

## *Report of the Librarian*

### ACQUISITIONS

THIS past year, with some outstanding gifts and with an unusually large appropriation for book purchases, we were able to make some very significant additions to the collections.

Statistically, we obtained a total of 2,897 titles, of which 904 were gifts. Among the books were 281 examples printed before 1821, and we were pleased to note that sixty-six of these were unrecorded in the bibliographies. In 1910, Clarence Brigham wrote to Charles Evans that he had obtained nearly four thousand imprints within a period of two and one-half years. We will never again be able to match that record, but we have been able to accumulate almost one thousand during the past five years, getting them one at a time. In 1962, I reported that we paid an average of \$23.90 per title. This year, the average was \$35.35.

### THE FRONTIER

As I looked over the year's books, I was delighted at the number of rarities dealing with the frontier, which we had obtained. One of them was the outstanding acquisition of the year:

*The Adventures of Colonel Daniel Boone, One of the first Settlers of Kentucke: Containing the Wars with the Indians on the Ohio, from 1769 to 1783, and the first Establishment and Progress of the Settlement on that River. Written by the Colonel himself. To which are added, a Narrative of the Captivity, and Extraordinary Escape of Mrs. Francis Scott, . . .* Norwich: John Trumbull, 1786. 24p. In the original wrappers.

The text of this edition is adapted from that in Filson's *Discovery, Settlement and Present State of Kentucke* (Wilmington, 1784), where it first appeared. Our edition represents

the first separate printing of Boone's admirable story which was later reprinted in Samuel L. Metcalf's *Collection of Some of the Most Interesting Narratives of Indian Warfare in the West* (Lexington, Ky., 1821), another book acquired this year. This copy of the Boone pamphlet is the third known example and is in quite passable condition. Other copies are held by the estate of the late Thomas W. Streeter and by the Rosenbach Foundation.

A one-time rare book is:

*Minutes of Debates in Council on the Banks of the Ottawa River, (Commonly called the Miamia of the Lake) November —, 1791. Said to be held there by the Chiefs of the Several Indian Nations, who defeated the Army of the United States, on the 4th of the Month. Present, Various Nations.* Philadelphia: Printed for the Editor, and Sold by William Young, 1792. 22p. Evans 24647

It makes reference to St. Clair's disastrous defeat by Little Turtle, and the purchase of this pristine pamphlet brings to mind the unrecorded broadside concerning this battle upon which I reported a year ago. The pamphlet purports to be a relation of debates by the Indians following their victory, the proposition being that it might be a suitable time for them to sue for peace. The arguments demonstrate the iniquity of white treatment of the Indians and as the Introduction announced, are a plea to white Americans for a just Indian policy. I suspect that it was composed by a Philadelphia Quaker and has nothing to do with an Indian pow-wow.

Also relating to the trans-Allegheny region is one of Samuel Wharton's defences of the Walpole Company's title to a large tract of land in present Indiana. It is entitled: *Plain Facts: Being an Examination into the Rights of the Indian Nations of America, to their respective Countries; and a Vindication of the Grant, from the Six United Nations of Indians, to the Proprietors of Indiana, against the Decision of the Legislature of Virginia; together with Authentic Documents, proving that the Territory, Westward of the Allegany Mountain, never belonged to Virginia, &c.* Philadelphia: R. Aitken, 1781. 164, [1]p. Evans 17437.

Moving northwestward, we obtained a good copy of Samuel Hull Wilcocke's

*Narrative of Occurrences in the Indian Countries of North America, since the connexion of the Right Hon. the Earl of Selkirk with the Hudson's Bay Company, and his attempt to establish a colony on the Red River; . . .* Montreal: Reprinted from the London edition, by Nahum Mower. 1818. xiv, 154, 96p.

This book deals with the difficulties of Thomas Douglas, fifth Earl of Selkirk, and his band of pioneers who attempted to settle the valley of the Red River of the North. The colony survived only after armed conflict with the North West Company of fur traders during which Lord Selkirk's health and reputation were ruined.

