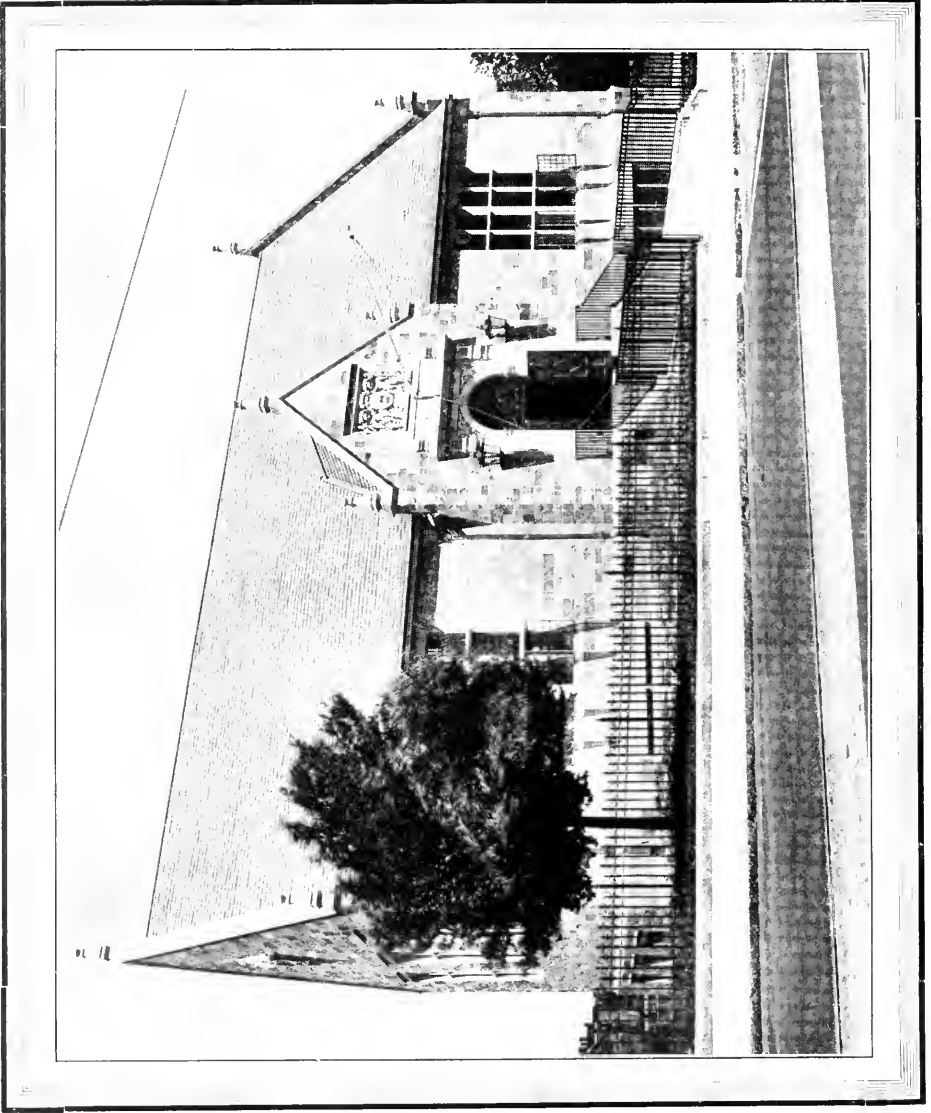


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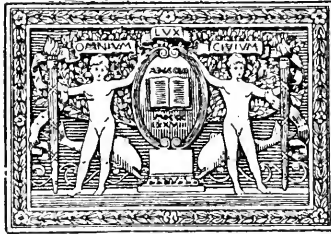
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JOHN L. HALL

Term expires April 30, 1936

CHARLES F. D. BELDEN

(Deceased October 24, 1931)

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. The Board at present, consists 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., 1926-1931.
- 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 FREEMAN, D.D., 1879-88.
- COAKLEY, DANIEL HENRY, 1917-19.
- CONNOLLY, ARTHUR THEODORE, 1916-
- CURRIER, GUY WILBUR, 1922-1930.
- 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.
- HALL, JOHN LOOMER, A.B., LL.B., 1931-
- 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.
 SEDGWICK, ELLERY, A.B., LITT.D., 1930-
 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, June 21, 1929 to June 20, 1930; FRANK W. BUXTON, June 20, 1930 to May 15, 1931; LOUIS E. KIRSTEIN since May 15, 1931.

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 3, 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., LITT.D., *Director*, March 15, 1917 - October 24, 1931.

LIBRARY SYSTEM, JANUARY 1, 1931.

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, 8-10 Hazleton St.	*Dec. 27, 1881
†North End Branch, 3a North Bennet St.	*Oct., 1882
§Neponset Branch, 362 Neponset Ave.	*Jan. 1, 1883
§Mt. Bowdoin Branch, 275 Washington St.	*Nov. 1, 1886
§Allston Branch, 161 Harvard 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, 160 Lamartine St.	*Nov. 1, 1897
§Orient Heights Branch, 5 Butler St.	*June 25, 1901
†City Point Branch, Municipal Bldg., Broadway	*July 18, 1906
†Parker Hill Branch, 1497 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, 394 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
†Kirstein Memorial Library: Business Branch first and second floors;	
Kirstein Branch third floor, 20 City Hall Ave.	May 7, 1930
§Phillips Brooks Branch, 12 Hamilton St. Readville	May 18, 1931

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

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TO HIS HONOR JAMES M. CURLEY,
Mayor of the City of Boston.

Sir:

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, 1931, being the eightieth annual report.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD.

The Corporation organized at the annual meeting on May 15, 1931 with the election of Mr. Louis E. Kirstein as President, Mr. Ellery Sedgwick as Vice President, and Miss Della Jean Deery as Clerk.

The term of Mr. Gordon Abbott who had served as a Trustee since 1926, expired on April 30. Mr. Abbott was deeply interested in the Library and gave to it much time, and service of the highest order. Mr. John L. Hall was appointed to succeed him for a term of five years from May 1, 1931.

The Library suffered a severe loss on October 24 in the death of its Director, Mr. Charles F. D. Belden. At a meeting of the Trustees on December 4, the following Resolution was adopted and ordered spread upon the permanent records of the Corporation:

It was given to Charles F. D. Belden to direct the Public Library of the City of Boston for fourteen years. Wisely and well he used the opportunity. Assuming office with a definite and proper conception of an institution whose privilege it is to bring knowledge and pleasure, recreation and stimulus to a great and expanding community, he was fortunate enough to watch the steady fulfilment of his hopes. Always in sympathy with scholarship, he systematically increased the treasures of the Library, and expanded the facilities for their use, but never lost sight of his fundamental purpose of providing for all the people the means of self-enlightenment

and of enlarging self-respect. Nor did he take the narrow view of a professional educator, but understood that the needs of a community are infinite, that people require entertainment and distraction as well as information and knowledge. He realized that as it is the privilege of the people to go to the Library, so it is the duty of the Library to go to the people, and the inauguration of a policy of persistent building and maintaining in high efficiency branch libraries throughout the city met with his energetic support. We are grateful for the length of his service. We are proud of the loyalty which he inspired throughout the great body of Library employees, and we recall with satisfaction how far beyond the limits of his city he was able to extend the influence of his principles, and the contagion of his enthusiasm. Charles Belden was an ornament to his profession, and a faithful steward of his trust. We, the Trustees, who have watched the culmination of the work to which he gave his life, are willing witnesses to his happy and successful career, and desire to spread upon the permanent record of our Library's history this appreciation of a firm friend, a good citizen, and a great Librarian.

On November 24 Mr. Milton Edward Lord was informally appointed Director to succeed Mr. Belden. This appointment was confirmed at the meeting of the Trustees on December 4. Mr. Lord is to assume office on February 1, 1932.

In February, by Chapter 50 of the Acts of 1931, the Corporation was authorized under its charter to take and to hold real and personal property to an amount of twenty million dollars, this being an amendment of Chapter 114 of the Acts of 1878 which authorized the holding of one million dollars and of a Special Act of 1919 authorizing the holding of ten millions.

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 1931 these receipts were:

Annual Appropriation	\$1,262,504.00
Special appropriations: Library Building; Fireproofing; Foundations; and Branch Libraries, Establishment of	480,750.42
Income from Trust Funds	26,807.00
Unexpended balance of Trust Funds income of previous years	43,052.38
	<u>\$1,813,113.80</u>

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	\$23,153.36
From sales of waste paper	141.88
From sales of catalogues, etc.	97.56
From commission on telephone stations	529.01
From payments for lost books	1,413.01
Interest on bank deposits	25.97
Refund	7.95
Total	\$25,368.74

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

The number of volumes added to the Library during the year was 131,454, obtained chiefly by purchase, but in some part by gift and exchange. The total number of volumes in the Library at the close of the year was 1,572,802.

The total amount expended for books, periodicals, newspapers, photographs, and other library material from the city appropriation and from the trust funds income was \$211,103.

The home use of books for the year was 4,702,932. The use of material within the Library buildings for reference and study is unrestricted, and it is therefore impracticable to record it. In addition to the above use of the Central Library and the 34 branch libraries, there were sent deposits of books to 303 agencies, including engine houses, institutions and schools.

A comparison of certain statistics with those of last year shows an interesting increase in the work of the Library:

	1930	1931
Total expenditure: city appropriation and trust funds income	\$1,168,855	\$1,267,221
Expended for books and other library material from city appropriation and trust funds income	\$181,588	\$211,103
Number of volumes added	118,527	131,454
Total volumes in the Library (on shelves)	1,526,951	1,572,802
Circulation	4,133,459	4,702,932
Card holders	160,201	171,176

ESTIMATES FOR 1932.

The estimates submitted on November 1 for the maintenance of the Library for the year ending December 31, 1932 were

later amended and reduced as requested on January 16, 1932. These estimates were as follows:

Item	Original estimate	Amended estimate
A.— Personal service	\$917,219	\$866,124
B.— Service other than personal	113,900	89,103
C.— Equipment	214,566	195,975
D.— Supplies	41,280	39,340
E.— Materials	24,035	20,000
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	\$1,311,000	\$1,210,542

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS

The first two buildings erected under Your Honor's building program for branch libraries adopted in 1930 were completed and opened to the public: the Parker Hill Branch on May 22 and the Mattapan Branch on June 22.

Under a special appropriation of \$200,000 approved on March 3, 1931, continuing this program, new buildings are now being erected in the Faneuil district of Brighton, Kilham, Hopkins & Greeley, Architects; in the Boylston district of Jamaica Plain, Maginnis & Walsh, Architects; and in the Jeffries Point district of East Boston, Thomas Williams, Architect. It is expected that these buildings will be completed early in the spring of 1932.

The Phillips Brooks Branch of the Library at Readville which was closed on December 31, 1924, was reopened for public use on May 18.

Under a special appropriation of \$85,000 the platforms of the Central Library building on Dartmouth and Boylston Streets, and the supporting arches of the same, were reconstructed during the summer months.

During the summer months, also, the Bates Hall Reading Room was cleaned and redecorated, the marble floors repaired, and certain new furniture installed.

GIFTS.

During the year the Library received a bequest of \$1000 under the will of the late Helen Lambert of Boston, which was funded

in accordance with the terms of the same as a memorial to her parents, Frederic and Louise Lambert; from Mrs. Benjamin A. Kaiser, a marble replica of the statue "The Youth of Michelangelo" by Emilio Zocchi, which has been placed in the new Mattapan Branch Library; and from Miss Emily Sargent and Mrs. Francis Ormond, sisters of the late John Singer Sargent, an original sketch by Mr. Sargent of a study for the unfinished central panel of his mural painting in the Library, portraying the "Sermon on the Mount."

On March 3, there was unveiled and formally presented to the Library a memorial tablet to Charles Follen McKim, Architect, the gift of the Boston Society of the American Institute of Architects. This tablet is on the wall of the Central Library building at the foot of the stairs leading to the Sargent Gallery.

The Library received during the year, many important gifts of books and other library material, a list of the principal ones being included in the report of the Director.

The Trustees are again indebted to the many friends of the Library who have contributed so generously to the lecture and concert programs. These entertainments are now an interesting and important feature of the Library's service to the public, and those persons who co-operated so generously are public benefactors to that extent.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The Trustees gratefully acknowledge the assistance given by the Examining Committee of this year. It was constituted as follows:

Mr. J. A. Lowell Blake	Mr. George R. Nutter
Mr. Arthur H. Cole	Hon. James P. Parmenter
Mrs. Frank D. Comerford	Mr. Charles O. Pengra
Mr. Allen Curtis	Mrs. Elizabeth W. Perkins
Mr. Charles P. Curtis, Jr.	Mrs. Edward M. Pickman
Mr. Frederic H. Curtiss	Mr. Robert Proctor
Mr. Carl Dreyfus	Dr. David D. Scannell
Miss Susan J. Ginn	Mrs. Arthur Shurcliff
Mr. Henry Lewis Johnson	Rev. William M. Stinson, S.J.

Rev. Harry Levi	Mr. Charles H. Thurber
Mr. Melville D. Liming	Mrs. Fiske Warren
Mrs. Edward L. Logan	Mrs. Frederick Winslow
Mrs. Eva Whiting White	

It is gratifying to have the generous and helpful assistance of citizens whenever they are asked to render service. Special attention is called to the constructive report of the Committee appended to this report.

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.

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.

TRUST FUNDS.

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

Charles H. L. N. Bernard Fund — Bequest of CHARLES H. L. N. BERNARD. Received in 1930.

Deposited in Hibernia Savings Bank . . . \$2,000.00

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 purpose of the purchase of books for said library.” Received in 1903.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Four and one quarter</i>	
per cent Bonds	\$11,000.00
City of Boston Four per cent Bonds	\$83,000.00
City of Boston Three and three quarters per cent Bonds	\$6,000.00
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	\$100,000.00

Bowditch Fund — Bequest of J. INGERSOLL BOWDITCH. Received in 1890.

