Branches are insatiable. This demand is reasonable and is based on necessity. Even a small increase in the force would help out a great deal.

MECHANICAL AND OTHER REPAIRS

The reconstruction of the third floor of the Library and the substitution of steel and concrete for portions of the old piles of the foundation, while carried out under contract, have required much additional labor on the part of the Department of the Superintendent of Buildings. Mention has been made in the introduction to this report also of various other improvements, such as the installation of a new pneumatic tube system, and the reconstruction of the fountain basin in the court-yard. Repairs went on incessantly throughout the year. Here are mentioned some of the more important:

With the exception of Bates Hall, practically the whole Central Library has been repainted. The books in the stacks have been cleaned.

All tables in the Periodical Room were re-surfaced and re-finished. New bookcases were built in the Teachers' Room, in the Statistical, Branch and Ordering Departments, and in the Information Office.

Six of the Branches (Allston, Orient Heights, North End, Mt. Bowdoin, Andrew Square, and Charlestown) were repainted. In five Branches (Upham's Corner, Andrew Square, Codman Square, Mt. Pleasant, and Charlestown) the furnishings were refinished.

CONCLUSION

During the year the following persons retired under the Boston Retirement Act: *Bindery*: Margaret C. Kiley, forewoman, (retired September 30), entered service March 16, 1889; *Bindery*: Mary G. Murphy, sewer, (retired December 31, voluntarily), entered service February 19, 1915; *Issue Department*: Frank C. Blaisdell, Chief, (retired December 31), entered service February 17, 1876.

The Director has satisfaction in recording his appreciation for the services rendered by all the employees of the Library during the year. Many persons in the several departments of the system have carried on their good work quietly, regularly, and efficiently. Opportunity is not given in a formal report either to review or specify such service, but it has been noted and is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director

APPENDIX.

TABLE OF CENTRAL AND BRANCH CIRCULATION.

Central Library	1924-25	1925*	1926	1927	1928	1929
Central Library	623,024	608,852	644,896	657,977	678,834	676,240
Allston	60,358	63,434	74,297	81,984	86,960	97,445
Andrew Square	68,196	68,772	89,662	92,926	104,563	110,225
Boylston Station	64,871	64,559	71,261	68,196	81,405	80,097
Brighton	92,702	89,384	101,286	98,907	96,586	92,223
Charlestown	98,433	95,288	107,562	110,069	105,659	100,483
City Point	47,441	50,108	51,154	54,232	56,686	83,558
Codman Square	114,950	119,758	145,001	156,559	157,498	153,372
Dorchester	88,628	90,123	100,188	101,957	109,553	99,255
East Boston	128,771	125,820	138,691	140,379	151,099	145,759
Faneuil	30,443	31,560	43,782	50,212	60,143	72,005
Fellowes Athen.	76,007	84,765	85,151	89,479	91,463	88,381
Hyde Park	95,334	93,582	98,147	107,168	110,679	108,512
Jamaica Plain	68,630	67,232	73,117	85,262	86,398	85,935
Jeffries Point	52,020	53,004	58,218	61,893	63,185	62,111
Lower Mills	27,259	25,488	32,274	35,835	38,428	44,730
Mattapan	48,789	58,290	69,364	95,085	124,374	133,210
Memorial	136,981	135,913	147,263	171,034	178,142	180,344
Mount Bowdoin	107,679	112,320	125,907	129,487	132,424	134,008
Mount Pleasant	53,953	53,778	59,101	66,315	72,367	72,161
Neponset	41,466	39,479	43,349	48,331	48,639	51,228
North End	117,075	121,651	137,896	143,381	146,616	145,201
Orient Heights	40,605	45,395	58,913	55,625	49,015	42,571
Parker Hill	37,038	39,860	43,719	45,862	51,412	56,209
Roslindale	94,888	93,154	105,074	113,150	122,260	124,995
Roxbury Crossing	67,143	58,634	62,462	77,770	78,269	78,803
South Boston	152,799	148,751	169,625	170,911	181,376	171,805
South End	117,845	112,578	118,315	116,226	117,982	123,794
Tyler Street	37,321	37,436	43,421	39,868	42,875	46,058
Upham's Corner	95,975	100,288	126,010	152,140	171,260	169,027
West End	157,321	152,043	169,142	175,683	183,887	180,854
West Roxbury	88,249	88,482	104,889	111,754	119,249	119,463
Total	3,132,194	3,129,781	3,499,137	3,705,657	3,899,286	3,930,068

*A period of eleven months.

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

	VOLUMES.
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
1928 gain over preceding year	193,629
1929 gain over preceding year	30,782

USE OF BOOKS.

