

ANNUAL REPORT.

1914-1915

To the President of the University,

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report on the University Library for the year ending June 30, 1915.

Estimated valuation of the Library.

Total number of accessioned volumes in the Library	
22,359 (average cost approximately \$1.75 per volume) ..	\$39,128.25
Fixtures, stacks, tables	3,500.00
	<u>\$42,628.25</u>

In addition to the above volumes there are several hundred gift books, chiefly government documents and bound volumes of State Agricultural Experiment Station bulletins, not yet accessioned.

Accessions.

Accessions for the year ending June 30, 1915 were 1198: of these 690 were obtained by purchase; 243 came from binding periodicals; 265 were given by various donors. The most important of these gifts were certain publications of the Carnegie Institution, numbering 70 volumes, now bound and shelved, and a full set of the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society publications, presented by Dr. A.E. Vinson of the University.

Books worthy of individual mention.

The section of Spanish literature received a valuable addition of about 60 volumes by contemporary writers. This purchase made in Madrid by the Romance Department, together with an earlier invoice, also collected there and one purchased in the City of Mexico, form a representative collection of specialized interest, particularly in the modern literature of the Spanish-speaking countries.

The Department of Chemistry completed its set of the Zeitschrift für physikalische Chemie. In this Department the Library now has seven complete sets of periodicals and a number of long runs, making a total of some 700 bound volumes for consultation and for practice in research work.

A partial set of the Chaucer Society publications, 66 numbers in all, were purchased at second hand.

The Library has also brought together a collection of pamphlets dealing with the European war.

Library Exhibit.

During University Week the Library arranged an exhibit of about 300 books and a number of printed lists, by way of

suggestion to students for the formation of a private library. The Harvard five foot shelf was displayed entire and the classic, "Sir John Lubbock's 100 Best Books" was among the lists.

Certain desirable economic editions were shown as well as books of interest to the book collector, such as rare editions, early printed books, and fine bindings. These unusual books were obtained by loans from the leading book firms and from large libraries in the East. Altogether there were displayed about 20 fine bindings: an Elzevir, an Aldine, a Plantin, early editions of the American poets, some first editions in original bindings. The exhibit was enjoyed by many of the students and also by visitors here for University Week.

The Library Committee.

The Library Committee met twice during the year. The question of departmental libraries and the revision of the periodical list were taken up for discussion. As a result of the revision of the periodical list five magazines from the Departments of Geology and Chemistry were dropped, twenty-three distributed among the Departments of Education and Psychology, English, Civil and Mechanical Engineering, and the General Library were added. The total cost of those dropped was \$23.70, of those added \$68.25.

Cost of books and periodicals by Departments.

Department	Number of periodicals	Annual subscription	Cost of books
Agriculture	6	\$ 14.60	\$ 80.62
Art	2	7.00	56.13
Biology	11	52.00	59.85
Chemistry & Mineralogy	18	154.00	135.84
Civil Engineering	11	32.75	46.45
Economics	10	31.10	145.13
Education & Philosophy	8	27.20	.....
English	8	22.25	260.51
Geology & Mining	21	72.90	184.00
German .....	..	.....	30.40
Greek & Latin .....	..	.....	20.47
History	3	10.45	80.00
Home Economics	5	18.35	68.35
Library, General	38	117.65	259.56
Mathematics	3	13.75	12.54
Mechanical Engineering	15	41.15	143.24
Physics & Astronomy	5	33.50	64.46
Romance Languages	7	39.75	110.22
Science, General	8	42.40	.....
Indexes & Trade Journals	6	31.90	.....
Learned Societies (Dues).....		42.95	.....
		<u>805.65</u>	<u>1757.77</u>

Brought forward:

	Annual subscription	Cost of books
	\$ 805.65	\$ 1757.77
Orders of 1913-'14 paid from funds of current year		519.92
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		\$ 3083.34

Total cost of books, periodicals, bindery and supplies.

Books and periodicals	\$ 3083.34
Bindery	566.74
Supplies and equipment	242.15
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Total	\$3892.23

The New Reading Room.

The service rendered by the Library to the college community continues to grow as is evinced by increased circulation and attendance. The circulation shows a record of 3947 as against 2700 last year, while the attendance, especially for the evening period, made the accommodations of the Reading Room inadequate.

A new Reading Room; however, supplied with suitable equipment, will be opened in September 1915, when the very commodious and inviting room in the Library building which has heretofore been used as a museum will be ready for occupancy for this purpose. With the increased facilities which this change will afford it is expected that the Library will find a place in the daily life of every student of the University.

Respectfully submitted,

Estelle Fittell
Librarian.