The whole income in each and every year to be expended in the purchase of books of permanent value and authority in mathematics and astronomy.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Four and one-quarter</i>	
per cent Bond	\$10,000.00

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

<i>Invested in City of Boston Three and one-half per</i>	
cent Bond	\$1,000.00

Joseph H. Center Fund — Bequest of JOSEPH H. CENTER, the income thereof to be at all times applied to the purchase of books and other additions to the library. Received in 1905.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bonds</i>	\$1,600.00
City of Boston Three and one-half per cent Bonds	32,300.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Three and one-half per cent Bond	6,000.00
Cash in City Treasury, December 31, 1931.	8.89

\$39,908.89

Children's Fund — Bequest of JOSIAH H. BENTON of \$100,000, to be held as “The Children's Fund,” and the income applied to the purchase of books for the use of the young, to be applied for those purposes only in years when the city appropriates for the maintenance of the Library at least three per cent of the amount available for department expenses from taxes and income in said city. In any year when the city does not thus appropriate at least three per cent of the amount available for department expenses from taxes and income in said City, the income given in said will for the purchase of books shall be paid to the Rector of Trinity Church in the City of Boston

to be by him dispensed in relieving the necessities of the poor.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Four and one-quarter per cent Bond</i>	\$15,000.00
City of Boston Four per cent Bond	36,000.00
City of Boston Three and three-quarters per cent Bond	6,000.00
City of Boston Three and one-half per cent Bond	20,000.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Three and one-half per cent Bond	6,000.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Four per cent half per cent Bond	20,000.00
Cash in City Treasury, December 31, 1931	117.74
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	\$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.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Three and one-half per cent Bond</i>	\$2,000.00
<i>Deposited in Hibernia Savings Bank</i>	800.00
Cash in City Treasury, December 31, 1931	54.41
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	\$2,854.41

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

<i>Invested in City of Boston Three and one half per cent Bond</i>	\$4,000.00
City of Boston Four and one half per cent Bond	100.00
<i>Deposited in Hibernia Savings Bank</i>	170.00
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	\$4270.00

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

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

beth 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 Four 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 \$500.00

City of Boston Three and three-quarter per cent
Bond 1000.00

Deposited in Hibernia Savings Bank 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.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Four and one-quarter</i>			
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.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond . . .</i>			\$1,000.00
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Alfred Hemenway Fund — Bequest of Alfred Hemenway. Received in 1928.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bonds. . .</i>			\$5,000.00
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Hyde Fund — Bequest of FRANKLIN P. HYDE of Boston, to be known as the "Franklin P. Hyde Fund," the income to be applied to the purchase of books and other library material. Received in 1915.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bonds . . .</i>			\$3,600.00
Cash in City Treasury, December 31, 1931			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.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Three and three-quarters</i>			
per cent Bond			\$1,000.00
City of Boston Four per cent Bonds			6,000.00
City of Boston Four and one-quarter per cent Bond			3,000.00
			\$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
<i>Deposited in Hibernia Savings Bank</i>			\$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 Boston Public Library the sum of \$5,000 as a fund, the income of which is to be used for the purchase of such old and rare books as shall be fitly selected to augment the collection known as the John A. Lewis Library." Received in 1903.

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

Charles Greely Loring Memorial Fund — Donation from the family of CHARLES GREELY LORING, the income of which is to be expended for the purchase of books for the West End Branch. Received in 1896.

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

Helen Lambert Fund — Bequest of Helen Lambert of Boston in memory of Frederic and Louise Lambert. Received in 1931. The income of this fund to be expended for the purchase of books and other library material until otherwise ordered by the Board.

Deposited in Hibernia Savings Bank \$1,051.00

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.

Deposited in Dorchester Savings Bank \$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, 1931 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 and one-quarter 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.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bonds .</i>	\$3,000.00
<i>City of Boston Three and one-half per cent Bond</i>	2,000.00
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	\$5,000.00

Sarah E. Pratt Fund — Bequest from SARAH E. PRATT, late of Boston, under the 14th clause of her will, for the benefit of the Dorchester Branch, \$500.00. Received in January, 1922.

Distribution of residue of estate in May, 1924, \$964.30.

<i>Invested in City of Boston Four per cent Bond .</i>	\$500.00
<i>City of Boston Three and three-quarters per cent Bond</i>	90.00
<i>Deposited in Hibernia Savings Bank</i>	904.18
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	\$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 Hibernia 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 Hibernia 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>	\$34,800.00
<i>City of Boston Four and one-quarter per cent Bond</i>	18,000.00
<i>City of Boston Four and one-half per cent Bonds</i>	6,000.00
<i>City of Boston Three and three-quarters per cent Bonds</i>	3,000.00
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\$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 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 or take the share a parent would have 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 10,450.00
16 shares Worcester Street Railway Company 1,280.00
Cash in City Treasury, December 31, 1931 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.

<i>Deposited in</i> Boston Five Cent Savings Bank	\$10,000.00
“ “ Dorchester Savings Bank	5,000.00
“ “ Suffolk Savings Bank	10,000.00
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	\$25,000.00

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

ceived 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 Four per cent Bond \$4,000.00

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

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

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

City of Boston Four per cent Bonds 9,850.00

Cash in City Treasury, December 31, 1931 37.69

\$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
City of Boston Four per cent Bonds	9,400.00
<i>Deposited in Hibernia Savings Bank</i>	600.00
Cash in City Treasury, December 31, 1931	31.77
	\$10,131.77

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

<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 Bonds	\$1,000.00
City of Boston Four per cent Bonds	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	2,500.00
City of Boston Four per cent Bonds	12,050.00
City of Boston Three and three-quarter per cent Bonds	800.00
<i>Deposited in Hibernia Savings Bank</i>	3,686.89
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	\$20,236.89

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
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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
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<i>Carried forward</i>	\$6,800.00
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<i>Brought forward</i>	\$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
Charles H. L. N. Bernard Fund	2,000.00
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	4,270.00
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
Helen Lambert Fund	1,051.00
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
Gardner O. North Fund	2,000.00
The Oakland Hall Trust Fund	11,781.44
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<i>Carried forward</i>	\$445,918.38

<i>Brought forward</i>	\$445,918.38
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	20,236.89
Mehitable C. C. Wilson Fund	1,000.00
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	\$773,759.29

The Trustees desire to express publicly their high appreciation of the loyal co-operation of the entire staff during the period when the Library was without a Director. Such service contributes largely to the permanent success of the Library.

LOUIS E. KIRSTEIN
 ELLERY SEDGWICK
 FRANK W. BUXTON
 ARTHUR T. CONNOLLY
 JOHN L. HALL

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)	\$653,994.84	
Temporary employees	121,336.67	
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Service other than personal		
Printing and binding	67.75	
Advertising	33.25	
Transportation of persons	1,899.13	
Cartage and freight	8,080.36	
Light and power	21,231.25	
Rent, taxes and water	22,805.61	
Surety bond and insurance	12.50	
Communication	3,697.63	
Cleaning	1,681.08	
Removal of ashes	21.20	
Removal of snow	240.55	
Medical	4.50	
Expert	5,571.22	
Fees	77.00	
Photographic and blueprinting	625.14	
General plant repairs	48,842.97	
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To expenditure for equipment

Machinery		1,239.96
Motorless vehicles		106.50
Furniture and fittings		5,631.91
Office		2,114.92
Books:		
City appropriation	176,848.33	
Trust fund income (including transfer to London account)	19,985.03	196,833.36
Newspapers:		
City appropriation	1,598.99	
Trust funds income	2,182.78	3,781.77
Music:		
City appropriation	886.73	
Trust funds income	1,155.23	2,041.96
Lantern slides:		
City appropriation	57.00	
Trust funds income	9.50	66.50
Periodicals (city)		14,790.73
Photographs:		
City appropriation	58.83	
Trust funds income	927.01	985.84
Tools and instruments		1,149.73
General plant equipment		1,715.08
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		230,458.26
<i>Carried forward</i>		\$1,120,680.91

EXPENSES, DECEMBER 31, 1931

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By CITY APPROPRIATION 1931	\$1,262,504.00
Income from Trust funds	26,807.00
Income from James L. Whitney Bibliographic account	700.00
Interest on deposit in London	74.39
Transfer from Domestic Funds to London account	9,000.00
Special appropriation, Foundation, improvements, etc.	85,000.00
Special appropriation, Branch Libraries, Establishment of	268,000.00
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	\$1,652,085.39

Carried forward

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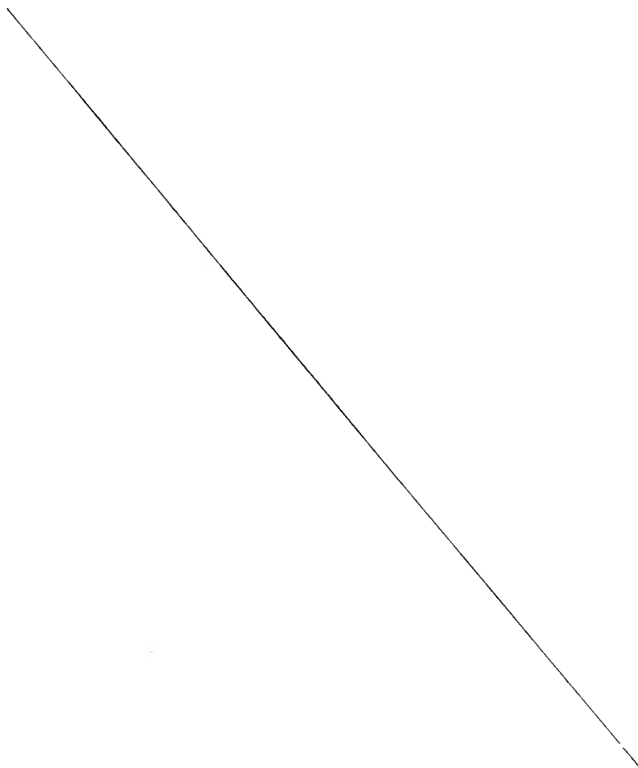
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<i>Brought forward</i>		\$1,120,680.91
To expenditures for supplies		
Office	9,839.47	
Food and ice	776.31	
Fuel	23,151.37	
Forage for animals	31.45	
Medical	41.44	
Laundry, cleaning, toilet	2,428.38	
Agricultural	331.75	
Chemicals and disinfectants	161.13	
General plant supplies	2,711.17	
		39,472.47
To expenditures for material		
Building	6,393.09	
Electrical	4,544.32	
General plant	1,630.30	
		12,567.71
To Special items		
J. L. Whitney Bibliographic Account	1,480.18	
A. L. Whitney — sick benefit	100.00	
		1,580.18
To BINDING DEPARTMENT:		
Salaries	63,268.68	
Light	67.86	
Repairs	446.36	
Equipment	4,599.88	
Supplies	26.45	
Material	6.28	
Stock	5,941.91	
Outside work	16.40	
		74,373.82
To PRINTING DEPARTMENT:		
Salaries	14,386.98	
Transportation of persons	2.40	
Light	45.24	
Communication	3.03	
Repairs	404.95	
Equipment	237.50	
Supplies	41.56	
Material	2.25	
Stock	4,592.13	
Outside work	310.54	
		20,026.58
<i>Carried forward</i>		\$1,268,701.67

EXPENSES, DECEMBER 31, 1931

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<i>Brought forward</i>		\$1,652,085.39
BY BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 1930:		
Trust funds income, City Treasury	39,156.04	
Trust funds income on deposit in London	3,896.34	
City appropriation on deposit in London	2,647.49	
James L. Whitney Bibliographic account	9,058.33	
Special appropriation, Fireproofing, improvements, etc	26,786.15	
Special appropriation, Foundation, improvements, etc.	534.92	
Special appropriation, Branch Libraries, Establishment of	108,429.35	
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<i>Carried forward</i>		<hr/> \$1,842,594.01
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<i>Brought forward</i>		\$1,268,701.67
To SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS:		
Branch Libraries, Establishment of	254,871.40	
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Central Library Building, Fireproofing, improvements, etc.	1,874.05	
Transfer to Branch Libraries, Establishment of	8,000.00	
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Central Library Building, Foundation improvements, etc.	53,049.20	
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To AMOUNT PAID INTO CITY TREASURY:		
Fines	23,153.36	
Sales of catalogues, bulletins	97.56	
Commission on telephone stations	529.01	
Payments for lost books	1,413.01	
Interest on bank deposit	25.97	
Refunds	7.95	
Sales of waste paper	141.88	
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To BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1931:		
Trust funds income on deposit in London	693.97	
City appropriation on deposit in London	3,117.39	
Trust funds income, City Treasury	49,805.86	
James L. Whitney Bibliographic account	8,278.15	
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To BALANCE UNEXPENDED:		
General appropriation	23,246.55	
Central Library Building, Fireproofing, etc.	16,912.10	
Central Library Building, Foundation, etc.	32,485.72	
Branch Libraries, Establishment of	121,557.95	
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		\$1,867,962.75

EXPENSES, DECEMBER 31, 1931

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<i>Brought forward</i>	\$1,842,594.01
BY RECEIPTS:		
From Fines	\$23,153.36
Sales of catalogues, bulletins and lists	97.56
Commission on telephone stations	. . . . .	529.01
Payments for lost books	. . . . .	1,413.01
Interest on bank deposit	. . . . .	25.97
Refunds	. . . . .	7.95
Sales of waste paper	. . . . .	141.88
		<u>25,368.74</u>

\$1,867,962.75

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE

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

Gentlemen:

The Examining Committee respectfully submits its report for the year 1931. The twenty-six members appointed by you have been divided into six sub-committees, each of which has performed the work assigned to it in examining the various departments of the Main Library, and of visiting and reporting on the condition of all the Branch Libraries.

From the various reports of these sub-committees, which reports will be filed with you for specific data, this general report has been compiled.

I. It is a pleasure to record the notable and splendid improvements made during the past year. The Bates Hall Reading Room at the Central Library has been cleaned and redecorated; new furniture has been added, and the floors repaired. The platform at the Central Library and the supporting arches have been reconstructed. The first branch library buildings, erected under the Mayor's Building Program, have been opened: the Parker Hill Branch on May twenty-second, and the Mattapan Branch on June twenty-second.

II. The making of two surveys is recommended: First, a study of the annoying problem of stolen books; Second, of the grading of the positions and salaries of the library staff.

III. We recommend that the following repairs and alterations be made as soon as financial conditions permit:

The basement storerooms should be furnished with steel shelving and be further extended towards Exeter Street under

the platform on the Boylston Street side. The improvements now in progress in the lighting system in the Annex should be continued. The need of a mezzanine floor on the east side of the Branch Libraries Department urged in previous reports of the Examining Committee, is again called to the attention of the Trustees. The lighting of the Abbey and Sargent paintings should be improved. We renew the recommendation made last year that the Children's and Teachers' Department be removed to the rooms now occupied by the Catalogue and Order Departments; that these two departments be transferred to the space occupied by the Printing and Binding Department, which might find quarters outside the building or on a new floor to be added to the Annex. Both the Cataloging and Order Departments are seriously handicapped by the lack of proper facilities, and yet the efficiency of any large library is largely dependent on the proper functioning of these two most important sections. Present conditions really present an acute problem to which the Trustees may well give serious consideration.

IV. The Committee wishes to place before the Trustees the question of the proper position of the Boston Public Library as a research institution. A movement is on foot among the libraries of Boston and Cambridge for a greater degree of collaboration in this field than has hitherto obtained.

The purpose of this movement is to secure by joint effort a better aggregate result in facilities available to advanced investigators than would be possible by unorganized endeavor. The Boston Public Library is richly supplied with collections and material for advanced study, and this committee feels that the Trustees should decide what stand the Library should take in this important matter. Under this heading the committee wishes to record its high approval of the series of the articles appearing in the monthly publication, *MORE BOOKS* on the incunabula in the possession of the library. It is to be hoped that the splendid series will be continued and later brought out as a separate publication.