CIRCULATION FROM CENTRAL BY MONTHS.

	HOME USE DIRECT.	HOME USE THROUGH BRANCH DEPT.	SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS THROUGH BRANCH DEPT.	TOTALS.
January, 1929	33,408	9,135	28,375	70,918
February "	31,301	7,969	29,450	68,720
March "	33,130	9,098	28,755	70,983
April "	30,321	8,104	28,825	67,250
May "	27,104	7,399	27,875	62,378
June "	22,199	5,772	26,795	54,766
July "	20,071	4,803	4,685	29,559
August "	20,425	4,613	4,390	29,428
September "	21,403	5,336	6,040	32,779
October "	30,126	8,154	15,410	53,690
November "	32,517	8,815	24,035	65,367
December "	29,951	8,061	32,390	70,402
Totals	331,956	87,259	257,025	676,240

DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL CIRCULATION.

	HOME USE.	SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS.	TOTALS.
CENTRAL LIBRARY:			
a. Direct	331,956		
b. Through Branches			
1. Deposit Collections	69,717		
2. General Collections	17,542		
c. Schools and Institutions through Branch Department		257,025	676,240
BRANCHES:			
Allston	97,445		97,445
Andrew Square	110,225		110,225
Boylston Station	80,097		80,097
Brighton	74,479	17,744	92,223
Charlestown	91,165	9,318	100,483
Carried forward	453,411	27,062	480,473

*Eleven month period.

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

<i>Brought forward</i>	453,411	27,062	480,473
City Point	83,558	. . . . .	83,558
Codman Square	144,012	9,360	153,372
Dorchester	92,827	6,428	99,255
East Boston	131,843	13,916	145,759
Faneuil	72,005	. . . . .	72,005
Fellowes Athenaeum	68,863	19,518	88,381
Hyde Park	97,110	11,405	108,512
Jamaica Plain	79,291	6,644	85,935
Jeffries Point	62,111	. . . . .	62,111
Lower Mills	44,730	. . . . .	44,730
Mattapan	133,210	. . . . .	133,210
Memorial	178,619	1,725	180,344
Mount Bowdoin	131,710	2,298	134,008
Mount Pleasant	72,167	. . . . .	72,167
Neponset	51,003	225	51,228
North End	143,933	1,268	145,201
Orient Heights	42,571	. . . . .	42,571
Parker Hill	56,209	. . . . .	56,209
Roslindale	115,409	9,586	124,995
Roxbury Crossing	78,803	. . . . .	78,803
South Boston	144,620	27,185	171,805
South End	106,676	17,118	123,794
Tyler Street	46,058	. . . . .	46,058
Uphan's Corner	168,758	269	169,027
West End	142,723	38,131	180,854
West Roxbury	95,525	23,938	119,463
	<u>3,037,755</u>	<u>216,073</u>	<u>3,253,828</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)			676,240
From branches (excluding books received from Central Library)			<u>3,253,828</u>
Total			3,930,068
	COMPARATIVE.	1928	1929
Central Library circulation (excluding schools and institutions).			
Direct home use	347,958		331,956
Through branches	95,469		87,259
	<u>443,427</u>		<u>419,215</u>
Branch Libraries circulation (ex- cluding schools and institutions)	3,003,391		3,037,755
Schools and institutions circulation (in- cluding books from Central through the Branch system)	452,468		473,098
	<u>3,899,286</u>		<u>3,930,068</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:

	1928	1929
Volumes lent from this Library to other libraries in Massachusetts	1,847	1,958
Lent to libraries outside of Massachusetts	368	368
Total	2,215	2,326
Applications refused:		
From libraries in Massachusetts	540	670
From libraries outside of Massachusetts	106	135
Total	646	805

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

	1928		1929	
	VOLUMES.	PERCENTAGE.	VOLUMES.	PERCENTAGE.
Fiction for adults	1,000,443	33	1,035,386	34.1
Non-fiction for adults	302,963	10	318,073	10.5
Juvenile fiction	1,158,952	39	1,163,730	38.3
Juvenile non-fiction	541,031	18	520,566	17.1

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

	1928	1929
	PERCENTAGE.	PERCENTAGE.
Fiction	48.3	45.8
Non-fiction	51.7	54.2

BOOK ACCESSIONS.

BOOKS ACQUIRED BY PURCHASE.