In Illinois new settlements disturbed older Indian occupation, resulting in the so called Black Hawk War of the 1830's. The best eye witness account of the conflict is now on our shelves.

*History of the War between the United States and the Sac and Fox Nations of Indians, and parts of other disaffected tribes of Indians, in the years eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, thirty-one, and thirty-two.* By John A. Wakefield, Esq. Jacksonville, Ill.: Calvin Goudy, 1834. x, 142p.

Other acquisitions dealing with frontier life are:

*The Ohio Hunter: Or a Brief Sketch of the Frontier Life of Samuel E. Edwards, the great bear and deer hunter of the State of Ohio.* Battle Creek, Mich. Review and Herald Steam Press Print, 1866. 24op. port.

*Reminiscences of Pioneer Life in the Mississippi Valley.* By J. W. Spencer. Davenport: Griggs, Watson, & Day, 1872. 72p. photo. port.

*Sketches and Anecdotes of the Old Settlers, and New Comers, the Mormon Bandits and Danite Band,* by Col. J. M. Reid, Attorney at Law. Keokuk, Iowa: R. B. Ogden, 1876. 177, [16]p.

#### MISCELLANEOUS RARE BOOKS

An appeal of Congress in the dismal days of 1778, to the colonies to support the revolutionary effort was frequently reprinted, as entries 16097-16104 in Evans show. We obtained an unrecorded edition of this broadside which bears notice, even though its condition is not of the best.

[*An Address*] of the Congress to the Inhabitants of the United States of

*America. . . . May 9, 1778. . . .* Boston: Printed and Sold by White and Adams, in School-Street. Folio broadside.

Another message from the Congress to its constituents is a variant of Evans 18225:

*Address and Recommendations to the States by the United States in Congress assembled.* Philadelphia: Printed 1783. Boston: Re-printed, by Order of the Hon. House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1783. 27p.

Evans calls for 62p. and a copy in this library bears him out. This copy has only 27 pages ending at the recto of leaf D<sup>2</sup>, while in our earlier copy "Paper No. V." begins on the verso of leaf D<sup>2</sup>. The pamphlet is concerned with the laying of a tariff for financial buoyancy of the foundering Confederation.

Another item worthy of note is identification of the authors of Evans 31042. This partisan pamphlet, supporting Jefferson for president, is entitled:

*President II. Being Observations on the late Official Address of George Washington: . . .* Printed for the Author, 1796. [Phila.] 16p.

Our copy has a contemporary manuscript note on the title page reading, "By Samuel Relf and J[ames]. A[rmstrong]. N[ Neal]." Relf was a journalist of Philadelphia who from 1799 to 1823 published the *Philadelphia Gazette*. Neal was a New Hampshire clergyman residing in Philadelphia from 1795 to 1804, as principal of a female academy.

Collectors and librarians may take heart in the fact that not all manuscripts are published. Dr. John Wheelock, the son of the founder of Dartmouth College and himself the second president of the institution composed a number of unpublishable books. One of them nearly made it, as this broadside, the gift of James R. Tanis, shows:

*Proposals for Printing, by Subscription, In Two Volumes Octavo, each Volume containing upwards of Five Hundred Pages, A Philosophical History of the Advancement of Nations; . . . by John Wheelock, LL.D. President of Dartmouth University. . . .* Joseph Nancrede, No. 49, Marlboro'-Street, Boston. [1796-1803]. Large folio broadside.

The Dartmouth archives treasure but one page of the manuscript of this quite perishable work, and it is dated *ca.* 1800. The broadside apparently is unique.

Also unrecorded and of significant historical importance is *Instructions to Messrs. Gallatin and Rush, for Negotiating a Commercial Treaty with Great Britain. January 5, 1819. Printed by order of the Senate of the United States, under an injunction of Secresy.* Washington: E. DeKrafft, 1819. 22p.