V. It is desirable that a survey be made of the material in the Teachers' Room. It has been brought to the attention of the

committee that this highly important room in the Central Library might increase its usefulness if the volumes reserved there were improved in quantity and quality. Possibly the text books of the Boston Schools could be transferred to shelves in the nearest stack, and the space thus secured be utilized in the broadening of the reference library maintained in the Teachers' Room.

VI. The work done in the Printing and Binding Departments is notably creditable. This year's record shows an increased output for the binding, and the inspection of the work in hand gives an impression of workmanship and materials such as best meet the exacting requirements of library service. The committee approves the suggestion of the head of the department that a method of more expeditious stamping of titles on covers be installed in place of the hand operation now in use. In the Barton-Ticknor Room the bindings of many volumes are drying and cracking because of the close proximity to the steam pipes. These pipes should be covered with asbestos. The sad condition of many of these books might be obviated or at least partially helped by the installation of humidifiers at a small cost. The leather bound volumes in this room should be treated with an oil dressing to counteract the effect of the heat. A simple rubbing with Russian oil, or even with vaseline or saddle soap would show a noticeable improvement in the appearance of these books. The more valuable volumes should be placed without delay in the hands of an expert binder for treatment. This, in the mind of the committee is simple economy.

The heating conditions of this beautiful room call for attention. The complaint is made that there is a constant current of cold air coming from the rotunda at the west end of the gallery. This difficulty might be overcome if swinging doors were placed at the end of the gallery opening into the rotunda. Before going to the expense of installing swinging doors it might be well to try a curtain in this opening to see if any result was appreciable.

VII. Some one should read over the terms of gift of all funds which the library has received, and should make excerpts of the important clauses of the original documents and these excerpts should be copied on cards to form a card catalogue. It may be

found that some of these funds which are not particularly needed for the primary purpose stated in the deed of gift, may be available, within the discretion of the Trustees, for some other and more necessary purpose.

VIII. The one recommendation concerning the Statistical Department is that a more suitable entrance be provided. The present entrance, through the door leading directly to the men's toilet room, is most undesirable, to say the least. The suggestion is made that a direct approach to the Statistical Room might be gained by using the top of the North Terrace as an approach and by the breaking in of a door through the wall at the west end of this terrace. This of course is merely a suggestion offered in deference to an architect's approval. But something should be done to remedy the entirely undesirable condition at present existing.

IX. Attention is again emphatically called to the need of improvement in the Fine Arts and Technical Rooms. The present conditions in these rooms are far below the standard that ought to characterize the Boston Public Library. The cumbrous wooden cases and shelving not only increase the fire risk but lessen to a notable extent the space available for readers and make access to many of the volumes extremely difficult. These rooms ought to be refinished to harmonize with the work already done in the Barton-Ticknor and Music sections.

X. The reports of the visits to the Branch Libraries have been made in such a splendid and satisfactory way and with such manifest interest that this committee thinks it best to offer them to the Board of Trustees just as they were submitted and to respectfully ask that the Trustees give to the reading of these reports the same whole hearted attention and interest as were manifested by those who took so much time and trouble in compiling them. From these various reports, this committee wishes to emphasize two facts alone: First, the urgent need of considering the situation of the South Boston and City Point Branches; Second, the present condition of the Neponset Branch.

XI. In submitting this report the committee respectfully offers the following suggestions for future Examining Committees:

That the Examining Committee be appointed much earlier in the year, so that the work may be done during the fall months.

That a fixed date be made for the reports and that this date be not later than December first.

That a circular of instructions be given to the Examining Committee, so that the members may understand what is expected of them.

That each Branch Library be visited by two, instead of five, members of the Committee. This would reduce the number of libraries to be visited by each committee to two or three instead of six or seven as at present.

That the work of the various sub-committees be more clearly defined. Under the present division the work of some of these committees seems to overlap, e.g. Administration and Finance with that of Buildings and Equipment, which latter in turn overlaps with that of Special Libraries.

It appears to the Committee that the present method of paying the employees of the Library is decidedly wasteful of their time. If the Trustees shall agree with this and find that another method would be at once practical and meet the wishes of the employees, we in that case suggest that the matter be taken up with the proper authorities.

Adopted as the Report of the Examining Committee, March 15, 1932.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

I submit a report of the work of the Library for the year ending December 31, 1931, compiled from the reports of the chiefs of the various departments.

ACCESSIONS AND GIFTS

The total number of volumes accessioned in the library system in 1931 was 131,454, acquired as follows: 119,515 by purchase; 2,044 by binding of periodicals; 1,524 by binding of serials; 268 by binding of newspapers; 8,032 by gift; and 71 by exchange. Material other than books — lantern slides, photographs, prints, phonograph records, maps, etc., — amounted to 21,902 pieces, of which 3,181 were by purchase and 18,721 by gift. The total of volumes and pieces accessioned was 153,356.

Of the 131,454 volumes accessioned, 27,199 were placed in the Central Library, 1,749 in the Business Branch, and 102,506 in the branch libraries in which, throughout this report, the Branch Deposit Collection is included.

The total amount expended was \$211,103.24 of which \$190,556.01 was taken from city appropriation and \$20,547.23 from trust funds income. Of the 128,925 items paid for, 124,024 were paid for from the city appropriation and 4,901 from trust funds income. The total number of items acquired by purchase, and of purchases accessioned differ because subscriptions to periodicals, newspapers, and serials in unbound parts are counted as items of purchase, but the material received on these subscriptions is not entered as an accession until it is bound.

Of the \$190,556.01 expended from the city appropriation \$145,695.17 was for the branch libraries and \$44,860.84 for the Central Library. Of the \$44,860.84 expended from the

city appropriation for the Central Library \$9,638.48 was for the Business Branch. Of the \$20,547.23 expended from trust funds income \$1,602.43 was for the branch libraries and \$18,944.80 for the Central Library.

In spite of the expenditure for books of a sum much greater than that originally anticipated, the demand and need was by no means satisfied. As always a very large part of the branch demands for all classes of material could not be satisfied. Many more copies of popular titles and many other titles, both separate and serials, particularly foreign material, could profitably have been bought for Central if the appropriation had allowed.

The income of trust funds is our dependence for the purchase of rare and unusual books to augment our scholarly collections. We are constantly being approached with offers of desirable rarities that we cannot buy through lack of such funds, and we are for the most part excluded from participation in the bidding at important auction sales. The purchase in 1929 of the Trent-Defoe Collection for \$35,000.00 and, in 1930, of the Paul Sabatier Franciscan Collection for \$3,434.82 so reduced our reserve of trust funds income that no extensive purchases could be made in 1931.

The average cost per volume of all books bought with city appropriation in 1931 was \$1.48; in 1930, \$1.53; in 1929, \$1.51; in 1928, \$1.56. The average cost per volume of all adult English fiction was \$1.38 in 1931; \$1.46 in 1930; and \$1.47 in 1929.

Below appears a small, representative selection of outstanding purchases, all made from the income of trust funds upon which we are wholly dependent for material of this sort:

- British Museum, London. General Catalogue of printed books. London. 1931. Vols. 1 and 2, A–Ale. (The entire set, about 160 vols., is to appear at the rate of about 20 a year.)
- Cervantes Saavedra, Miguel de. *Don Quixote de la Mancha*. Motteux translation, revised anew (1743) and corrected . . . by J. Ozell, who likewise added the explanatory notes . . . Reprinted with twenty-one illustrations by E. McKnight Kauffer. New York. 1930. 2 vols.
- Cotton, Charles. *The planters manual: being instructions for raising, planting, and cultivating all sorts of fruit-trees, whether stone-fruits*

- or pepin-fruits, with their natures and seasons . . . Engraved frontispiece by Van Hove. London. 1675. From the Library of Beverly Chew, with his bookplate.
- Curtis, Edward S. *The North American Indian*, being a series of volumes picturing and describing the Indians of the United States, the Dominion of Canada, and Alaska . . . New York. 1926, 1930. Vols. 17–20 and portfolios of plates, 17–20. (These volumes complete the set in 20 volumes and 20 portfolios that has been appearing since 1910.)
- Dresser, Henry Eeles. *Eggs of the birds of Europe*, including all the species inhabiting the western Palaearctic Area. London. 1910. 2 vols. Illustrated. Colored plates.
- The Farmers Almanack* (corrected and amended) for the year 1714. By N. W. [Nathaniel Whitemore] a lover of the truth. America. Printed and sold at the bookseller's shops at Boston in New-England. 1714. 8 leaves. A very rare and early issue of a Boston almanac. In remarkably fine condition, uncut, unopened, in half morocco slip case. A woodcut portrait of Queen Anne on the title page.
- The Fleuron*; a journal of typography. London. *The Fleuron*. 1923–28. Vols. 1–6. (These volumes complete the set of the publication, the Library having previously acquired Vol. 7, the final volume issued.)
- Goodspeed, Charles E., editor. Sidney Lawton Smith, designer, etcher, engraver; with extracts from his diary and a check-list of his bookplates. Boston. 1931.
- Haebler, Conrad. *Der deutsche* (2 vols.), *der italienische*, (2 vols.), *der westeuropäische Wiegendruck* (1 vol.) in *Original-Typenbeispielen*. München. 1927–1928.
- Herbert, Henry William (pseud., Frank Forester). *Ingleborough Hall, and Lord of the Manor*. New York. 1847; *Hints to Horsekeepers, etc.* New York. 1859; and fifty-six other volumes by the same author, a part of the library of Harry Worcester Smith, bought to augment the Library's already moderately extensive collection of works by this first noted American writer of sporting literature.
- James, Philip. *Early keyboard instruments from their beginnings to the year 1820*. London. 1930. Illustrated. Portrait. Sixty-five plates. Chart. Music. Table.
- Mather, Cotton. *Right thoughts in sad hours, representing the comforts and the duties of good men under all their afflictions; and particularly that one, the untimely death of children, in a sermon delivered at Charles-town, New England; under a fresh experience of that calamity*. London. 1689.

- Mercator, Geraard. The treatise of Gerard Mercator: *Literarum Latinarum, quas Italicas, cursoriasque vocant, scribendarum ratio* (Antwerp, 1540). Edited in facsimile with an introduction by Jan Denucé, Antwerp, and a note by Stanley Morison, London. Facsimile. Antwerp. 1930. Plates. Diagrams. Printer's device. (Number 4 of an edition of 200 copies.)
- Mujica, Francisco. History of the skyscraper. Paris. 1929. Plates.
- New England Association of America. Clippings, circulars, photographs, announcements, programs, etc., concerning the celebration of the Massachusetts Tercentenary, 1930. Scrapbooks (some indexed.) 25 vols.
- Parker, Theodore. A manuscript, without title, of a History of the Jews. Contains a note in Parker's own hand, "I wrote this Mss. at Watertown in May and June 1832 after the school hours. It was written with the intention of supplying a want which I felt as a teacher. But I found no publisher willing to undertake it." Signed and dated, Watertown, 1832.
- Photographs. Three hundred airplane views of estates, gardens, and parks selected as examples of landscape architecture for the Henry Sargent Codman Memorial Collection.
- Poley, Arthur F. E. St. Paul's Cathedral, London. Measured, drawn and described by Arthur F. E. Poley. London. 1927. 32 plates. Vignettes. Autograph facsimile.
- Rolland, H. W. *Armoires des familles contenues dans l'Armorial général de J. B. Rietstap*. Paris. 1903-26. 6 vols. Coats of arms. Engraved title-page.
- Wigglesworth, Michael. *Meat out of the eater: or meditations concerning the necessity, end, and usefulness of afflictions unto God's children, all tending to prepare them for, and comfort them under the cross*. 5th edition. Boston. 1717.

A bequest of \$1,000 from the late Helen Lambert of Boston was received and funded as "The Helen Lambert Fund in memory of Frederic and Louise Lambert." The income is to be used for the purchase of books and other library material until otherwise ordered by the Board of Trustees.

In contrast with the year of 1930, 1931 was not a year of large gifts of material, but 8,032 volumes and 19,721 miscellaneous items were received and used. A list of the more important items may be found on page 67 of the appendix.

Accessioning the Sabatier collection and the miscellaneous section of Professor Trent's library was completed. Considerable time was devoted to handling gift material.

CATALOGUE AND SHELF DEPARTMENT

During 1931 the number of volumes and parts of volumes catalogued was 137,292, covering 108,106 titles. Of these, 48,961 volumes (29,723 titles) were taken care of in the Catalogue Department and 88,331 volumes (78,383 titles) were assigned to the branch libraries and catalogued in the Central Branch Department.

Of the books catalogued in the Catalogue Department 28,764 volumes and parts (22,640 titles) were new to the Central Library; the number of serials added was 7,361; and 12,836 volumes and parts (7,083 titles) were recatalogued — thus making the total quoted above.

The number of printed cards added to the catalogue of Central Library alone was 74,224, distributed as follows: 27,778 were filed in the Bates Hall catalogue, 30,831 in the official catalogue, and 15,615 in the Special Libraries Department. In addition, 26,268 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 was thus 100,492.

In order to hasten the appearance of new books in the catalogues 23,177 temporary cards have been typed and filed, later to be replaced by printed cards. As a result of this practice titles of recent acquisitions have been filed 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 BOOK.*, 10,904 cards have been typed. Beginning with November, titles of new books have been sent to a Boston newspaper requesting them for its Sunday edition. To replace old cards 3,290 other cards were typed. Changes were made and new editions were indicated on 55,725 cards, a larger number than has ever been done before.

In addition to the above 75,756 printed cards and 11,395 typed cards were added in the branch catalogue.

The number of requests for photostats of books, plates, maps and manuscripts was about the same as last year.

In addition to the routine work of the Shelf division the miscellaneous section of the Trent Collection has been classed, a classification schedule for the Lewisohn Collection has been completed and the cataloguing of the Collection begun. A classification schedule for the Sabatier Collection has been prepared and the cataloguing begun.

Three shelf lists have been retyped and revised, while a fourth is nearly completed. The invoice sheets of books sent on deposit to the Harvard Business School Library have been indexed in order to save time in looking up items which are questioned.

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

On January 1, 1931 there were 160,201 "live" cards, *i.e.*, cards available for present use. Through the Central Library and its 34 branches, there have been added 34,717 new registrations and 53,254 renewals, making a total of 87,971 cards added during the year. With the 83,205 cards added during 1930 we have a total of 171,176 "live" cards on December 31, 1931; a gain of 10,975 over last year.