For the Central Library:	1928	1929
From City appropriation	10,526	15,501
From trust funds income	3,301	7,390
	13,827	22,891
For branches:		
From City appropriations	62,565	70,446
From trust funds income	1,041	1,002
	63,606	71,448
Totals	77,433	94,339

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

	CENTRAL.	BRANCHES.	TOTAL VOLUMES.
Accessions by purchase	22,891	71,448	94,339
Accessions by gift	12,351	1,625	13,976
Accessions by exchange	156	6	162
Accessions by periodicals bound	2,314	25	2,339
Accessions by newspapers bound	129	. . . .	129
Accessions by serials bound	1,401	. . . .	1,401
Totals	<u>39,242</u>	<u>73,104</u>	<u>112,346</u>

THE CATALOGUE.

	1928.		1929.	
	VOLS AND PARTS.	TITLES.	VOLS. AND PARTS.	TITLES.
Catalogued (new):				
Central Library Catalogue	27,544	17,552	27,203	17,924
Serials	6,827	. . . .	6,702	. . . .
Branches	58,718	52,446	60,253	53,545
Recatalogued	15,383	8,169	15,890	8,412
Totals	<u>108,472</u>	<u>78,167</u>	<u>110,048</u>	<u>79,881</u>

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)	26,321
Special collections, new books and transfers	3,167
Books reported lost or missing in previous years but now found, transfers from branches, etc.	1,830
	<u>31,318</u>
Removed from Central Library shelves during the year:	
Books reported lost or missing, condemned copies not yet replaced, transfers, etc.	13,429
Net gain at Central Library	17,889
Net gain at Branches	15,052
Net gain entire library system	<u>32,941</u>

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	1856-57	34,896
1853-54	16,221	1857-58	70,851
1854-55	22,617	1858-59	78,043
1855-56	28,080	1859-60	85,031

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
1893	597,152	1928	1,442,802
1894	610,375	1929	1,475,743
Volumes in entire library system			1,475,743
Volumes in the branches			413,188

These volumes are located as follows:

Central Library	1,062,555	Mattapan	9,558
Allston	8,331	Memorial	14,861
Andrew Square	7,615	Mt. Bowdoin	10,473
Boylston Station	8,009	Mt. Pleasant	6,624
Brighton	19,836	Neponset	5,922
Charlestown	16,290	North End	12,371
City Point	10,992	Orient Heights	5,795
Codman Square	13,555	Parker Hill	6,478
Dorchester	13,737	Roslindale	12,589
East Boston	21,655	Roxbury Crossing	6,491
Faneuil	8,346	South Boston	21,442
Fellowes Athenaeum	38,537	South End	13,472
Hyde Park	30,781	Tyler Street	6,748
Jamaica Plain	17,849	Upham's Corner	14,455
Jeffries Point	5,107	West End	21,032
Lower Mills	5,130	West Roxbury	19,107

THE BINDERY.

	1928.	1929.
Number of volumes bound in various styles	71,963	67,385
Magazines stitched	225	211
Volumes repaired	1,810	2,001
Volumes guarded	1,895	1,065
Maps mounted	287	103
Photographs and engravings, etc. mounted	7,087	6,891
Library publications folded, stitched and trimmed	106,993	119,174

THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

	1928.	1929.
Requisitions received and filled	207	197
Card Catalogue (Central Library):		
Titles (Printing Department count)	8,856	6,768
Cards finished (exclusive of extras)	135,137	105,409
Card Catalogue (Branches):		
Titles (Printing Department count)	296	840
Cards finished (exclusive of extras)	21,768	54,638
Signs	217	263
Blank forms (numbered series)	3,478,578	3,265,600
Forms, circulars, and sundries (outside numbered series)	53,960	61,350
Catalogues, pamphlets, and bibliographical programmes	54,568	68,754

THE LECTURES OF 1929.

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

- Jan. 3. Fly with Me above Pikes Peak, Crest of the Continent, Garden of the Gods. Gilbert McClurg.
- Jan. 6. *The Restoration Theatre and its Lineage. Robert E. Rogers, A.M. (Drama League Course.)
- Jan. 6. Concert. South Mountain Quartet. (Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge series.)
- Jan. 10. A Summer in our National Parks: the wonderland of the world. Rev. Charles W. Casson. (Field and Forest Club course.)
- Jan. 13. The Making of a Statue. Leonard Craske, Sculptor.
- Jan. 13. Concert. Orchestra of the Lincoln House Association, Jacques Hoffmann, Conductor.
- Jan. 14. *Legislative Evening. Elizabeth W. Pigeon, B.Sc. of Ed. (Ruskin Club.)
- Jan. 17. The Beauties of Sculpture. Dorothy Adlow.
- Jan. 20. American Folk Songs of the Trades. Catherine Smith Bailey.
- Jan. 20. Folk Songs and Poems, in French. Lina M. Grémillot.