The pamphlet consists of letters, dated in May and July, 1818, of John Quincy Adams, the Secretary of State, to the negotiators of the Convention of 1818, which established, among other things, the forty-ninth parallel as the northern boundary between the United States and Canada from the Lake of the Woods to the continental divide in the Rocky Mountains. There is no record of the printing of this pamphlet in the executive records of the Senate, nor is it in the Library of Congress or entered in the National Union Catalogue. Our copy is inscribed, "Mr [Harrison Gray] Otis."

"The Nat Turner Insurrection" of August, 1831, in Southampton County, Virginia, was a traumatic experience for the South and had much to do with the solidifying of Southern feelings on the slave question. A rare pamphlet about the event was prepared by Samuel Warner and is entitled:

*Authentic and Impartial Narrative of the Tragical Scene which was witnessed in Southampton County (Virginia) on Monday the 22d of August last, when fifty-five of its Inhabitants (mostly women and children) were inhumanly Massacred by the Blacks.* Printed by Warner & West, 1831. [N.Y.] 38p. front., 'Horrid Massacre in Virginia.' Wrappers.

Our copy is in excellent condition and is the gift of the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

#### ALMANACS

During the year we obtained six unrecorded American almanacs as well as forty-three others of less scarcity. The most interesting of these were:

*The American Almanack For the Year of Christian Account 1730*, by Titian Leeds. Philadelphia: Edward Nearegreas & Daniel Arrot in Newport, R.I. Lacks last leaf.

This copy varies from another copy in this library. In our original copy, the verso of leaf C<sup>3</sup> contains information about Maryland courts. In the new copy, the verso contains schedules of Rhode Island and Connecticut courts.

*The Western Calendar: or, an Almanack for the Year of our Lord, 1801.* Washington [Pa.].

*Tamil Calendar.—A.D. 1849.* Jaffna: American Mission Press, 1849. Printed in Tamil and English.

The last was one of a lot of a half dozen pieces which were issued by the American Mission Press in Ceylon and purchased this year.

#### CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Of the thirteen children's books printed before 1821, which we added this year, three of them were new to d'Alté Welch. The first two, cited below, are unrecorded titles, while the third is an unlisted edition.

*The History of Jack, and his Eleven Brothers; displaying the various adventures they encountered in their Travels, &c.* Baltimore: A. Miltenberger, J. Vance & Co., and F. Lucas, 1811. 108p. Gift of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

*The Good Child's Golden Companion; full of Amusement and Instruction. (No. 1.) Adorned with cuts. First Vermont Edition.* Rutland: Printed by William Fay & Co. 1813. 31p. illus. Gift of Benjamin Tighe.

A gift from the estate of Frank Luther Mott included *The Children's Friend* by Arnaud Berquin with a varying imprint; New-Haven: Printed by George Bunce, for C. Davis, New-York, 1798.

#### COOKERY

The job of annotating the bibliography of American cookery books compiled by Waldo Lincoln and enlarged by Eleanor Lowenstein goes merrily forward. In addition to the book listed below, the title of which is unrecorded, we

were able to add eight new editions to items already listed in the bibliography.

*The House-Keepers Cook Book, containing a great variety of unknown and valuable receipts, . . .* Philadelphia: Desilver, 1838.

*A New System of Domestic Cookery, formed upon Principles of Economy, and adapted to the use of private families. Second Philadelphia edition.* Philadelphia: Buzby, 1808. xviii, 263p.

This book is also at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Curiously, we also purchased an 1863, Halifax, Nova Scotia, edition of this title.

#### DIRECTORIES

About a year ago the New England Historic Genealogical Society disposed of all of their directories of localities outside of New England published after the year 1860. We were permitted to search their discards for volumes which would help fill in our runs from 1861 through 1900. As a result, the Genealogical Society gave to us 123 directories. The most pleasing to me included the 1861 business directory for Milwaukee; St. John and Fredericton, New Brunswick, 1862; and Omaha, Nebraska, 1866. From other sources we obtained early directories of Portland, Maine, 1827, the gift of member Walter G. Davis; and Buffalo, New York, 1832.