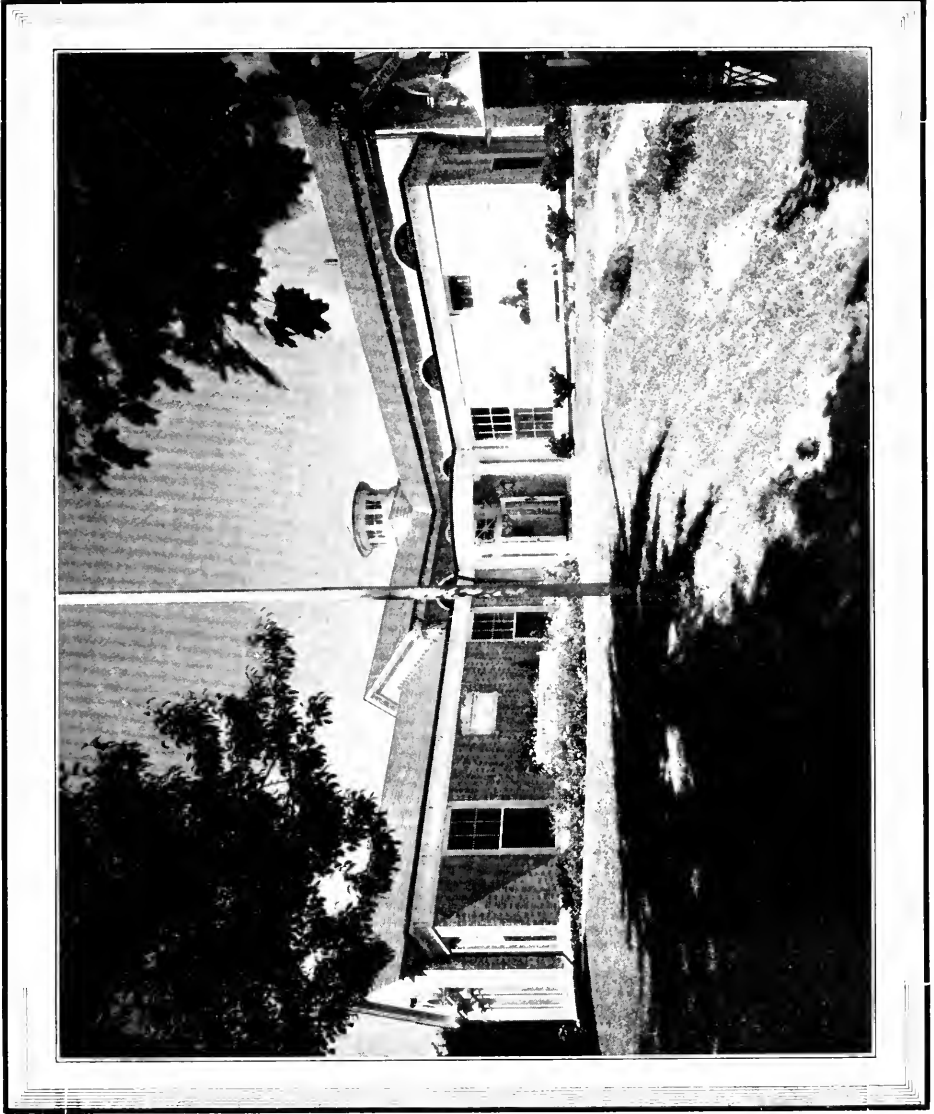
During the past year 1,591 teacher's cards have been renewed and 341 new cards issued, making a total of 1,932 teacher's cards now in use.

Special privilege cards, issued by the Trustees, have been granted to 86 new applicants, and 412 renewed, making a total of 498 special privilege cards available for use.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

The number of books issued during the year for home use from the Central Library direct to readers was 350,675, an increase of 16,355 over last year.

In addition to these, 87,529 volumes from the Central Library were lent to the various branch libraries for issue to readers by them. These are accounted for also in the report of the branches.



NEW BUILDING OF THE MATTAPAN BRANCH

Opened June 22, 1931

Общество Імисъ 1831
КЕЖЕ ВОПЪДИС ОЕ ЛНЕ ИТЪЛУЪУИ ВЪУЪСЪИ

ИЗДАНИЕ ПЕРВОЕ. С. ПЕТЕРБУРГЪ. ВЪ ПЕЧАТНІИ ИМПЕРАТОРСКОГО УЧЕБНАГО ЗАВѢДѢНІЯ. 1831.

The average daily circulation not including the books which went through the branches was 985. The largest circulation on a single day, February 27, was 1,849. The number of works of fiction circulating was 153,168. Between June 1st and October 1st, for summer reading, 966 books were issued for an extended period.

A large amount of miscellaneous work has been done by assistants in the stacks. In all, 69,618 books were relabelled, 1,942 volumes were repaired, 2,596 book covers were shel-lacked, 984 Central and 8,440 Deposit books were collated.

To secure the return of books which were over-detained, 40,056 mail notices and 4,096 messenger notices were sent out. The fines collected for these delays amounted to \$4,895.99. For 111 lost and 29 damaged books \$255.43 were paid to the Library.

This department handles also the articles lost and found in the building; 710 articles were found of which 165 were returned to the owners. Sums of money amounting to \$12.00 found in the Library were likewise returned to the owners.

A special collection was established in the Issue Department of books which were found difficult to keep on the shelves in the stacks. This collection is made up of translations from the classics, text books, books of general interest and other miscellaneous material. It has proved itself a success. Books from it are delivered to the borrowers three or four minutes after the presentation of the request slips.

BATES HALL

During the year 271,301 books were sent from the stacks for use in Bates Hall, a decrease of 3,444 volumes as compared with the previous year. This decrease is easily explainable. It was necessary to close Bates Hall from June to October for purposes of renovation. In the latter part of June the reference collection was moved into the Library's Lecture Hall which was used as a substitute reading room. The reference desk and the public catalogue were moved into the Delivery Room. The attendance

fell off materially. The reference collection was situated too far from the public catalogue and the public refused to be inconvenienced by using the Lecture Hall. This condition continued until late in September when the renovation of Bates Hall was completed. New desks were provided and the Centre Desk was relocated in front of the main entrance to the hall. Another decided improvement was the placing of the pneumatic tubes beside the indicator at the Centre Desk. This lessened considerably the time required to obtain books from the stacks. A separate desk was provided for the officer in charge of the Centre Desk and the administration of the hall. Some changes were made in the location of sections of the reference collection. The maximum attendance for the year was 301 at 5 p.m. on January 25.

The work of the Reference Department did not differ from that of previous years. The usual number of inquiries, both in person and by telephone, were answered, and 490 letters, coming from 41 states and territories and several foreign countries, were answered. The number of books officially missing from the reference shelves was less than in 1930, and 32 books previously reported as missing, were found.

The Division of Genealogy completed its fifth year of service and entered its sixth year in new quarters at the north end of the hall. This change in arrangement has provided more space for works on genealogy and heraldry. Since research in these fields is one of the most popular branches of reference work, this new arrangement has been greatly appreciated by the public. There are now 1,270 volumes on the shelves, 780 of which are devoted to American genealogy and 490 to English genealogy and heraldry. In the course of the year, 224 letters have been answered. There has been no diminution in the requests for coats-of-arms and as in previous years pencil sketches have been made in response to requests for this material.

The Readers' Adviser office has been open from one to two hours for three afternoons and two evenings a week. There have been few formal reading courses followed under the supervision of the office but many existing outlines have been recommended

for independent reading. A number of the "Reading with a Purpose" series have been recommended. Forty lists comprising 824 titles were typed and sent to readers. Assistance has been rendered on from 15 to 20 club programs. Eight displays for the Adult Education program have been posted during the year.

PUBLICATIONS

MORE BOOKS, the bulletin of the Library, has completed its sixth year under this title. Ten issues were published in 1931. In all, the bulletin comprised 464 pages, 64 pages less than in 1930. Seven numbers were printed in 4000 copies of each issue; of the April and May numbers, 3000, and of the October number, 5000, copies were printed.

As in earlier years, each issue of MORE BOOKS has carried a leading article on the book treasures of the Library or on some topic of library interest, and occasionally illustrated with facsimile reproductions. The publication of a detailed descriptive catalogue of fifteenth century books in the Library has been continued; three installments having been published during the year in the May, June and December issues. The eight installments which have so far appeared covered the early books printed in Germany and Italy. About six more installments will be needed to cover the books published in France, The Netherlands, Spain and England. Bibliographers, collectors and other book-lovers of early printed books have manifested great interest in this list. Several other articles may be mentioned here: the June issue contained an essay about the Defoe collection — perhaps the most complete collection of Defoe's works in existence — acquired by the Library from Professor William P. Trent of Columbia University. In the February issue, the Washington collection bequeathed to the Library in 1929 by the late Mr. Walter Updike Lewisson, was described. Two articles, one in the September and the other in the October issue, were devoted to the Sabatier collection of Franciscan literature, also recently acquired by the Library. Three or four other articles will be devoted to this unique collection, unequalled in America for

opportunities for research in the field. All these essays were original contributions written especially for MORE BOOKS. In March the bulletin published, besides, an address on Charles Follen McKim given by Mr. Charles Moore, Chairman of the National Commission of Fine Arts, on the occasion of the dedication of a memorial tablet to Charles Follen McKim in the Boston Public Library. In the June issue, an address, "Why Read?" by Mr. George H. Evans, Librarian of the Somerville Public Library, was published.

"Ten Books" and "Library Notes", popular features of the bulletin, have been continued. In the first, ten of the outstanding new books are reviewed in an informative, rather than a critical, manner; in the latter, fine editions and other important new acquisitions are described in brief paragraphs, and library news of public interest and communications from the Director's Office are published.

The articles and notes in all occupy 202 pages out of the total of 464. The rest were used for the classified lists of new books.

Bibliographical lists have been printed as in former years for the lectures and concerts of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, as well as for the free concerts given in the Lecture Hall of the Library.

The Library's annual publication, "Opportunities for Adult Education", was issued in the first week in September in an edition of 2000 copies. The booklet consisted of 149 pages. The list of lectures given in the Boston Public Library was published in a separate pamphlet of eight pages.

INFORMATION OFFICE AND OPEN SHELF ROOM

The circulation of books from the Open Shelf Room in 1931 amounted to 53,805 volumes as compared with 50,177 volumes in 1930, an increase of 3,628 volumes. The Open Shelf collection numbers approximately 4,200 volumes and is fixed at that figure by the present shelf capacity. Inaugurated eleven years ago as an experiment, the non-fiction open shelf idea has met with the complete approval of the reading public. The circulation

figures show that there is an average monthly turnover well in excess of the size of the collection itself.

NEWSPAPER AND PATENT ROOMS

The total number of papers on file is 247, a decrease of three in the course of the past year. Of this number, 180 are American and 67 foreign. There are 196 dailies and 51 weeklies.

The collection of bound newspapers consists of 10,034 volumes, of which 286 were added during the year. There were 19,545 readers who consulted 34,914 volumes. Provision has been made to construct shelving under the reconstructed platform of the library for storage of some of the early newspaper files. It is estimated that this new shelving will make available storage space for about ten years' growth in newspaper files.

The patent collection consists of 13,035 volumes, an increase of 881 volumes over last year. During the year 19,198 readers used 111,865 volumes. It is quite impossible to record the actual use of books on the Open Shelf since these shelves are accessible to the public. Five hundred forty-six volumes of patent specifications were taken from the shelves and photostat copies were made from them in answer to requests from attorneys and other users of the patent files. The great majority of these requests were for copies of British and German patents.

PERIODICAL ROOM

The number of bound volumes on the shelves in the department at the end of the year was 23,797. The current periodicals regularly on file, exclusive of those issued by state and federal governments, number 1,324. In addition, there are on file for use by readers in other departments current periodicals relating to the fields of knowledge covered by these departments. There are 159 titles in the Fine Arts, Technology, and Music Divisions of the Special Libraries Department, 27 in the Ordering Department, 51 in the Statistical Department, 63 in the Teachers' Reference and Children's Rooms, making a total for the Library of 1,624 periodicals.

The past year has been the busiest one in the history of the department. This department is well equipped to provide reference material in response to requests for biography, book reviews, current events, debate material, magazine history, short stories and clippings on special topics. Students are using periodicals extensively and during the winter months the room is overcrowded, making it difficult to give efficient service to everyone.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES

The circulation of books from this department was 37,514 volumes, an increase of nine percent over the record year of 1930. This figure, however, does not by any means represent the actual use of the department's collections as the large number of books sent out on branch requests is not included, and, except in the Barton Ticknor Division where 12,134 volumes were consulted, no account can be kept of the books used for reference or hall use. The school picture collection had a circulation of 25,258, a slight decrease from last year's total due to a lessened call from the branches, which an increased issue in the division did not quite offset. The loans of lantern slides amounting to 13,108, shows a gratifying gain of 3,562, over last year which it is hoped to increase still further as the size and scope of the collection become better known. The "Clipping Collection" of pictures, much used by artists, was made over on a new scheme of arrangement and greatly enlarged.

The Music Division has continued the issue of its "Aids to the Study of Symphonic Music" to supplement the weekly lecture on the programs of the Boston Symphony Orchestra; and has arranged several exhibitions of musical material including the interesting notebooks of the "Schelling Concerts for Children".

STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT

The work of the Statistical Department has increased during 1931 notwithstanding the fact that the department continues to

function under serious handicaps. The reading room is very small and the seating capacity entirely inadequate to accommodate the growing daily attendance. During the busy hours patrons are obliged to resort to the use of the window seats, stools and in some cases even the attendants' desks.

The circulation of books for home and hall use totalled 5,006 in 1931, as compared with 4,700 in 1930. The greatest gain, however, showed in the number of persons who used the department and in the steady growth in reference work. The attendance was 14,992 in 1931, as compared with 12,724 in 1930. The number of reference questions totalled 3,916 in 1931 as compared with 1,905 in 1930. No record is kept of the books used in the department from the open shelves, nor of the attendance and reference work during the 34 hours of evening and Sunday service each week.

Statistics for last summer showed that the number of books sent from the department for use in Bates Hall decreased approximately one half, whereas the attendance doubled in the department during the time the reference collection was located temporarily in the Lecture Hall. These figures indicate that an entrance from the main building through the departments having elevator service would be of great advantage to the department and convenience for the public.

There were 1,146 volumes added to the collection, making a total of 27,199 volumes in the Statistical Department at the close of the year. The Department received approximately 8,234 publications as gifts, of which 98 were received from the American Statistical Association.

Research workers and business people have found the collection an invaluable source of reference, especially the extensive file of American and British documents. In the present business depression, people are showing much interest in economic conditions and in following closely the financial and business questions of the day. Co-operation with the schools, colleges and other organizations is maintained and books are assembled and held on reserve for classes at the request of instructors.

WORK WITH CHILDREN

During the year 1931 the home use of children's books throughout the library system amounted to 1,902,744, an increase of 162,772 over the previous year.

By authority of the Trustees, intermediate cards were issued to young people 14 years of age from the first of May. These cards allow a borrower adult privileges with the single exception of permission to withdraw seven-day fiction. They are exchangeable at 16 years for the regular adult borrower's card. As this rule allows four books to be issued to boys and girls, it has contributed to the greater circulation of adult fiction. Children have flocked to the libraries everywhere more than ever before not only for books to take home but also to have comfortable quarters in which to read or study.

The different holidays have been observed by exhibitions and book displays, culminating in the annual book week activities in which organizations all over the country participated in the month of November. Conforming to the nation-wide plan the Children's Department followed during that week the theme "Around the world in books", displaying books that bore a relation to international friendship or gave an understanding picture of countries other than our own.