- Jan. 21. *Fact and Folly in the World of Song. William A. C. Zerffi.
- Jan. 24. A Wanderer in the Near East and Europe. Nathaniel J. Hasenpus.
- Jan. 27. Rambling through Europe. John J. Ward.
- Jan. 27. Intimate Piano Concert. Margaret Anderton.
- Jan. 28. Ruskin as a Spiritual Force in Practical Life. Mrs. Herbert J. Gurney. (Ruskin Club.)
- Jan. 31. The Life and Art of Edgar Allan Poe. Joseph Lorraine.
- Feb. 3. The Early Theatre in America. Frank Chouteau Brown. (Drama League Course.)
- Feb. 3. Hamlet and John Donne. Theodore Spencer. (New England Poetry Club Course.)
- Feb. 4. What is Modernism in Advertising and Printing? Henry Lewis Johnson.
The Old and the New School in Typography. James Garfield Clarke. (Boston Club of Printing House Craftsmen Course.)
- Feb. 7. Gilbert Stuart's Place in American Art. Martha A. S. Shannon.
- Feb. 10. A Naturalist in the Canadian Rockies. Dan McCowan.
- Feb. 10. Concert. Letz String Quartet. (Under the auspices of the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge Foundation.)
- Feb. 11. *Observance of John Ruskin's Birthday, February 8, 1819. Agnes Knox Black, A.M. (Ruskin Club.)
- Feb. 14. Flower Folk of New England. Percy A. Brigham. (Field and Forest Club Course.)
- Feb. 17. *George Washington. Albert Bushnell Hart, Ph.D.
- Feb. 17. Concert. The Chamber Music Organization of the Boston Flute Players' Club.
- Feb. 18. The Art of Lithography. Charles F. Shirley.
What is Rotogravure? Jean Stimmell. (Boston Club of Printing House Craftsmen Course.)
- Feb. 21. Varied program of one-act plays. The Strolling Players. Helene Martha Boll, Director.
- Feb. 24. Concert. Appleton Chapel Choir of Harvard University. Archibald T. Davison, Ph.D., Conductor.
- Feb. 24. Modern Poetry: Reading and Comment. George F. Pearson.
- Feb. 25. *Anniversary of the Founding of the Boston Ruskin Club. (Ruskin Club.)
- Feb. 28. Italy, the Land of Romance and Song. Mrs. Arthur Dudley Ropes.

- Mar. 3. Dumas fils and Robertson; the Beginnings of Realism. Robert E. Rogers, A.M. (Drama League Course.)
- Mar. 3. Concert. Burgin String Quartet. (Under the auspices of the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge Foundation.)
- Mar. 4. *The Art Conception of Water Color and its Value to Advertising and Printing. Arthur M. Sherrill.
The Preparation and Mechanical Production of the Jean Berté Process of water color printing. J. William Houghton.
An Analysis of European Poster Work. George Marsh. (Boston Club of Printing House Craftsmen Course.)
- Mar. 7. Around the Beautiful Bay of Naples. Ellen E. Page.
- Mar. 10. *Henry F. Gilbert, an American Composer. Edward Burlingame Hill.
- Mar. 10. Reading, with Comments. Robert Silliman Hillyer. (New England Poetry Club Course.)
- Mar. 11. *John Ruskin and the Charles River Basin. What would he do with it? Walter Babcock Smith, M.D., and Leonard Ware, Jr. (Ruskin Club.)
- Mar. 14. Trails and Summits of the Adirondacks. Professor Walter C. O'Kane. (Field and Forest Club Course.)
- Mar. 17. From Alpine Snows to Vesuvian Lava; a Geological Tour of Southwestern Europe. Kirtley F. Mather, Ph.D.
- Mar. 17. *Rudyard Kipling, the Uncrowned Poet Laureate of the British Empire. Harry Seymour Ross, A.M.
- Mar. 21. How to Beautify Home Grounds. Herbert D. Hemenway.
- Mar. 24. Reading: Dramatic Version of the Book of Job. Harriet Brooks Moss, A.B., B.L.I.
- Mar. 24. Lyric Action Recital. Lisa and Alida Paget. Assisted by the Kappa Gamma Psi String Orchestra.
- Mar. 25. England, the Home of John Ruskin. Mrs. Arthur Dudley Ropes. (Ruskin Club.)
- Mar. 28. Advancing Aviation. Helen M. Murdock, F.R.P.S. Lumière autochrome slides.
- Mar. 31. The Modern Theatre from Irving to Hampden. Frank W. C. Hersey, A.M. (Drama League Course.)
- Mar. 31. Concert. The Harvard University Orchestra. Pierian Sodality of 1808. Nicolas Slonimsky, Conductor.
- Apr. 1. Illustration in Modern Printing. Answering the question "Why is Modern Art?" Thacher Nelson. (Boston Club of Printing House Craftsmen Course.)
- Apr. 4. North Shore Gardens. Herbert W. Gleason.
- Apr. 7. Historic Boston and its Environs. Arthur Collins Stewart.