#### FICTION

This past year has been especially fruitful in rare and unrecorded books of fiction. Those not appearing in Lyle Wright's list of American fiction were:

*The Female Land Pirate; or Awful, Mysterious, and Horrible Disclosures of Amanda Bannorris, wife and accomplice of Richard Bannorris, a leader of that terrible band of robbers and murderers, known far and wide as the Murrell men.* Cincinnati: E. E. Barclay, 1847. 28p. illus.

This marvelous story is pure humbug, but it fits in very nicely with the two Murrell books we obtained a year ago.

*Clara Hopkins, or, The Mirror of City Life.* By Osgood Bradbury, Esq. N.Y. Samuel French, n.d. 100p., double columns. Lacks last leaf. Copyright in 1855, by George H. Williams of Boston.

*The Bel Isabel: or, the Conspirators of Cuba.* By F. Clinton Barrington [A. G. Piper]. Boston: F. Gleason, 1851, Cop. 1850. 10op., double columns.

*Kate Wynyard: or, the Wanderer of the Sea.* By F. Clinton Barrington [A. G. Piper]. Boston: F. Gleason, 1851. 10op., double columns.

We added another twenty-nine titles to the fiction collection. Among them was I Wright 488, previously unlocated. We believe that Emma Carra, the purported authoress of *Estelle*, may have been Avis S. Spenser.

### INSTITUTIONS

In the category of institutional publications the Society purchased several unrecorded pamphlets. From Boston came:

*Rules and Orders To be observed by a Fire-Club, Instituted at Boston, March 5th, 1783.* 4, [1]p. Caption title. Marbled paper wrappers.

*Constitution of a Society, instituted for the Formation of a Social Private Library.* Boston: Belcher & Armstrong, 1805. 9, [1]p. This library was the Trimontain Library Society.

*Constitution of the Independent Friendly Fire Society. Instituted in Boston 7th November, 1806.* Boston: Printed for the Society, 1817. 7p. Marbled paper wrappers.

*Catalogue of the Boston Union Circulating Library, No. 12, Cornhill, Boston. Published, 1820.* 128p. Printed by Munroe & Francis for S. H. Parker's Circulating-Library and Music Store. Shoemaker 2650, second location.

Pennsylvania organizations were represented by:

*An Epistle from our Yearly Meeting held in Philadelphia. For Pennsylvania and the Jersey's, From the 20th, to the 24th of the 7th Month, 1729. To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, belonging to the Yearly Meeting.* [Philadelphia; Andrew Bradford, 1729.] 3p. In Bristol's additions to Evans.

*An Epistle From our Yearly Meeting held at Burlington, For New-Jersey and Pennsylvania, &c. from the 14th to the 18th of the 7th Month, inclusive, 1734. To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings of Friends belonging to the said Yearly Meeting.* [Philadelphia: Andrew Bradford, 1734]. 4p. Evans 3771, not located.

*Rules of the Society for the Relief of Poor and Distressed Masters of Ships, their Widows and Children:* . . . Philadelphia: Printed for the Society, by T. Bradford, 1783. 20p. Half title.

*Freyheitsbrief der Deutschen Hohen Schule, [Franklin and Marshall] (College) in der Stadt Lancaster, in dem Staate Pennsylvanien; nebst*

*einer Unrede an die Deutschen dieses Staats, Von den Trustees der besagten Hohen Schule.* Philadelphia: Melchior Steiner, 1787. 16p. Inscribed by Philip Muhlenberg. Evans 20445.

*Eine Rede Gehalten den 6ten Juni 1787. bei der Einweihung von der Deutschen Hohen Schule oder Franklin Collegium in Lancaster, von Henrich, Muhlenberg.* Lancaster: Albrecht und Lahn, 1788. 15p. Evans 21274, NYPL copy incomplete.

*A Catalogue of the Miscellaneous Books Belonging to the State Library of Pennsylvania [sic].* Harrisburgh: John Wyeth, 1818. 34p. Shaw & Shoemaker 45263.