The Children's work has benefited markedly by the completion of the new buildings at Mattapan and Parker Hill where the circulation of children's books was almost double that of 1930, and the use of the rooms for study and reference work exceeds anything ever known at those branches.

The central children's room fulfils a slightly different function from those in the branch libraries, inasmuch as it is called upon for reference material for students of children's literature and for book lists and advisory service by correspondents. Short lists of books were prepared and printed for use during book week. A number of editions of junior high school reading lists were made ready for the printer. The Supervisor addressed on the subject of children's reading some 14 groups outside the Library besides conducting two classes on the same general theme for members of the staff.

The Library sent deposit collections to 741 teachers to be used as classroom libraries in the public and parochial schools. These books were taken from the deposit collection at Central Library and from 15 branches in which the juvenile book stock has been developed with this end in view. The requirements of the schools and the strain that they place on the Library's resources constitute a difficult problem in co-operation. The Library is unable to provide libraries for all the classrooms in the city schools.

Instruction in the use of library reference books has been given to many classes from the schools in different children's rooms and good co-operation with the schools exists in other respects.

In the 20 years since the Library started story hours there has never been a time when the children responded more eagerly than they have during the past year. The unusual craving for stories of the imagination is an indication that the story hour is taken as a release from the hard realism of present conditions. Such constructive work is building for the future no less than alleviating the privations of today.

An undertaking of considerable value was started in March when the collection of books in the Teachers' Room was reclassified according to the Library of Congress system. The assistant in charge of the room, acting under the supervision of a committee from other departments, carried this work to a satisfactory conclusion. Subsequent use of the room is proving the workability of this classification even in a small specialized collection of books.

THE BRANCH SYSTEM

The total circulation through the branch libraries and the central Branch Department for the year was 4,339,064. This is a gain of 546,082.

The total branch circulation is made up of the following items: 3,375,021 books were issued for home use directly from the branches; 476,514 books were issued to schools and various institutions, partly from collections of the branches (186,062)

and partly from the branch deposit collection in the Central Library (290,452); and finally in response to calls from the public at the various branches — 62,804 from the deposit collection, and 23,725 from the stacks at the Central Library.

Of the 3,775,021 volumes drawn out for home use directly from the branches, 1,926,923 were for adults and 1,848,098 for juveniles. Among the books for adults there were 1,503,842 volumes of fiction and 423,081 of non-fiction. Among the books for juveniles there were 1,255,640 volumes of fiction and 592,450 of non-fiction.

The number of volumes sent on deposit from the central collection and from branch libraries to 320 agencies was 89,049. Among these agencies were 17 branches, 47 engine houses, 4 high schools, 209 grammar schools, 14 parochial schools and 29 institutions of various kinds. To 227 schools 64,978 volumes were sent in all. Last year the number of agencies was 324 and the number of volumes sent on deposit was 90,284; to 219 schools 66,509 books were sent in 1930. Besides books, 36,007 pictures were sent to schools.

The inter-library loans amounted to 2,817 volumes: 2,389 books to libraries in Massachusetts and 428 to libraries outside the state. In all, 2,412 applications were received, of which 870 had to be refused.

Thirty of the branches gained in circulation. The greatest gains were at Parker Hill, Mattapan, Memorial, Allston, Codman Square, City Point, East Boston and Faneuil Branches. The largest circulation reached in a branch was 213,320 and the lowest 43,196. The increase of 14.4% in the circulation of books through the branch system is gratifying.

On May 18 the Phillips Brooks Memorial Library reopened its doors in the building located at 12 Hamilton Street, Readville. This branch was closed December 31, 1924, as many alterations were needed in order to make it possible for the library to function satisfactorily. The building is now in admirable condition and is the most attractive small branch in the system. Although the population of Readville numbers approximately

only 3,000 people, 25,713 volumes were circulated between the date of opening and the 31st of December.

On May 25 the Parker Hill Branch was opened in its new building, designed by Cram & Ferguson, on a corner of the Mission Hill playground. That the public has appreciated the beautiful building and the fine collection of books placed at its disposal is evidenced by a notable increase in the number of volumes circulated during the period from June 1 to the end of the year.

On June 22 the new Mattapan Branch Building, designed by Putnam & Cox, 8-10 Hazleton Street, was opened to the public. From the point of view of ease of operation this branch has the best floor layout of any of the branches. From July 1 to December 31 a marked increase in circulation resulted here as at the Parker Hill Branch.

BUSINESS BRANCH

At the close of 1930 there were 8,008 volumes in the branch. During 1931 1,749 volumes were added, making a total of 9,757. Eight hundred and thirty pamphlets were also added. The pamphlet file contains some of the most up-to-date and useful reference material.

The branch has made a good growth in use as compared with the eight months it was open in 1930. The average daily attendance from May to December, 1930, was 438; in 1931 for the same period it was 607. The largest single day's attendance in 1930 was 662; in 1931 it was 903. No other library of this type has more than one half the number of users.

Two new methods of publicity were started during the year. The Library editor has edited a list of new Business Branch books for MORE BOOKS, and a monthly list of the more important reference and circulating books added during the previous month is mimeographed the first of each month. Five hundred copies of this mimeographed list are taken by the public before the end of the month. Several copies of this list are sent to some

of the large firms which have librarians, for distribution among the departments.

The window exhibits have been kept going all year with a change of display every three weeks. The assistance of a professional window dresser has been invaluable in making the windows attractive.

LIBRARY TRAINING CLASS

The fourth year of the Library Training Class opened Monday, September 29, 1930 and closed Saturday, June 18, 1931 with a membership of 17 regular students and four special students. Courses were given in reference work, library administration, classification, cataloguing, children's literature and book selection.

For the course in reference work about 260 standard reference books were studied and discussed. Problems were assigned the class, giving them opportunity to do actual fact finding and thus put to practical use the knowledge acquired. Talks were given on meeting the public and on methods of research.

The course in library administration began with a study of the noteworthy features of the library as described in the "Handbook of the Library." A talk on the American Library Association was given by the Supervisor, and its code of ethics for librarians was read and discussed. There followed a series of lectures by the Director and the heads of departments in which each explained the various activities under his jurisdiction. Three lessons in book-mending were conducted by the head of the Branch Bindery Division. A lecture on standard charging systems in use in other libraries was given by Miss Florence Blunt, Assistant Professor of Library Science at Simmons College. Visits were made to Boston publishing houses and bookstores, to the Business Branch, the State Library, and the Boston Athenaeum. The functions of the State Division of Public Libraries was explained by Miss E. K. Jones and Miss E. L. Jones, and Miss Edna Phillips talked to the class upon work with new Americans.

The object of the course in classification was to give some comprehension of the problems involved in arranging books upon library shelves. The emphasis was laid upon the necessity in modern times for a logical expansive and flexible order in which related subjects would be near one another and general works upon a single topic would be followed by specific works upon each of its phases; an order which admits of the intercalation of new subjects and the placing of new editions of a work on the shelf beside the previous edition. Lessons on modern systems of classification were given. With the decimal classification of Melvil Dewey as a basis, each student acquired practical experience by classifying and assigning call numbers to three or four hundred books.

A course in cataloguing is indispensable to anyone who has occasion to use the catalogue of a large library, including as it does not merely a knowledge of what information should be found upon a catalogue card but the principles of subject headings, cross references, analytic and other additional entries, and filing. Practice in cataloguing actual books was given two mornings a week for five months.

A course in children's literature was designed to give general assistants some acquaintance with the different types of books included in children's libraries everywhere. During the 30 lessons the class studied and discussed the source material of traditional literature, national epics, legends, mediaeval romance and poetry. It then passed on to modern books written for children. The course aims to teach the principles governing the selection of books for boys and girls and to give students a discriminating sense of values.

The aim of the course in book selection is to stimulate in each student both the desire for wide acquaintance with all types of books and the ability to aid in the selection of books for others. The students did considerable reading and handed in written reviews every week. They also familiarized themselves with standard bibliographies and suggestive lists and made bibliographies of their own. In the 66 class periods books of information, inspiration, and recreation were reported on orally and discussed

and the principles of evaluation applicable to each type were formulated. The Supervisor lectured on literary history and the theoretical aspects of choosing books for a library. During the course additional lectures were given by outsiders and members of the staff.

BINDERY

The amount of work turned out by the Bindery was the greatest in the history of the department. A total of 74,216 volumes were bound as compared with 65,860 in the previous year. Eighty-three thousand two hundred and fifty-four library publications were forwarded, stitched and trimmed. The total number of pieces of work was 177,786.

MECHANICAL AND OTHER REPAIRS

The usual program of maintenance and repair work was carried on and many needed improvements were made in the system. The largest undertaking of the year was the reconstruction of the platform in front of the building. This platform was relaid and the space beneath it will afford the library a most valuable storage space. Construction of shelving for bound volumes of newspapers has already started. The walls and ceiling of Bates Hall were cleaned and redecorated. While this work was in progress, a new terazzo floor was laid and the furniture — tables, bookcases, chairs and book shelving — refinished. New desks were installed for the staff. Ornamental iron gates were placed in two of the entrance doors.

Minor repairs were made to the roof. The power plant was tested during the year and very excellent results obtained. During the year 474,559 kilowatt hours were generated and 1,582 tons of coal consumed, showing a marked saving over the previous year. The boilers were all inspected and tests made on them to the satisfaction of the State Boiler Inspector. Flow meters were installed at the inlet and outlet to the boilers. The condition shown was so satisfactory that the accuracy of the meters

was doubted. The meters were checked and calibrated but still the same excellent results were obtained. Boiler furnaces were rebuilt and many grates installed. Elevators were inspected and tested to conform to all existing laws, and all safety devices operated satisfactorily. New cables were put on the Annex freight elevator and the service elevator. The book railway registered 154,702 round trips during the year.

The lighting system was improved in the Annex book stacks and in the Statistical Department by the substitution of Holophane units for drop cord lights. New electric fixtures were installed in the Patent Room, adding much to its appearance. Fire prevention equipment was tested and proved to be in operating order. Six new fire hose stations were established in the Annex building, which, with the interconnection of the telephones on the switchboard at night, makes the building safer from the underwriters' point of view. The painting force accomplished much during the year in the Central and in the branch libraries, renovating walls, ceilings, and furniture in many rooms in the central building and in 11 branches. About 400 chairs were repaired and refinished during the year.

CONCLUSION

During the year only one person retired under the Boston Retirement Act, namely Grace L. Murray, librarian of the Hyde Park Branch who retired voluntarily on October 31. Miss Murray entered the service on January 1, 1895.

On October 24, 1931 there occurred the sudden and untimely death of the Director, Mr. Charles F. D. Belden, who had served in that capacity since March 15, 1917. His faithful and loyal service was well described in the resolution adopted by the Trustees at their meeting of December 4, 1931 and which is printed in full at page 1 of this volume of reports.

This report is respectfully submitted in his stead by his successor.

MILTON E. LORD,
Director

APPENDIX

TABLES OF CENTRAL AND BRANCH CIRCULATION

	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931
Central Library	644,896	657,977	678,834	676,240	698,627	728,656
Business Branch					6,157	13,193
Allston	74,297	81,984	86,960	97,445	108,557	137,709
Andrew Square	89,662	92,926	104,563	110,225	116,196	128,337
Boylston Station	71,261	68,196	81,405	80,097	79,946	94,306
Brighton	101,286	98,907	96,586	92,223	103,145	121,032
Charlestown	107,562	110,069	105,659	100,483	100,914	119,637
City Point	51,154	54,232	56,686	83,558	97,264	122,619
Codman Square	145,001	156,559	157,498	153,372	158,881	186,386
Dorchester	100,188	101,957	109,553	99,255	102,790	115,810
East Boston	138,691	140,379	151,099	145,759	157,746	180,859
Faneuil	43,782	50,212	60,143	72,005	78,436	90,424
Fellows Athen.	85,151	89,479	91,463	88,381	85,739	93,970
Hyde Park	98,147	107,168	110,679	108,512	120,878	127,888
Jamaica Plain	73,117	85,261	86,398	85,935	95,895	118,561
Jeffries Point	58,218	61,893	63,185	62,111	70,768	75,459
Kirstein					18,020	43,196
Lower Mills	32,274	35,835	38,428	44,730	52,279	59,692
Mattapan	69,364	95,085	124,374	133,210	139,723	187,669
Memorial	147,263	171,034	178,142	180,344	178,467	213,320
Mt. Bowdoin	125,907	129,487	132,424	134,008	134,310	151,456
Mt. Pleasant	59,101	66,315	72,367	72,167	76,956	82,795
Neponset	43,349	48,331	48,639	51,228	57,043	60,986
North End	137,896	143,381	146,616	145,201	145,326	158,333
Orient Heights	58,913	55,625	49,015	42,571	56,954	60,512
Parker Hill	43,719	45,862	51,412	56,209	60,815	112,308
Phillips Brooks						*25,713
Roslindale	105,074	113,150	122,260	124,995	130,268	151,956
Roxbury Crossing	62,462	77,770	78,269	78,803	80,022	69,034
South Boston	169,625	170,911	181,376	171,805	163,266	161,244
South End	118,315	116,226	117,982	123,794	124,352	122,870
Tyler Street	43,421	39,868	42,875	46,058	51,195	59,163
Upham's Corner	126,010	152,140	171,260	169,027	184,595	201,701
West End	169,142	175,683	183,887	180,854	177,125	189,543
West Roxbury	104,889	111,754	119,249	119,463	120,804	136,595
Total	3,499,137	3,705,657	3,899,286	3,930,068	4,133,459	4,702,932

*For eight months, May through December.

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

	VOLUMES
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
1930 gain over preceding year	203,391
1931 gain over preceding year	569,473

USE OF BOOKS

CIRCULATION FROM CENTRAL BY MONTHS

	HOME USE DIRECT	HOME USE THROUGH BRANCH DEPT.	SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS THROUGH BRANCH DEPT.	TOTALS
January, 1931	34,382	8,894	31,365	74,641
February "	32,433	7,998	32,180	72,611
March "	36,859	9,166	32,917	78,942
April "	31,105	7,605	33,596	72,306
May "	27,777	6,751	32,542	67,070
June "	21,483	5,701	33,770	60,954
July "	20,576	5,061	6,660	32,297
August "	20,116	4,713	6,454	31,283
September "	22,778	5,661	6,525	34,964
October "	32,749	8,591	14,349	55,689
November "	35,612	8,473	27,587	71,672
December "	34,805	8,915	32,507	76,227
Totals	350,675	87,529	290,452	728,656

DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL CIRCULATION

CENTRAL LIBRARY:	HOME USE	SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS	TOTALS
a. Direct	350,675		
b. Through Branches			
1. Deposit Collections	63,804		
2. General Collections	23,725		
c. Schools and Institutions through Branch Department		290,452	728,656
BUSINESS BRANCH			13,193
BRANCHES:			
Allston	137,709	.....	137,709
Andrew Square	128,337	.....	128,337
Boylston Station	94,306	.....	94,306
<i>Carried forward</i>	360,352	.....	360,352
Gain over an approximation of preceding twelve months 233,279.			