- Apr. 7. Concert. South Mountain String Quartet. (Under the auspices of the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge Foundation.)
- Apr. 8. *Joseph P. MacCarthy, Ph.D., Speaker. Music. (Ruskin Club.)
- Apr. 11. Scenic Masterpieces of America. Henry Warren Poor, A.M. (Under the auspices of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.)
- Apr. 14. *European Jazz and Krenek's "Jonny." Nicolas Slonimsky.
- Apr. 14. Concert. The MacDowell Chorus. William Ellis Weston, Conductor, and Ethel Harding Durant, Accompanist.
- Apr. 18. The Missions of California and the Mission Country. Elsie Powers Corwin.
- Apr. 21. Concert. Leonora Choral Society of Bradford Academy. Frederick Johnson, Conductor.
- Apr. 21. Concert. The Waltham Musical Club. Augusto Vannini, Director.
- Apr. 22. *Ruskin, Educator and Reformer. Arthur W. Gilbert, Ph.D. (Ruskin Club.)
- Apr. 25. The United States' Part in Winning the World War. Girard L. McEntee, Lt. Col. Infantry, U. S. Army.
- Apr. 28. *Random Reading. William M. Stinson, S.J.
- Apr. 28. *The Symbol in Poetry. S. Foster Damon. (New England Poetry Club Course.)
- Oct. 3. The Copley Club Singers and Entertainers. Under the direction of Pauline Hammond Clark.
- Oct. 6. *John Brown, the Marching of his Soul. Henry J. Kilbourn, D.D.
- Oct. 6. The Primitive Music of the American Indian. Mable F. Knight.
- Oct. 7. *The Greatest Opportunity for Massachusetts in 300 years. Albert Bushnell Hart. (Massachusetts Bay Tercentenary Course.)
- Oct. 10. In the Wake of the Vikings; Iceland and its Scenery. Charles Ernest White.
- Oct. 13. Some Comedies of Travel. John C. Bowker, M.D.
- Oct. 13. The Spirit of the New Wing of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. M. Iris Pappé, B.A.
- Oct. 14. *Mussolini. Lilian Whiting. (Ruskin Club.)
- Oct. 17. China, wonderland of half-a-hundred centuries. Walter W. Allerton.
- Oct. 20. *Literary Mosaics. Tales, Folklore, and Legends gathered abroad. Mrs. James Frederick Hopkins.
- Oct. 20. What I Saw and Heard In Palestine. Rosabelle Temple. Gertrude Walker-Crowley, soloist.

- Oct. 21. *World Significance of the Massachusetts Bay Tercentenary. Hon. Herbert Parker. (Massachusetts Bay Tercentenary Course.)
- Oct. 22. *The International Library Conference and Adventures Overseas. Charles F. D. Belden.
- Oct. 22. *Playing the Piano by Ear. Guy Maier, pianist.
- Oct. 24. Columbus and his Voyages. Sarah E. Palmer, M.D., F.A.C.S.
- Oct. 27. *Glimpses of Literary London. Caroline Ticknor.
- Oct. 27. *The Average Man and Adult Education through Use of the Public Library. Hon. Roland D. Sawyer.
- Oct. 28. Red Letter Days in Europe. Mrs. Charles B. Hall. (Ruskin Club.)
- Oct. 31. Off the Beaten Track in Australia. Captain Kilroy Harris, D.S.O., M.C., F.R.G.S.
- Nov. 3. *William Makepeace Thackeray, the Novelist and the Man. Francis Henry Wade, M.D., Ph.D.
- Nov. 3. Readings from Shakespeare with Associated Music. Laura Huxtable Porter.
- Nov. 4. *The Religious Influences of the Puritans. Rev. Edward M. Noyes. (Massachusetts Bay Tercentenary Course.)
- Nov. 7. The National Parks of Canada. Arthur H. Merritt.
- Nov. 10. Early Glimpses of the American Theatre. Frank W. C. Hersey. (Drama League Course.)
- Nov. 10. Concert. Alessandro Niccoli, violinist. Assisted by Florence Wild, pianist.
- Nov. 14. Through the Colorful Canyons of the West. Rev. Charles W. Casson. (Field and Forest Club Course.)
- Nov. 17. Goethe's "Faust": an Interpretative Reading. Jessie Eldridge Southwick.
- Nov. 17. Concert. Wind Instrument Ensemble of Boston.
- Nov. 18. A Winter Cruise through the West Indies. Andrew Oliver, Ph.D. (Ruskin Club.)
- Nov. 18. *Why We Are to Celebrate in 1930. Hon. John J. Walsh. (Massachusetts Bay Tercentenary Course.)
- Nov. 21. Trails and Tales of the Rockies. Col. Philip A. Moore, F.R.G.S. (Contributed by the Bureau of Commercial Economics, Washington, D. C.)
- Nov. 24. *A Canyon Trilogy. Alice Howland Macomber.
- Nov. 24. Operatic and Ballad Recital. Mme Alice Baschi and assisting artists.
- Nov. 25. *The Ethical Implication of Modern Poetry. Joseph P. McCarthy, Ph.D., D.D. (Ruskin Club.)
- Dec. 1. Lecture Recital. Mr. and Mrs. Moses H. Gulesian.
- Dec. 1. Mozart's "Bastien and Bastienne." Eleanor Brigham.