#### LOUISIANA

Councillor Edward Laroque Tinker presented to the Society a sizable collection of books, pamphlets, and photostats to supplement the Louisiana materials which he gave in 1949. Of especial interest were a group of manuscripts by Henri Rémy, a French born lawyer and journalist. Rémy accompanied William Walker on the Nicaraguan filibuster and included with the manuscripts was a letter of Walker to Rémy, dated New Orleans, January 25, 1860, as well as several examples of scrip issued by Walker's government. The most important book in this gift was Rémy's *Tierra Caliente. Impressions au Mexique* (St. James, La., 1859), 112, [2]p. Also of interest was a photostatic copy of the *Memoires* of Pierre Clement Laussat, the last French governor of Louisiana. The 636 page book was published in Pau in the Basses-Pyrenees district in 1831, and deals largely with Laussat's American experiences. The original seems to be almost unknown.

#### PERIODICALS

This year proved to be poorer than usual in that we were able to locate only three runs of newspapers. The earliest was the Carlisle, Pennsylvania, *Cumberland Register*, September 20, 1805 (v.1, no.1) through September 7, 1808. Other respectable files of this newspaper are at the Library of Congress and at the public library of Carlisle.

Even more scarce is our file of the Nashville, Tennessee, *Constitutional Advocate* of October 22, 1822, through December 20, 1823, which is located only at the Library of Congress.

The estate of Maria B. Thorpe gave us issues of the *New London, Connecticut, Gazette* of April 21 through September 15, 1769, a very welcome addition to our collection. *The Juvenile Key* was published by the eldest children of Joseph Griffin, the printer and historian of Brunswick, Maine. The estate of Clement F. Robinson gave us a copy of volume one of this children's newspaper which ran from September 18, 1830, into 1836. Bowdoin College also has a file of this rare example of juvenalia.

#### TRADE CATALOGUES

We continue to add a small number of American trade catalogues to the collection each year. This year, however, the Society was the recipient of a very generous gift of thirty catalogues of stove manufacturers from Mrs. Josephine H. Peirce, the author of *Fire on the Hearth* and a long time friend of the library. The earliest was a publication of W. A. Arnold & Company, Northampton, Massachusetts, entitled, *Arnold's Patent Yankee Cooking Stove*. The eight page pamphlet was issued in 1837 and contains recipes as well as testimonials of the stove's excellent qualities. In 1840, the firm issued a small quarto broadside entitled, *Hints to Purchasers of the Improved Yankee Stove* which was also included in Mrs. Peirce's gift.

#### TRIALS

Although none of the reports of trials obtained this year were unrecorded, we did obtain several important examples. Two related pamphlets were purchased in one binding which had belonged to a participant in the affair. In 1798, Patrick Lyon of Philadelphia was accused of and imprisoned for

robbing the Bank of Pennsylvania. He was released after three months, at which time he published

*The Narrative of Patrick Lyon, who suffered three months severe imprisonment in Philadelphia gaol; on merely a vague suspicion of being concerned in the robbery of the Bank of Pennsylvania: With his remarks thereon.* Philadelphia: Francis and Robert Bailey, 1799. 76p. port., engraved by J. Aiken.

Some years later he brought suit against the Bank for false arrest and was awarded \$12,000 damages. The court proceedings were printed in 1808 under the title of *Robbery of the Bank of Pennsylvania in 1798*. Both pamphlets were bound up by William Lace of Philadelphia, a witness in the trial, who had the binding stamped in blind with his name.

In addition to purchasing a copy of the trial of John Ryer (McDade 847), we also acquired a copy of the English edition of the McDade's entry 855:

*Trial and Confession of John Schild, for the Murder of his Father and Mother . . .* [Reading, Pa., John Ritter & Co., 1813] 32p.

We already had the only known copy in German, and this edition is nearly as rare. The New-York Historical Society has it also, but the title page to their copy is wanting. As it is, our title page is mutilated, and the imprint is assumed from the copyright notice and from the German edition.

