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Recent Accessions
Founder's Contributions of $5000 each have been established by the following:

The Misses Mary and Anne Lamberton and Mr. R. E. Lamberton, in 1924, in memory of their late father, Dr. W. A. Lamberton.

Mrs. J. Fithian Tatem, the "J. Fithian Tatem Fund," as a memorial to her late husband, in 1925.

Mr. Thomas Harris Powers, the "Class of 1891 Department of Arts Fund," in 1926.

The first Library Benefactor's Contribution of $10,000, was presented in 1923 by the late Ellis D. Williams (Class of 1865). Another Benefactor's Contribution ($10,000) was given in 1925 by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Lea and Miss Nina Lea, as an endowment for the maintenance of the Henry C. Lea Library. This was augmented by a bequest of $10,000 received in 1928 under the will of Miss Nina Lea.

The greatest addition to the book endowments of the general Library ever recorded was the gift, in 1927, of $50,000 from Mrs. Sabin W. Colton, Jr., since deceased. In 1928 the Library received a bequest from the late Craig D. Ritchie amounting to over $21,000, together with his library of approximately 3,000 volumes. In 1932 Dr. Charles W. Burr supplemented his many previous gifts of both books and money by a gift of more than 19,000 volumes from his own library, comprising many rare and valuable works, handsomely illustrated and finely bound editions of standard authors, and general literature in all classes.

An excellent example of the interest of an individual over a period of many years is the Maria Hosmer Penniman Memorial Library of Education, established by Dr. James Hosmer Penniman, who during his lifetime contributed several thousand volumes and established a foundation of $16,000, the income of which is to be used perpetually for the purchase of books on education. Dr. Penniman died in 1931, and made further provision for the Library in his will.

Among other large gifts of books in recent years is the John R. Read collection of about 1500 volumes, given in 1929 by Mrs. Henry P. Read and Miss Helen P. Read.

RECENT ACCESSIONS

Perhaps nothing affords a more accurate estimate of the strength of a university library than its collection of reference books, particularly in the field of bibliography. The first task of the investigator of any subject is to ascertain what material has been published and where it may be obtained, by purchase, by borrowing through inter-library loan, or by securing photo-stat copies or microscopic films for reproduction by the process described by
Dr. Baugh on another page. Hence the importance of the printed catalogs of great libraries, such as the General catalogue of printed books of the British Museum, of which the Library has recently received volume four of the new edition now in progress; the Catalogue général des livres imprimés de la Bibliothèque Nationale, now within a few years of completion; the Gesamtkatalog der preussischen Bibliotheken, which embraces most of the principal German libraries, of which volume two has just been received. Subscription to these essential bibliographical tools was made possible by the Colton Fund and the Ritchie Fund, the two largest of the Library's endowments for general purposes.

Although the Library has an excellent collection of bibliographical material, there are many serious lacunae, caused by a long period of insufficient means for purchase of expensive sets. So far as the present resources will permit, every possible effort is being made to fill in these gaps as opportunity offers. Recently we have been fortunate in securing long files of the trade bibliographies of Belgium (Bibliotheca Belgica, covering the publications of the period from 1880 to 1913), of Denmark (Dansk bokfortegnelse, 1841-1929), and of Portugal (Diccionario bibliográfico portugues, 1858-1927). A similar opportunity has made it possible to obtain copies of the great national biographical encyclopedias of Austria, Norway, Sweden, and the Netherlands.

Among the most important gifts of books received by the Library in the last few weeks are the following:

From Dr. Charles W. Burr


Aeschines. Rhetorum graecorum orationes. Venice, 1513.

Ammianus Marcellinus. Rerum - - - per xxvi annos gestarum historia. Leyden, 1600.

From Mr. J. Vaughan Merrick

L'Assedio di Corinto - - - tradotta dal francese da Calisto Bassi. Piacenza, about 1832.

Fiorilli, Tiberio (?). Un avventura di Scaramuccio. Parma, about 1837.

From Mr. James Stokley


Dialogo - - - sopra i due massimi sistemi del mondo Tolemaico e Copernicano. Florence, 1632.
A READING LIST ON THE ECONOMIC SITUATION

By Dr. Ernest M. Patterson

There has probably never been a time when general interest in economic and other social questions was so great as it is today. Fortunately, many volumes are appearing which are of a very high quality and which should help anyone who desires to read serious treatments.

Construction of a list is necessarily difficult because it is almost certain to reflect the personal interest and bias of the compiler. The following volumes should be considered with this fact in mind.

[Note: The annotations printed below on the volumes selected by Dr. Patterson are not a part of his contribution, but are quoted by the Librarian from various printed reviews of the books.]

"The main part of the book is a discussion of the causes, both immediate and underlying, of the world economic depression." (Book Review Digest.)

Hansen, Alvin H. Economic stabilization in an unbalanced world.
"A collection of clearly written and dispassionate economic essays, all of which have relevance to current problems, but which do not make a unified exposition or thesis." (Springfield Republican.)

Henderson, Fred. The economic consequences of power production.
"The book is moderate in tone and well written, and thereby gains much in persuasiveness." (London Times Literary Supplement.)

Morley, Felix. The society of nations: its organization and constitutional development.
"The most stimulating full-length discussion of the League in existence." (American Political Science Review.)

Moulton, Harold G. and Pasvolsky, Leo. War debts and world prosperity.
"A thorough and detailed analysis of the whole problem of reparations and inter-governmental war debts." (Book Review Digest.)

Ortega y Gasset, Jose. The revolt of the masses.
"Simple in form, easy to read, provocative of argument, and electric in challenge." (The Survey.)
Salter, Sir James Arthur. Recovery, the second effort.

"The book is easy and pleasant reading, obviously not written for the professional economist. Not the least interesting part is that in which the author gives his impressions of events and personalities of which he has his first-hand knowledge." (American Economic Review.)

Simonds, Frank H. Can America stay at home?

"A stimulating review of our past and present place in world politics and a penetrating revelation of our changing political temper." (The Bookman.)

Soule, George Henry. A planned society.

"His book, whatever its social value may ultimately prove to be, is clear and forceful in style and at once entertaining and instructive." (Boston Transcript.)

Woolf, Leonard S. After the deluge: a study of communal psychology.

"Valuable in showing how the moral assumptions and ethical judgments of individuals vary from age to age, in accordance with the 'social tone' of their community." (International Journal of Ethics.)