- Dec. 3. *The Puritan and the American Revolution. Dr. Charles H. Bangs. (Massachusetts Bay Tercentenary Course.)
- Dec. 5. Recent Rambles in Greece. Alice Lawton.
- Dec. 8. *Two American Comedians: Jefferson and E. H. Sothern. Robert E. Rogers, A.M. (Drama League Course.)
- Dec. 8. *Before the Footlights and Behind the Scenes. Fannie Barnett Linsky.
- Dec. 9. *Christmas. William E. Gardner, D.D. (Ruskin Club.)
- Dec. 12. Some Adirondack Trails. Russell M. L. Carson. (Field and Forest Club Course.)
- Dec. 15. George Inness, Jr., Man and Artist. Mrs. Louis J. Richards.
- Dec. 15. Noels de France. A lecture recital by Mme Jeanne Bron-del Allen.
- Dec. 16. Musicale. Alice Wentworth MacGregor. (Ruskin Club.)
- Dec. 16. *Our Debt to the Puritans. Hon. Michael J. Murray. (Massachusetts Bay Tercentenary Course.)
- Dec. 19. The Germany of Today and Romantic Germany. John George Bucher. (Contributed by the Bureau of Commercial Economics, Washington, D. C.)
- Dec. 22. When Dickens Read the "Christmas Carol" in Boston on Christmas Eve. Edward F. Payne.
- Dec. 22. Negro Spirituals and Plantation Melodies. A Concert. Lyric Male Quartet.
- Dec. 23. Christmas Mystery Play. With Music. (Under auspices of the Dramatic Department of Community Service of Boston, Inc.)
- Dec. 26. The Psychological Analysis of Handwriting. Maurice H. Hilton, Ph.B., graphologist.
- Dec. 29. *The Ethical Implications of Modern Poetry. Joseph P. MacCarthy, Ph.D., D.D. (American Poetry Association Course.)
- Dec. 29. Costume Song Recital. Claramond Thompson, contralto. Assisted by Leon Vartanian, pianist and accompanist.
- Dec. 30. *Dorchester Town in Boston and New England History. Rev. Adelbert L. Hudson. (Massachusetts Bay Tercentenary Course.)

PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS OF 1929.

In Exhibition Room.

Installation
date

- Jan. 1. "Small Houses": material from competition of the House Beautiful Publishing Company, supplemented by books from the Division of Fine Arts.

- Jan. 14. Original paintings and pastels lent by Mae Bennet-Brown, English artist.
- Jan. 27. Photographs and autographed letters of famous musicians, lent by Boaz Piller, of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.
- Feb. 9. Lincoln exhibition: pictures and literature lent by Mary Bowditch Forbes.
- Feb. 11. Travel posters, lent by the Railway and Locomotive Historical Society of Harvard University.
- Feb. 17. American Federation of Arts travelling exhibition: drawings and paintings illustrating work done by pupils of Anson K. Cross.
- Feb. 23. "Chauve-Souris": loan exhibition of posters and photographs of the play.
- Mar. 6. Herbert Hoover: exhibition relative to his inauguration as President.
- Mar. 11. "Art in Industry Week": selected books from the titles listed in the bibliography issued by the Library.
- Mar. 18. Original paintings by Frank Carson: "Bermuda in Oil and Water-colour."
- Mar. 31. Photographs of American history and scenery, lent by David W. Butterfield.
- Apr. 15. "Be Kind to Animals" posters, by school children, lent by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
- Apr. 22. Original drawings submitted in the annual cover design competition of the "House Beautiful" magazine.
- May 6. Posters submitted by school children, illustrating Thrift and Safety.
- May 20. "Jewish Book Week": books, manuscripts and prints from the Library collections.
- June 2. Autographs, early printed books and works by American composers, on the occasion of the Convention of the National Federation of Music Clubs.
- June 24. "Boston, Town and Countryside": photographs lent by William E. Merrill.
Water-colors and pictures of the proposed improvements of the Charles River Basin.
- July 8. Designs submitted in the competition for an official poster for the Chicago World's Fair in 1933.
"Racial Backgrounds of Massachusetts," represented by dolls dressed in Old World Costume, lent by the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs.
- July 23. Books and prints from the Division of Fine Arts and the Barton-Ticknor Room, relative to the current Spanish exhibitions held in Seville and Barcelona.