#### STATE DOCUMENTS

Along with our other materials we managed to pick up a number of state documents. The most important purchase in this category was a group of nine early Maryland items. Beginning in 1755, with the *Acts* as well as the *Votes and Proceedings*, they run intermittently to 1797. The 1778 issue of the *Votes and Proceedings* is signed, "Hon Charles Carroll of Carrollton Esqr." Among a number of Massachusetts broadsides were three unrecorded tax warrants for the years 1749, 1755, and 1788. Unrecorded also was an 1807 edition of the *Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of New-York*. Pennsylvania is represented by a run of the session

laws for the first decade of the nineteenth century as well as: *To the Honourable Patrick Gordon Esq; Lieutenant Governour of the Province of Pennsylvania. . . .* [Philadelphia: Andrew Bradford] [1728] 10 p. Evans 3089.

which contains objections of members of the General Assembly over the action of representatives from Philadelphia to elect a substitute for Sir William Keith. This pamphlet is closely allied to Evans 3098 which we obtained in 1962. We made an exchange for the first four volumes of the laws of Texas (Houston, 1838-1839) and for the journal of the constitutional convention of Wisconsin (Madison, 1848).

#### TYPOGRAPHY

The typographic, calligraphic, and stenographic acquisitions this year have been absolutely first rate. It has been my ambition to obtain for this library, as I am sure that it was that of Brigham, Vail, and Shipton, a copy of the first formal specimen of printing types cast in America; the 1812 edition of Binny and Ronaldson. Through the truly splendid generosity of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, which has so often given us material of great usefulness, the library now has:

*Specimen of Printing Types, from the Foundry of Binny & Ronaldson.* Philadelphia: Fry & Kammerer, 1812. 41 lvs.

This copy is in its original wrappers, is fresh and clean and to make it as desirable as possible, is inscribed, Mr. Isaiah Thomas Jr.

In addition, the Genealogical Society presented us:

*Specimen of Printing Types by Reich, Starr & Co. Stereotype and Letter Founders, Philadelphia.* J. Maxwell, 1818. 11 lvs.

Actually, the Reich, Starr specimen is scarcer than the Binny & Ronaldson pamphlet; but, there is a difference. This specimen, like the other, is in almost pristine condition with the original wrappers and inscribed Mr. J. [Samuel] T. Armstrong.

These two jewels for our crown are sufficient, but we also obtained the *Minor Specimen Book of the Dickinson Type Foundry* (Boston, 1859); George Trumbull's *Pocket Typographia* (Albany, 1846), a gift; *Memoranda Relating to the Early Press of Iowa* (Iowa City, 1880), one of fifty copies prepared and printed by John Springer; a description with a lithographic illustration of Guersey's Cylinder Printing Press, manufactured by Francis & Clary of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, under patents granted to Gordon McKay of Boston (1860); and finally Rob Roy Kelly's handsome specimens of *American Wood Types, 1828-1900*, published this year in forty-five copies.

On the calligraphic side, we purchased three writing books, namely:

*New German Text Copies for the use of Schools*. Newburyport: Hooker & Fairman, 1808. 13 plates. This has not been previously reported, although we already had an imperfect copy.

*Howard's Large and Small Round Text Copies. With the New Rules for Learners*. James Aiken Engraver Newburyport. Copyright by Thomas & Whipple. Ray Nash dates the only other recorded copy as 1809. 11 plates, lacking 3 of 14.

*E. Huntington's Complete Alphabetical Sets of Round and Running Hand Copies, With a Variety of Merchantile Forms Used in Business. Designed as an addition to his Introduction to the Art of Penmanship: For the more advanced pupils*. Hartford, Jan. 1820. 14 plates engraved by Huntington. Our copy contains, as a center fold, *Various Alphabets Written and Engraved for the use of Schools and private Individuals*, by E. Huntington N. York 1816. 2 plates. The latter title is not noticed elsewhere.