<i>Brought forward</i>	360,352	.....	360,352
Brighton	104,710	16,322	121,032
Charlestown	108,767	10,870	119,637
City Point	122,619	.....	122,619
Codman Square	174,770	11,616	186,386
Dorchester	112,335	3,475	115,810
East Boston	160,206	20,653	180,859
Faneuil	90,424	.....	90,424
Fellowes Athenaeum	80,590	13,380	93,970
Hyde Park	120,687	7,201	127,888
Jamaica Plain	104,390	14,171	118,561
Jeffries Point	75,459	.....	75,459
Kirstein	43,196	.....	43,196
Lower Mills	59,692	.....	59,692
Mattapan	187,669	.....	187,669
Memorial	212,976	344	213,320
Mount Bowdoin	151,456	.....	151,456
Mount Pleasant	82,795	.....	82,795
Neponset	60,986	.....	60,986
North End	157,281	1,052	158,333
Orient Heights	60,512	.....	60,512
Parker Hill	112,308	.....	112,308
Phillips Brooks	25,713	.....	25,713
Roslindale	142,894	9,062	151,956
Roxbury Crossing	69,034	.....	69,034
South Boston	137,782	23,462	161,244
South End	119,092	3,778	122,870
Tyler Street	59,163	.....	59,163
Upham's Corner	201,435	266	201,701
West End	157,950	31,593	189,543
West Roxbury	117,778	18,817	136,595
	<u>3,775,021</u>	<u>186,062</u>	<u>3,961,083</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)	728,650
From Business Branch	13,193
From branches (excluding books received from Central Library)	<u>3,961,083</u>
Total	4,702,932

	COMPARATIVE	1930	1931
Central Library circulation (excluding schools and institutions)			
Direct home use	334,320	350,675	
Through branches	87,347	87,529	
<i>Carried forward</i>	<u>421,667</u>	<u>438,204</u>	

	COMPARATIVE	1930	1931
<i>Brought forward</i>	_____	421,667	438,204
Business Branch		6,157	13,193
Branch libraries circulation (excluding schools and institutions)		3,218,102	3,775,021
Schools and institutions circulation (including books from Central through the Branch system)		487,533	476,514
		<u>4,133,459</u>	<u>4,702,932</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:

	1930	1931
Volumes lent from this Library to other libraries in Massachusetts	2,250	2,389
Lent to libraries outside of Massachusetts	<u>525</u>	<u>428</u>
Total	2,775	2,817
Applications refused:		
From libraries in Massachusetts	711	692
From libraries outside of Massachusetts	<u>159</u>	<u>178</u>
Total	870	870

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

	1930		1931	
	VOLUMES	PERCENTAGE	VOLUMES	PERCENTAGE
Fiction for adults	1,187,898	36.9	1,503,842	39.8
Non-fiction for adults	346,959	10.7	423,081	11.2
Juvenile fiction	1,151,244	35.4	1,255,640	33.3
Juvenile non-fiction	532,001	17.0	592,458	15.7

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

	1930	1931
	PERCENTAGE	PERCENTAGE
Fiction	45.2	43.7
Non-fiction	54.8	56.3

BOOK ACCESSIONS

BOOKS ACQUIRED BY PURCHASE

	1930	1931
For the Central Library		
From City appropriation	12,484	15,309
From trust funds income	4,511	2,962
<i>Carried forward</i>	<u>16,995</u>	<u>18,271</u>

<i>Brought forward</i>		16,995	18,271
For branches:			
From City appropriation	80,529	100,124	
From trust funds income	308	1,120	
	<u> </u>	<u>80,837</u>	<u>101,244</u>
		97,832	119,515

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

	CENTRAL	BRANCHES	VOLUMES TOTAL
Accessions by purchase	18,271	101,244	119,515
Accessions by gift	6,866	1,166	8,032
Accessions by exchange	18	53	71
Accessions by periodicals bound	2,001	43	2,044
Accessions by newspapers bound	268	...	268
Accessions by serials bound	1,524	...	1,524
Totals	28,948	102,506	131,454

THE CATALOGUE

	1930		1931	
	VOLS. AND PARTS	TITLES	VOLS. AND PARTS	TITLES
Catalogued (new):				
Central Library Catalogue	30,108	21,508	28,764	22,640
Serials	6,004	...	7,361	...
Branches	86,319	76,127	88,331	78,383
Recatalogued	9,213	6,247	12,836	7,083
Totals	131,644	103,882	137,292	108,106

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)		26,555
Special collections, new books and transfers		3,585
Books reported lost or missing in previous years but now found, transfers from branches, etc		2,245
		<u>32,385</u>
Removed from Central Library shelves during the year:		
Books reported lost or missing, condemned copies not yet replaced, transfers, etc.		14,026
Net gain at Central Library		18,359
Net gain at Branches		25,774
Placed in Business Branch		1,718
Net gain entire library system		<u>45,851</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	1892	576,237
1853-54	16,221	1893	597,152
1854-55	22,617	1894	610,375
1855-56	28,080	1895	628,297
1856-57	34,896	1896-97	663,763
1857-58	70,851	1897-98	698,888
1858-59	78,043	1898-99	716,050
1859-60	85,031	1899-1900	746,383
1860-61	97,386	1900-01	781,377
1861-62	105,034	1901-02	812,264
1862-63	110,563	1902-03	835,904
1863-64	116,934	1903-04	848,884
1864-65	123,016	1904-05	871,050
1865-66	130,678	1905-06	878,933
1866-67	136,080	1906-07	903,349
1867-68	144,092	1907-08	922,348
1868-69	152,796	1908-09	941,024
1869-70	160,573	1909-10	961,522
1870-71	179,250	1910-11	987,268
1871-72	192,958	1911-12	1,006,717
1872-73	209,456	1912-13	1,049,011
1873-74	260,550	1913-14	1,067,103
1874-75	276,918	1914-15	1,098,702
1875-76	297,873	1915-16	1,121,747
1876-77	321,010	1916-17	1,139,682
1877-78	345,734	1917-18	1,157,326
1878-79	360,963	1918-19	1,173,695
1879-80	377,225	1919-20	1,197,498
1880-81	390,982	1920-21	1,224,510
1881-82	404,221	1921-22	1,258,211
1882-83	422,116	1922-23	1,284,094
1883-84	438,594	1923-24	1,308,041
1884-85	453,947	1924-25	1,333,264
1885	460,993	1925	1,363,515
1886	479,421	1926	1,388,439
1887	492,956	1927	1,418,489
1888	505,872	1928	1,442,802
1889	520,508	1929	1,475,743
1890	536,027	1930	1,526,951
1891	556,283	1931	1,572,802
Volumes in entire library system			1,572,802
Volumes in the Business Branch			9,726
Volumes in the branches			465,547

These volumes are located as follows:

Central Library	1,097,529	Charlestown	16,122
Business Branch	9,726	City Point	10,659
Allston	10,320	Codman Square	15,991
Andrew Square	9,214	Dorchester	15,361
Boylston Station	9,422	East Boston	23,512
Brighton	21,340	Faneuil	9,728

Fellowes Athenaeum	39,769	Orient Heights	7,554
Hyde Park	30,973	Parker Hill	10,907
Jamaica Plain	18,320	Phillips Brooks	2,594
Jeffries Point	6,909	Roslindale	13,224
Kirstein	5,300	Roxbury Crossing	5,324
Lower Mills	6,478	South Boston	22,342
Mattapan	14,136	South End	12,672
Memorial	20,126	Tyler Street	6,907
Mt. Bowdoin	12,665	Upham's Corner	15,913
Mt. Pleasant	7,514	West End	24,027
Neponset	6,522	West Roxbury	20,725
North End	12,977		

THE BINDERY

	1930	1931
Number of volumes bound in various styles	65,860	74,216
Magazines stitched	121	106
Volumes repaired	1,262	1,949
Volumes guarded	358	674
Maps mounted	126	281
Photographs and engravings, etc. mounted	7,534	6,433
Library publications folded, stitched and trimmed	111,086	83,254

THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT

	1930	1931
Requisitions received and filled	163	166
Card Catalogue (Central Library):		
Titles (Printing Department count)	8,670	6,924
Cards finished	91,597	100,492
Card Catalogue (Branches):		
Titles (Printing Department count)	688	792
Cards finished	67,974	75,765
Signs	213	237
Blank forms (numbered series)	2,923,150	2,421,334
Forms, circulars, and sundries (outside numbered series)	50,420	67,750
Catalogues, pamphlets, and bibliographical programmes	103,836	79,550

LECTURES — CONCERTS

Under the auspices of the Library 132 free concerts, lectures, and entertainments were given in the Lecture Hall of the Central Library. A noteworthy contribution to our musical programs of the year was the series of six concerts given by the Gordon String Quartet through the generosity of Mrs. Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge. These concerts were given afternoons and evenings on the 3rd, 10th, and 17th of May, the afternoon concerts being given in the South End Branch Library and the evening concerts in the Central Library Lecture Hall.

THE LECTURES OF 1931

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

- Jan. 4. "The Passing of the Third Floor Back", by Jerome K. Jerome. A reading by Grover C. Shaw, A.M.
- Jan. 4. Song Recital. Roland E. Partridge, tenor. Lewis M. Stark, accompanist.
- Jan. 8. Lake Placid Club — An Experiment in Intelligence. H. W. Hicks, Vice-President, Lake Placid Club. (Field and Forest Club Course.)
- Jan. 11. The Theatre in England. Frank W. C. Hersey, A.M. (Drama League Course.)
- Jan. 11. Concert. Orchestra of the Lincoln House Association. Jacques Hoffman, Conductor.
- Jan. 12. *Memories of Ruskin. May Smith Dean. Music. (Ruskin Club.)
- Jan. 15. Illustrations in Art of the Twelve Feasts. Edward W. Forbes.
- Jan. 18. Music of the World. Carolyn King Hunt.
- Jan. 18. Songs and Legends of the Hebrides. Clara Sias-Davis. Frances Murray, accompanist.
- Jan. 19. Pamphlet Binding. George Washer and Hubert Gardiner, Jr. (Boston Club of Printing House Craftsmen Course.)
- Jan. 21. Picturesque Viking Land. Rev. Alwyn Worman. (Auspices of Old Blake House Chapter, D.A.R.)
- Jan. 22. The Indian Comes to America. Col. Philip A. Moore. (Contributed by the Bureau of Commercial Economics, Washington, D.C.)
- Jan. 25. *Your Voice and All It Can Mean to You. Alicia Starratt. With music.
- Jan. 25. *Opera Talk, with musical illustrations. "Boris Godounov." Mme Suza Doane.
- Jan. 26. The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. Walter Rowlands. (Ruskin Club.)
- Jan. 26. *Industrial Trends in Bookbinding. Elbridge W. Palmer. (Boston Club of Printing House Craftsmen Course.)
- Jan. 29. Picturesque Switzerland. Arthur R. Davies.
- Jan. 31. Zion, Bryce Canyon, and Grand Canyon National Parks, Kaibab National Forest and Cedar Breaks. Randall L. Jones.
- Feb. 1. Modern Art. Mrs. Everett W. Varney.
- Feb. 1. Concert. German Singing Society, A.L.Y.P.S. Under the direction of Erdine T. Oedel.

- Feb. 2. *Blank Book Binding. R. M. Weiser. (Boston Club of Printing House Craftsmen Course.)
- Feb. 5. Bewitching France. Professor William Sandoz.
- Feb. 8. *The Season's Best Play. Robert E. Rogers, A.M. (Drama League Course.)
- Feb. 8. Chamber Concert. Hoffmann String Quartet.
- Feb. 9. *Observance of John Ruskin's Birth Anniversary. Agnes Knox Black, A.M. (Ruskin Club.)
- Feb. 9. *Edition Binding. Roy F. Baker. Unusual Binding. Mrs. Katherine Osborn. (Boston Club of Printing House Craftsmen Course.)
- Feb. 10. The Theatre of Yesterday and Tomorrow. Frank Chouteau Brown. (Drama League Course.)
- Feb. 12. Exploration of Mt. Fairweather, Alaska. Bradford Washburn. (Field and Forest Club Course.)
- Feb. 15. "The Twilight Hour of Yang Kuei Fei", by A. E. Grant-ham. A reading by Susan Bartlett.
- Feb. 16. Italy; Beloved of Ruskin. Mrs. Arthur Dudley Ropes. (Ruskin Club.)
- Feb. 16. *Superfinish and Embossed Cover. Paul A. H. Shults. Trade Customs. C. A. Mershon. (Boston Club of Printing House Craftsmen Course.)
- Feb. 19. The Land of Lorna Doone; A Part of Storied England. Mrs. James Frederick Hopkins.
- Feb. 22. *The Speed Limit. Nellie Crie Haynes.
- Feb. 22. Concert. Trio Instrumental de Paris.
- Feb. 26. Spain; Patios and People. Fletcher Briggs.
- Mar. 1. The Chateaus of Old Touraine. Marie Ware Laughton.
- Mar. 1. Concert. Choral Society of the Massachusetts Federated Women's Clubs. George Sawyer Dunham, Conductor.
- Mar. 8. *The Theatre Is Dead. Albert R. Lovejoy. (Drama League Course.)
- Mar. 8. Piano Recital. Elizabeth Siedoff.
- Mar. 9. Animals — Wild and Domestic. L. Raymond Talbot, S.P.C.A. (Ruskin Club.)
- Mar. 12. America's Alphabet of Beauty — from Alaska to Zion. Rev. Charles W. Casson. (Field and Forest Club Course.)
- Mar. 15. An Afternoon of Miscellaneous Readings. Henry Lawrence Southwick, Litt.D.
- Mar. 15. Concert. Orchestra of the Lincoln House Association. Jacques Hoffman, Conductor.
- Mar. 19. America from Sea to Shining Sea. Mrs. Arthur Dudley Ropes.