- Sept. 2. "Picturesque Old France": photographs lent by Herbert Turner.
Boston views, lent by John Williams Robbins.

NOTE.

Owing to the temporary housing of the Music Division in the Exhibition Room during reconstruction, no exhibitions were arranged after September 15th.

SELECTED LIST OF GIFTS AND GIVERS.

- Amherst College, Trustees of, Amherst. The Amherst Memorial Volume. A record of the contribution made by Amherst College and Amherst men in the World War, 1914-18. Edited by Claude M. Fuess. 1926.
- Bradford, Gamaliel, Wellesley Hills. American Victorians. Published as "As God made them," by Gamaliel Bradford. (This is the original manuscript composed on the typewriter at the dates indicated with the several portraits, and corrected in the author's own hand.)
- Browning Society, Boston. Collection of books and pamphlets relating to Browning, a number of which were given by Miss Marie Ada Molineux to the Society. (For the Browning Collection in the Boston Public Library.)
- Burnett, Frances Hodgson, Estate of. (Through Vivian Burnett, Executor). Holograph manuscript of "The White People," by Frances Hodgson Burnett. ("A semi-mystic book, written in the latter part of her life.")
- Clark, William Andrews, Jr., Los Angeles. An essay on criticism, by Alexander Pope. Printed for W. Lewis in Russel-Street, London, 1711. Printed in facsimile for William Andrews Clark, Jr., by John Henry Nash, in the City of San Francisco, 1928.
An essay on criticism, by Alexander Pope. Printed for William Andrews Clark, Jr., by John Henry Nash. San Francisco, 1928. (No. 53 of 250 copies printed for private distribution only.)
- Columbia Phonograph Company, New York. Thirty-five volumes of the "Masterworks" Series of recorded music and other items. One hundred and forty-two phonograph records enclosed in portfolios. (For the Allen A. Brown Collection.)
- Ford, Jeremiah. Framed Charter of Washington Post No. 32, Grand Army of the Republic, in the City of Boston. Signed November 6, 1867.
- Gay, Eben Howard, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts. Department of Decorative Arts of Europe and America: The Chippendale Room from Woodcote Park, Epsom, Surrey, England (circa 1750). By Eben Howard Gay. No. 45 of an edition of 500 copies, printed on Aurelian rag paper. Boston, 1928.

- Goodspeed's Book Shop. Manuscript volume of eleven sermons preached by Rev. Horace Holley, one-time pastor of the Hollis Street Church, member of the Boston School Board and overseer of Harvard University.
- Great Britain. Commissioner of Patents. Specifications of inventions. 211 volumes.
- Johnson, George B. Modern merchandising. A series of texts prepared as part of the Modern Merchandising Course and Service, by the Alexander Hamilton Institute, consisting of ten volumes, also reading guides, lectures, and problems designed to accompany the text of the volumes. New York, 1927.
- Markle, John, New York City. John Markle. Representative American. Edited by Robert J. Spence. New York, 1929. In full morocco, tooled. Bound by Stikeman. (No. 82 of an edition of 300 copies on Whitchurch hand-made paper.)
- Monks, Dr. George H. Eighty-nine volumes comprising French and German publications and works on drawing and sculpture, including Musée de sculpture, antique et moderne du Louvre. Text et planches. 12 volumes, 1826-1853; Storia della Scultura, 9 volumes, Prato, 1823-1284; Buonaventura Genelli's umrisse Dante's Göttlicher Komödie, Leipzig, 1867 and Die Renaissance im Kunstgewerbe. Sammlung des XVI. und XVII. Jahrhunderts. Redigiert von Max Bach. Stuttgart, 1884.
- O'Connell, Miss Joanna Rahilly. A roster of the entire 791 members, nearly all Charlestown men of whom only fifteen are now living, of Abraham Lincoln Post No. 11, Grand Army of the Republic. (Engrossed and framed for hanging in the Charlestown Branch of the Public Library of the City of Boston.)
- Sargent, Miss Emily and Mrs. Francis Ormond, Chelsea, England. Ten framed studies by John S. Sargent for the decorations in Sargent Hall. (The studies are to be hung in the West Gallery of the Library.)
- Skeel, Mrs. Emily Ellsworth Ford. Mason Locke Weems. His works and ways in three volumes. Edited by Emily Ellsworth Ford Skeel. Volume 1. A bibliography left unfinished by Paul Leicester Ford. No. 123 of 200 copies printed; Volume 2 and 3, Letters, 1784-1825. This is No. 123 of 300 copies printed. New York, 1929.
- Victor Talking Machine Company, Camden, N. J. Seventeen volumes of "The Musical Masterpiece Series of Victor Records." Phonograph records enclosed in portfolios: with other records to the number of one hundred and sixteen in all. (For the Allen A. Brown Collection.)