Among the stenographic publications, two deserve notice. *Stenography: or the Art of Short Hand Perfected, . . . Fourth Edition, Enlarged, Corrected and Improved with an additional Plate*. By C. Mangan. Boston: R. P. & C. Williams, 1818. Thomas G. Bangs, printer. 16p. 5 plates. Printed wrappers. Shaw & Shoemaker 44676, one location.

The other is by Stephen Pearl Andrews, the eccentric reformer of New York City.

*First Lesson in Phonography. The Alphabet. . . . Exercises. . . . Explanations. . . .* N.Y. C. Davison & Co. [Copyright by Andrews and A. F. Boyle, 1847.] quarto broadside.

Of very great interest to us was the gift of the daybook of a Rutland, Vermont, publisher which came through the generous offices of Albert Boni. The Reverend Doctor Samuel Williams, sometime Hollis Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy at Harvard College, was proprietor and editor of the *Rutland Herald* from 1794 until 1804. His daybook covers the period of September 10, 1798, through September 16, 1802. The first leaf is wanting, but it is complete thereafter unto the seventy-first page whereon it is noted that on September 1, 1802, Williams and William Fay, a former apprentice, have entered into partnership. The account concludes with an inventory of their office

A printing Press bought of James Lyon—Cost	75.00
A printing Press bought of Judge Williams—Cost	95.00
Types of different kinds and sizes bought of James Lyon— 500 lbs. at 2/ per lb.	166.67
A Font of Types bought of Anthony Haswell	50.00
A Font of Types bought of Chs. and George Webster of Albany—200 lb. at 2/	66.67
A Font of Types bought last year of Jesse Buel 300 lb.—Cost	75.00
An Iron Stove bought of Lewis Walker	22.50
Case and Stands for the Types—worth about	45.00
A small desk or cabinet	4.00
Shovel and tongues bought of William Smith	3.00
An Iron Pott—cost	1.25
Do. smaller	1.00
An Iron Dishkittle	1.00
4 Chairs	3.00
2 Tables	3.00
3 Composing Sticks 12/	6.00
4 Candlesticks	.75
Sundry smaller articles—Furniture for the Press—boards for wetting paper—Galleys—Saw—2 Iron Skillets—Screw drivers—Snuffers—wooden boxes—Twine &c &c—worth about	25.00
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#### GIFTS

I have not, of course, made adequate acknowledgment to the many generous donors of library materials. In fact I cannot, for, without the continuing support of these inter-

ested people the Society's collections would be immeasurably poorer. I would especially commend the practice of some of our members who give us copies of their publications. Frequently, Society members are displeased (and I am embarrassed) to discover that some of their books are not on our shelves. This unhappy state of affairs can easily be corrected by gifts from the authors. Permit me also to ask for your help by calling to our attention collections which would be of use to the Society and which are about to be dispersed.

#### LIBRARY AFFAIRS

Although the acquisition of books is our chief delight, other matters claim much of my attention. I finally finished the major task of weeding our uncatalogued nineteenth and twentieth century pamphlets. A number of desirable items were located there, including the rare, first printing of Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address. Miss Clarke's cataloguing of miscellaneous collections continues. During the past year she has completed work on the tract society publications, cookery books, and is now attempting to separate the English and American printings of the publications of the Society of Friends. Incidentally, I should like to thank our friends in various libraries who patiently answer our inquiries about their holdings as their answers frequently aid us in cataloguing our materials correctly.

Mrs. Gordon M. Marshall, Jr., is now on the staff in charge of the print and map collection. She has begun the rather staggering job of cataloguing these materials on logical basis which will very greatly increase their utility to us and to our users. Staff problems still exist in the manuscript department and in our bindery operations.

The number of readers appeared to increase rather sharply this past year, and during our busiest seasons, that is during

academic vacation periods, the staff was sore-pressed to attend to the demands of the visitors. The first registrant of the year was from Athens, Ohio, and the last came from Chicago. Between those two, readers appeared from Cape Town, South Africa, to Forest Hill, Victoria, Australia, and the total registration was higher than ever. In short, it has been a busy and, we trust, fruitful year. We are looking forward to the next.

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