- Mar. 22. An Afternoon of Interpretative Readings from Shakespeare and Modern Authors. George J. D. Currie.
- Mar. 22. *Drama and the Little Theatre. Fannie Barnett Linsky. With a one-act play by the Ford Hall Little Theatre Players.
- Mar. 23. *Reading as a Medicine. Mrs. Herbert J. Guerny. (Ruskin Club.)
- Mar. 26. Seeing America First. Rev. Jason G. Miller.
- Mar. 29. *Your Home — Its Beauty and Peace. Burritt S. D. Martin.
- Mar. 29. Concert. Boston Civic Symphony Orchestra. Joseph F. Wagner, Conductor.
- Mar. 30. A Greek and Byzantine Pilgrimage. Ralph Adams Cram, Litt.D., LL.D.
- Apr. 2. The American Country House and its Grounds. Katherine Brooks Norcross.
- Apr. 5. *Through Syrian Streets and Doorways. Mary Parker Dunning. In Costume.
- Apr. 5. Viola Concert. Joseph Pulvino, violist. Dorothy Stallworth, accompanist.
- Apr. 9. Literary Excursions in England and Scotland. Charles S. Olcott.
- Apr. 12. Concert. Chamber music compositions of Joseph F. Wagner.
- Apr. 13. *The Meaning of Social Service. John C. S. Andrew, A.M., S.T.B. Problems of the Day. Rev. Robert Walker. (Ruskin Club.)
- Apr. 13. New England Hawks and Owls. Dr. John B. May. (Brookline Bird Club Course.)
- Apr. 16. California the Golden. Henry Warren Poor, A.M.
- Apr. 19. *Lexington and April 19, 1775. Edwin B. Worthen.
- Apr. 19. Lecture about Jewish Music. Professor S. Braslavsky. Part II. Sacred (Synagogal) music. Soloists. Boston Jewish Choral Society.
- Apr. 23. Lonely Australia. Edward S. Harrison.
- Apr. 26. The Lure of Alaska. Mrs. Adelbert Fernald.
- Apr. 27. *The Ethical Message of the Victorian Poets. Joseph P. MacCarthy, Ph.D., D.D. (Ruskin Club.)
- Apr. 30. Finding the Rainbow at the End of the Trail. DeWitt G. Wilcox, M.D.
- May 3. Chamber Concert. Gordon String Quartet. Generosity of Mrs. Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge.
- May 4. Annual Meeting. (Ruskin Club.)
- May 10. Chamber Concert. Gordon String Quartet. Generosity of Mrs. Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge.
- May 17. Chamber Concert. Gordon String Quartet. Generosity of Mrs. Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge.

- Oct. 1. Program by the Copley Club Singers and Entertainers, under the direction of Pauline Hammond Clark.
- Oct. 4. *Gilbert Stuart; His Life and Paintings. Mrs. Washburn Davenport.
- Oct. 4. The Colorful Orient. Alice Maynard Field Newkirk.
- Oct. 5. *Creating One's Life. Lilian Whiting. (Ruskin Club.)
- Oct. 8. Changing China. Walter W. Allerton. In costume.
- Oct. 11. *The Care of the Human Body. George B. Alexander.
- Oct. 11. Concert. Jenny Lind Chorus. J. Fritz Hartz, Director.
- Oct. 15. Theremin Concert. Micha Tulin, artist, William A. Marr, pianist. (Courtesy of M. Steinert and Sons.)
- Oct. 18. *Literary Reformers of Europe. Robert Merrill Bartlett.
- Oct. 18. Voice Development. Nilo Trolli. Josephine Cincatta, dramatic soprano, and assisting artists.
- Oct. 19. "What Every Woman Knows", by J. M. Barrie. A reading by Edith Barnes Grey. Music. (Ruskin Club.)
- Oct. 22. Your Home — Its Beauty and Peace. Burritt S. D. Martin.
- Oct. 25. *High Grade Reading for Children. Charles S. Olcott.
- Oct. 25. Beethoven; the Man, the Musician. Carolyn King Hunt and assisting artists.
- Oct. 29. The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. Walter Rowlands.
- Nov. 1. Beauties and History of Niagara Falls. Virginia Wainwright.
- Nov. 1. Recital. Groups of Italian and Old English Songs. Ethel Sleeper Russell. Bertha G. Denny, accompanist.
- Nov. 5. Wonderland of the Far North; Alaska and the Yukon Territory. Arthur H. Merritt.
- Nov. 8. The English Theatre. Frank W. C. Hersey. (Drama League Course.)
- Nov. 8. Song Recital. Helen True, soprano. Marion C. Whiton, accompanist.
- Nov. 9. *The Influence of Poetry, and Original Poems. Jessie Eldridge Southwick, B.L.I. (Ruskin Club.)
- Nov. 9. South America and some of its Birds. Dr. Charles W. Townsend. (Brookline Bird Club Course.)
- Nov. 12. The Canadian Rockies; a Natural Art Gallery. Rev. Charles W. Casson. (Field and Forest Club Course.)
- Nov. 15. *Art in Industry. Grace Carleton Mansfield.
- Nov. 15. Concert. Sulzen String Quartet. Assisting artist, Olga Currier, pianist.
- Nov. 19. Everlasting Egypt. Walter W. Allerton. In costume.
- Nov. 22. Peter Faneuil, the Jolly Bachelor. Martha A. S. Shannon.
- Nov. 22. Hispano-American Songs. Mme Bertha Hébert. In costume. Gladys Pitcher, pianist.

- Nov. 23. Some Landmarks in the Shenandoah and Tennessee Valleys. Andrew Oliver, Ph.D. (Ruskin Club.)
- Nov. 23. Germany Today. John George Bucher, F.R.G.S.
- Nov. 29. *Why Some People Write and How. Louise Hubert Guyol.
- Nov. 29. Violin Recital. Joseph Pulvino.
- Dec. 3. A Trip to Lake Titicaca. Arthur L. Sweetser.
- Dec. 6. "Disraeli", by Louis N. Parker. A reading by Edward Abner Thompson.
- Dec. 6. Concert. Harvard Pierian Alumni Orchestra. Jacques Hoffmann, conductor.
- Dec. 7. The Passion Play at Oberammergau. Mrs. Louise Ruscoe. (Ruskin Club.)
- Dec. 7. Germany, Her Culture and Beauty. John A. Walz, Ph.D. (Auspices of the Inter-racial Citizens' Committee of Massachusetts, Mrs. William Lowell Putnam, Chairman.)
- Dec. 10. Provincetown; Tip O' the Cape. Percy A. Brigham. (Field and Forest Club Course.)
- Dec. 13. *The Pulitzer Prize Plays; a Decade's Record. Robert E. Rogers, A.M. (Drama League Course.)
- Dec. 13. Concert. Dalma Carli, soprano, Annetta Biagi, soprano, and Alfredo Fondacaro, pianist.
- Dec. 14. Christmas Carols. Mme Luisa Tosi, director of program. (Ruskin Club.)
- Dec. 14. *Italy's New Role in World Politics. Harold Lord Varney. (Auspices of the Massachusetts Italian Historical Society.)
- Dec. 17. Crossing the Andes on Skis. Rupert Maclaurin.
- Dec. 20. Dickens' "Christmas Carol." Edward F. Payne.
- Dec. 20. The Human Voice and its Adaptability. A lecture-recital. Alicia Starratt.
- Dec. 27. *Mazzini and Mussolini, the Two Greatest Figures of Modern Italy. William A. Frayer.
- Dec. 27. Concert. Lincoln Symphony Orchestra. Jacques Hoffmann, conductor.
- Dec. 31. Off the Beaten Path. Henry Warren Poor, A.M.

PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS OF 1931

In Exhibition Room

Installation
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- Jan. 3. Samoan handicrafts. Textiles, jewelry, costumes, fans, etc., lent by the owner, Omer Lassonde. Supplemented by mounted plates and books illustrating Samoan life and arts, from the Library collections.

- Jan. 3. Original pen and ink drawings by Thornton Oakley. Lent by the American Federation of Arts.
- Feb. 16. Thrift posters. Original work of school children of Massachusetts. Lent by the Savings Bank Association.
- Feb. 23. Original sketches of musicians and dancers lent by the artist, Virginia Lee Burton.
- Mar. 9. Travel posters and booklets. Lent by the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society, Cambridge, Mass.
- Mar. 23. Advertising illustration. Examples of commercial art, executed in various media; lent by the School of Practical Arts, Boston.
- Mar. 30. The Pre-Raphaelite School of Painting. Books and reproductions from the collections of the Division of Fine Arts.
- Apr. 6. Original paintings in water-color, lent by the artist, Charles W. Hudson. Supplemented by books and plates on water-color from the collections of the Division of Fine Arts.
- Apr. 20. "Be Kind to Animals" posters by school children. Lent by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
- Apr. 27. Original oil paintings of landscapes, lent by the artist, Bertha I. Barrett.
- May 2. Jewish Book Week. Books and plates from the Library collections.
- May 11. Fifty Books of 1931; Fifty British Books of 1930; Printing for Commerce, 1930. Lent by the American Institute of Graphic Arts.
- June 1. Direct Mail Leaders Exhibit. Fifty direct mail advertising campaigns, selected from those submitted to the Educational Committee of the Direct Mail Advertising Association. Lent by the Dickie-Raymond Company, Inc.
- June 15. Health posters, by school children of Norfolk County. Lent by the Norfolk County Health Association.
- June 29. Books and plates of representative material from the collections of the Division of Fine Arts.
- Aug. 3. "Sculpture in Soap." Soap sculpture submitted to the National Soap Sculpture Committee in the competition sponsored by the Proctor and Gamble Company. Lent by the Committee.
- Aug. 17. Reproductions of British Old Masters; Watercolor reproductions of old bridges in France; Portraits of Musicians; Pen sketches of Isadora Duncan. Material from the collections of the Division of Fine Arts and the Music Room.

- Sep. 15. Original posters submitted for the "House Beautiful" cover design competition. Lent by the House Beautiful Publishing Company.
- Sep. 28. Photographs of Shakespearian plays lent by the Stratford-on-Avon Festival Company; Supplemented by prints from the Library collections.
- Oct. 19. Ceramics made by students at the Paul Revere Pottery. Supplemented by books and plates on ceramics from the collections in the Division of Fine Arts.
- Nov. 2. Prize winning notebooks submitted by children from 6 - 15 years of age attending Philharmonic Children's Concerts conducted by Ernest Schelling, 1924-1931, in New York, Philadelphia and Boston.
- Nov. 30. Reproductions of prints illustrating the early history of flying machines and aviation, from the Library collections. Supplemented by photographs lent by American Airways, Inc.
- Dec. 18. Christmas. Prints, books and music from the Library collections. Small Nativity scene lent by the Children's Room. Christmas tree decorated in the "old fashioned style." Scrap books of early greeting cards published by the Louis Prang Company, 1875-1896.

SELECTED LIST OF GIFTS AND GIVERS

- American Brotherhood of Free Reading for the Blind, Los Angeles, California. Seven volumes, printed in Braille, Grade 1½, including: *The conquest of Antarctica by air*, by Richard E. Byrd; *More than conquerors*, by Ariadne Gilbert (3 volumes); *A daughter of the Seine*, by Jeanette Eaton (2 volumes); and *Babbitt*, by Sinclair Lewis.
- Blacker Library of Zoology, Montreal, Canada. An introduction to the literature of vertebrate zoology, based chiefly on the titles in the Blacker Library of Zoology, the Emma Shearer Wood Library of Ornithology, the Bibliotheca Osleriana and other libraries of McGill University. Compiled and edited by Casey A. Wood. London. 1931.
- Bolton, Charles K., Boston. Sarah K. Bolton: pages from an intimate autobiography, edited by her son. Privately printed, Boston, 1923. *On the wooing of Martha Pitkin*. By Charles Knowles Bolton, Boston, 1895. (Both for the West End Branch Library Author Collection.)
- Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Nineteen pieces from the collections of the Museum of Fine Arts, including eleven plaster casts of

- animals from the originals by Antoine Louis Barye; replicas of a sixteenth-century Jamnitzer Cup, an early seventeenth-century Pyx, and other objects of art.
- Brunswick Radio Distributing Company, New York City, New York. Seven phonograph records, including the Bach-Schoenberg two chorale prelude, and an album (6 records) of Brahms Symphony Number 4.
- Carpenter, Annie L., St. Paul, Minnesota. Carpenter and allied families, genealogical and biographical. Prepared and printed for Miss Annie L. Carpenter by the American Historical Society, Inc., N.Y. 1930. Bound in crushed blue levant, elaborately tooled and decorated, with inlaid coats of arms of families. Hand-decorated title page and initials.
- Chase, Mrs. Frank H., Hingham. Poems by Emily Dickinson. Edited by two of her friends, T. W. Higginson and Mabel Loomis Todd. Second series, Boston. 1892. Given by Mrs. Frank H. Chase in memory of her husband.
- Comstock, Ada L., Cambridge. Reports of the United States National Commission on Law Observance and Enforcement. 6 vols. Washington. 1931.
- French, Hollis. Boston. A framed picture of the Bulfinch front of the central feature of the Tontine Crescent, the building which housed the Boston Library in 1794, and after which the Business Branch is modelled. (To be located in the Kirstein Business Library.)
- Great Britain Patent Office, London, England. Six hundred and eighty-one volumes of specifications for inventions, issued by the Great Britain Patent Office.
- Hoover, Herbert, Washington, D.C. (Through Lawrence Richey, Secretary to the President.) The autograph of Herbert Hoover, President of the United States, upon his photograph, together with a letter of transmittal (January 2, 1931) from Lawrence Richey, Secretary to the President, to Charles F. D. Belden. The autograph of the President of the United States upon his proclamation for Thanksgiving Day, 1930, together with a letter of transmittal (December 22, 1930) from Lawrence Richey to Frank W. Buxton.
- Kaiser, Mrs. Benjamin A., Boston. A reproduction of the statuette "Michelangelo fanciullo" representing the youth, Michelangelo, at work, by Emilio Zocchi, an Italian sculptor of the nineteenth century. (The statuette is now located in the Mattapan Branch Library.)
- King Praja Dhipok, Siam. Phra Tripitaka. Translated from Bali into Siamese by the Mahamonghut Academy. Presented as a memorial in honor of the late King Phra Mongkut Klao.

- Morgan, John Pierpont, New York City, New York. The Book of Common Prayer, and administration of the sacraments and other rites and ceremonies of the Church, according to the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, together with a Psalter of the Psalms of David. Printed by D. B. Updike, at the Merrymount Press, Boston. 1930.
- Newton City Clerk, Newton. Tercentenary history of Newton, 1630-1930. By Henry K. Rowe, Newton. 1930. Two copies.
- Palmer, George Herbert, Cambridge. The autobiography of a philosopher. By George Herbert Palmer. Boston. 1931.
- Phillips, Mary E. An etched portrait of Edgar Allan Poe, autographed by the artist, A. Garfield Learned, and inscribed "To my dear friend, Mary E. Phillips."
- Shibusawa, Viscount Eiichi, Tokyo, Japan. A collotype reproduction, in ten volumes of the original set of the Commentary on the Rongo, of the Sung edition, now preserved in the Library of the Imperial Household. Tokyo. 1930. One of an edition of three hundred copies reproduced by special permission for Sei-en Shibusawa Eiichi.
- Storer, Dr. Malcolm, Boston. *Medicina in nummis: a descriptive list of coins, medals, jetons, relating to medicine, surgery and allied sciences.* By Horatio Robinson Storer. Edited by Malcolm Storer, M.D. Boston. 1931.
- Sweet, Henry N. An autographed letter, dated June 6, 1922, from Warren G. Harding, then President of the United States, to Mr. Henry N. Sweet.