- Weill, David, Paris, France. Collection David Weill. Tome troisième. Dessins. (Two parts.) Notices par Gabriel Henriot, Paris, 1928. (No. 88 of a small edition printed. Continuing the set.)
- Welch, Mrs. Edward S. and Mrs. Clifford S. Weaver, Cincinnati. The Howard Lineage. The ancestry of Ida Ann Boydston Welch, through her mother, Eoline Frances Howard Boydston. By Gustine Courson Weaver. Cincinnati, 1929.
- Wetherbee, Wilfred A., Assistant Adjutant-General, G.A.R., Department of Massachusetts. Framed Charter of the late John A. Hawes Post 159, Grand Army of the Republic. Located in East Boston Branch Library.

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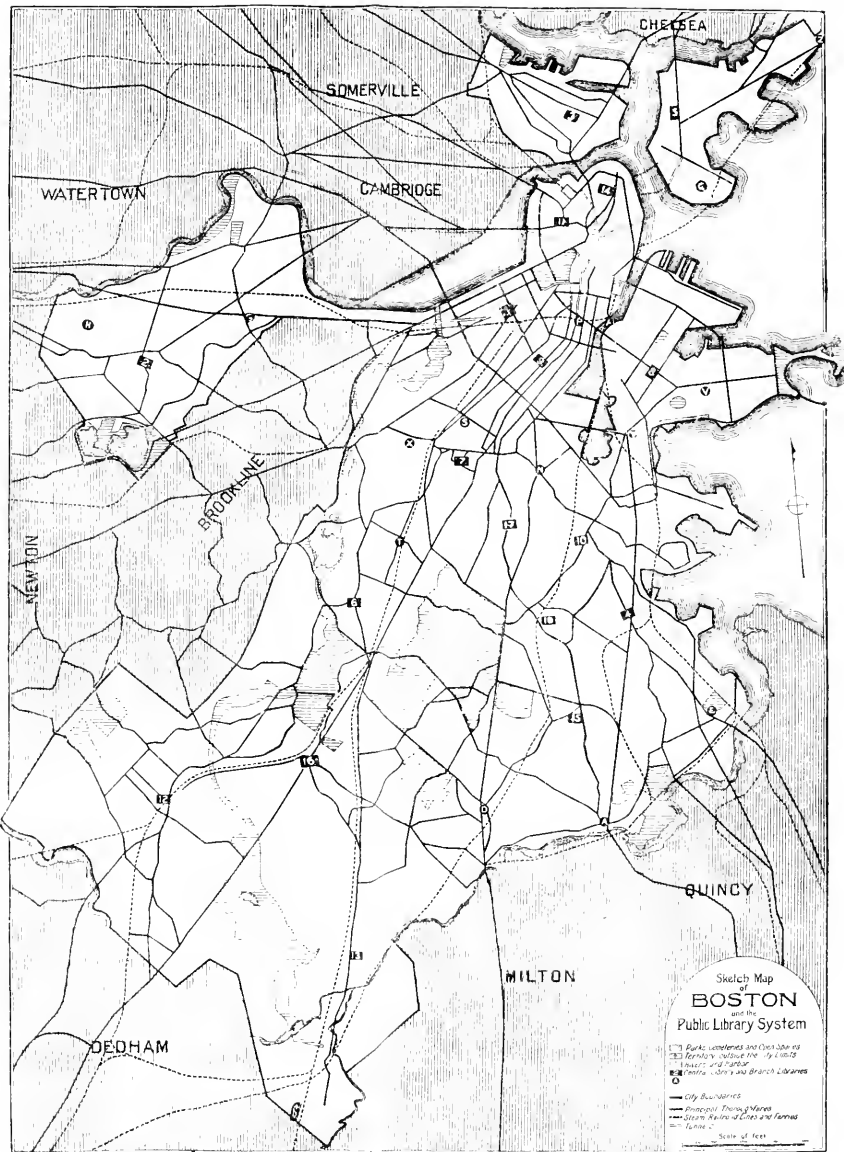
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