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 Jamaica Plain, Katie F. Albert.
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 Lower Mills, Isabel E. Wetherald.
 Mattapan, Ada Aserkoff.
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 Mount Pleasant, Margaret H. Reid.
 Neponset, Margaret I. McGovern.
 North End, Mary F. Curley.
 Orient Heights, Catherine F. Flannery.
 Parker Hill, Mary M. Sullivan.
 Roslindale, Annie M. Donovan.
 Roxbury Crossing, Edith R. Nickerson.
 South Boston, M. Florence Cufflin.
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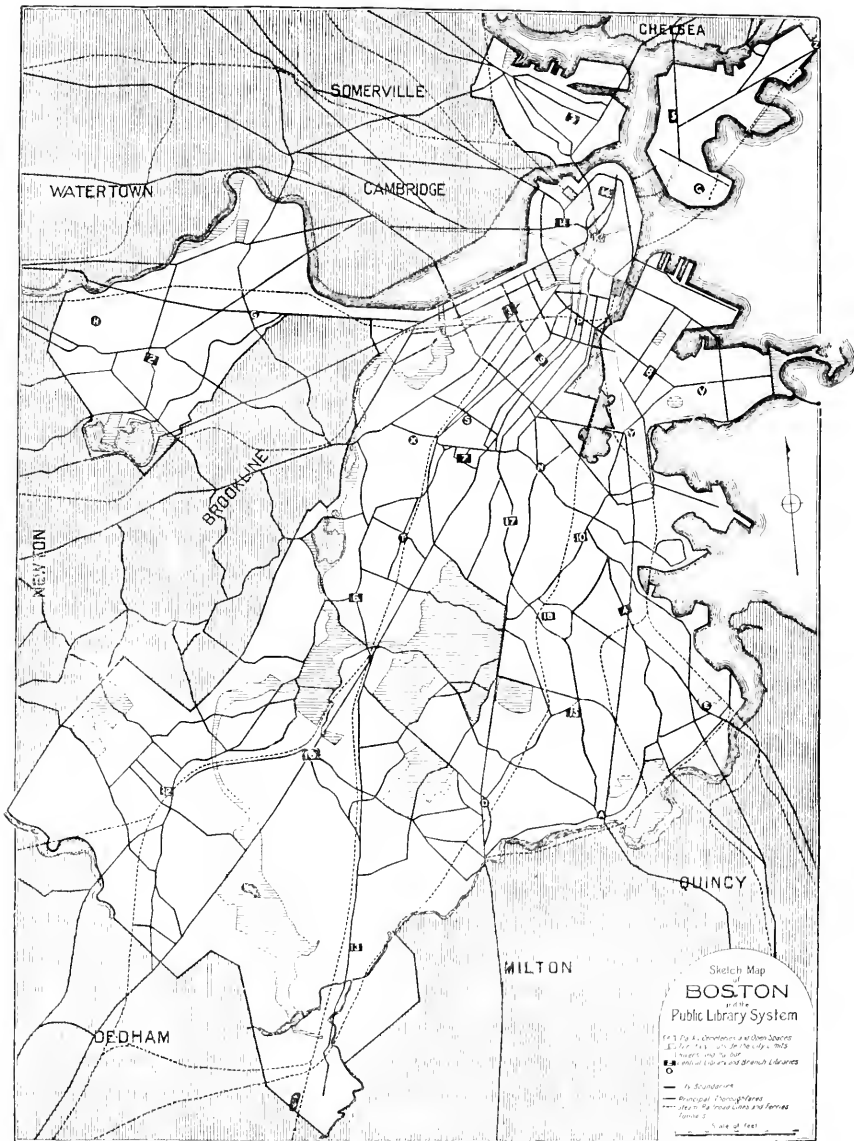
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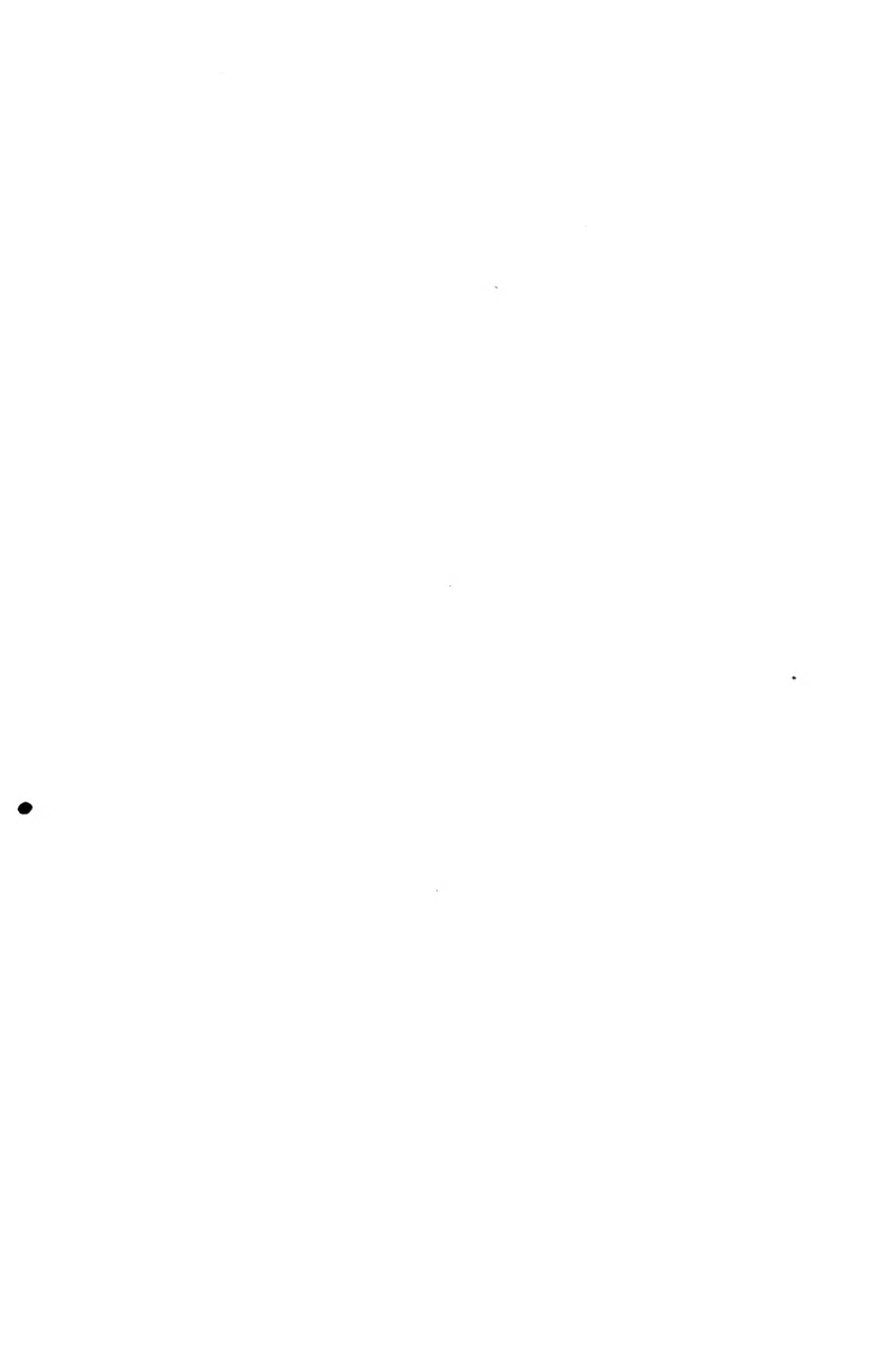
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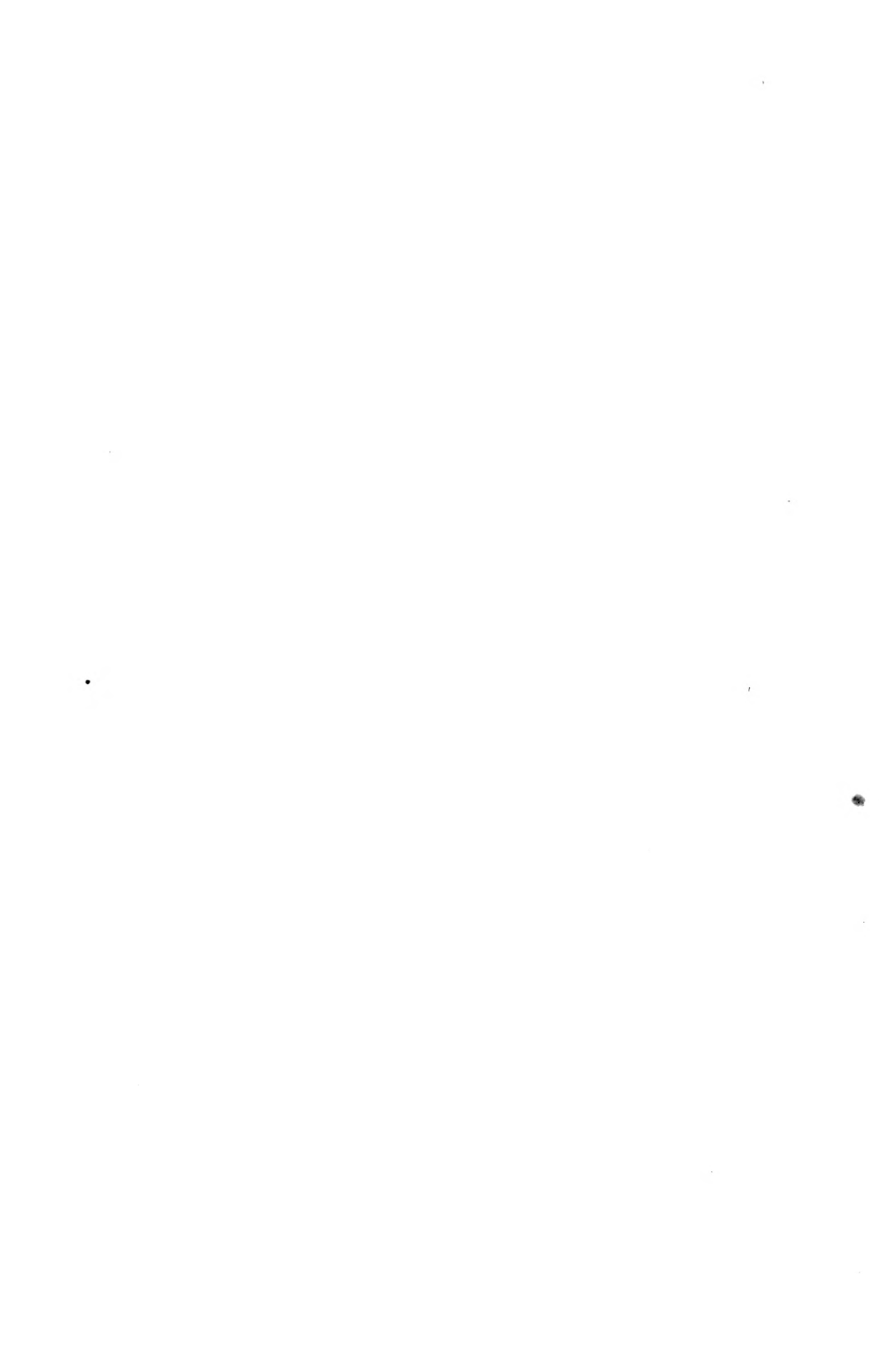
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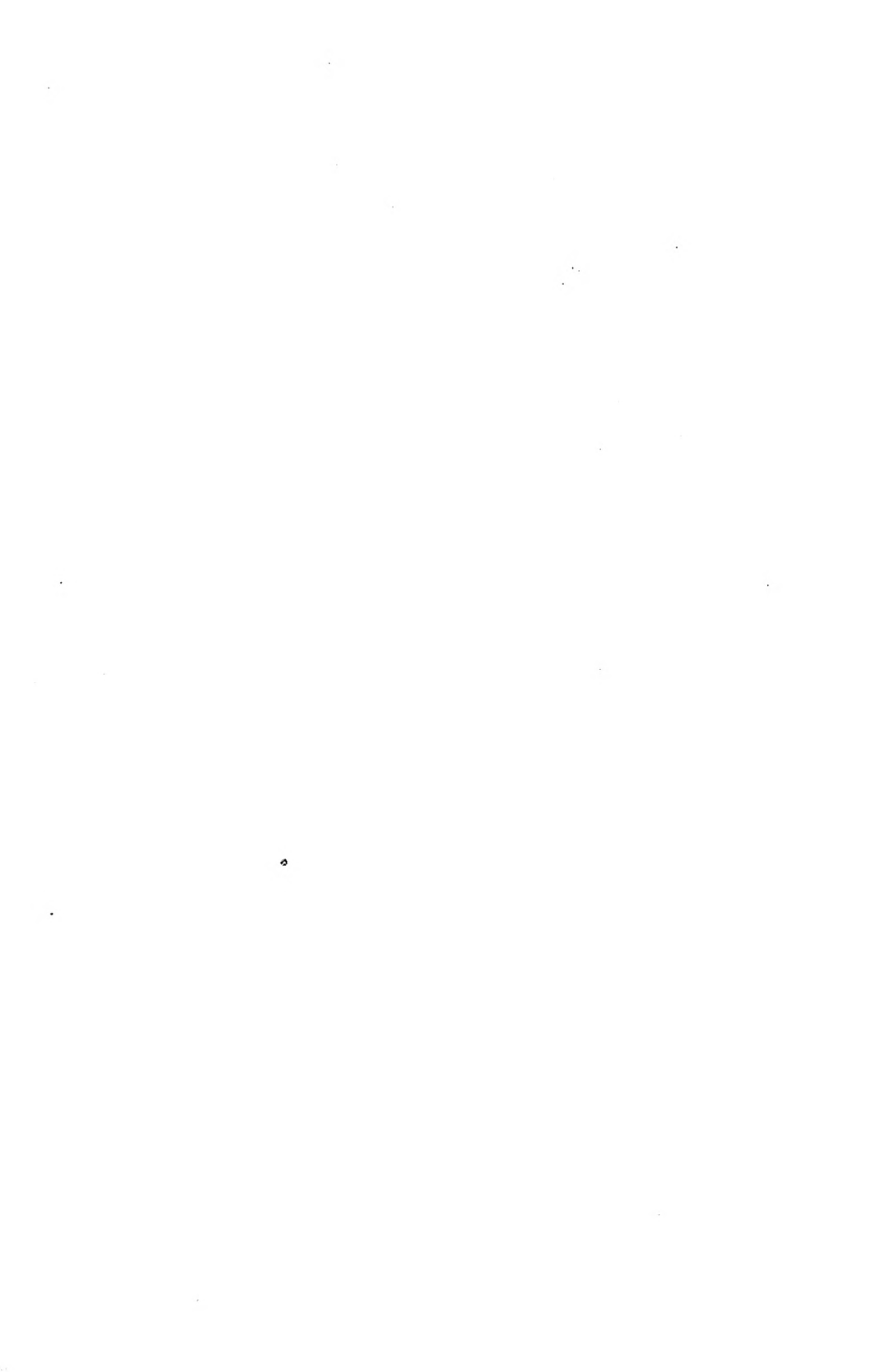


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Population (Census of 1930), 781,188







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