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LIBRARY NOTES.

A REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE LIBRARY DURING 1903.

**Accessions to the Library.**—The total accessions to the Library during the year 1903 were 4,242 volumes, of which 2,121 were received by gift and 2,121 were obtained by purchase, making a total of 15,440 volumes added to the resources of the Library since the formal opening of the institution, which took place on the 6th October, 1899.

The accessions by purchase during last year may be classified as follows: Theology and Philosophy, 971 volumes; History, 666 volumes; Philology, 194 volumes; Literature, 140 volumes; Bibliography, 129 volumes; Fine Arts, 19 volumes; and Natural Science, 2 volumes.

These accessions include many very important works, of which some are of great rarity. Mention may be made of the following: Thirty-two volumes of *Incunabula*, most of which were printed before 1480, and of several of which no other copies are known to bibliographers.

The collection of Bibles has been enriched by the following, amongst other additions: Four Latin editions of the fifteenth century—1°. Printed at Ulm by Johann Zainer in 1480 (the only edition printed at Ulm during the fifteenth century). 2°. Printed by Octavianus Scotus at Venice in 1480. 3°. Printed by Johann Prüss at Strassburg in 1489. 4°. Printed by Johann Froben at Basle in 1491 (the first Bible printed at Basle and the first book printed by Froben). The English Bible of 1631, commonly known as "the Wicked Bible," in consequence of a typographical error, whereby the important word "not" has been omitted from the seventh commandment. The impression, said to have consisted of 1,000 copies, was suppressed, and a fine of £300 was imposed upon the printers by Archbishop Laud, in the High Commission Court. "With part of which fine Archbishop Laud caused a fair Greek character to be provided, for publishing such manuscripts as time and industry would make ready for the public view," says Heylin. Prince Lucien Bonaparte's translation into the Labourdin dialect of Basque, 1859-65, of which only 251 copies were printed. It is the only complete translation of the Bible printed in any of the Basque dialects. A copy of *Le Nouveau Testament*, printed at Antwerp, circa 1538, of which no record can be found. The latest bibliographer of the French Bibles and Testaments, A. W. J. Van Eys,\* does not mention

\* *Bibliographie des Bibles et des nouveaux Testaments en Langue Française des XV<sup>me</sup> et XVI<sup>me</sup> siècles*. Par A. W. J. Van Eys. Genève, 1900-1. 2 vols. 8vo.

this edition, and presumably has never either seen it, or found any reference to it. An edition of Erasmus's Latin Testament, printed at Basle in 1523, by a printer named Johann Hervagius, is also unrecorded. Seven editions, printed in the same year, are recorded in the *Bibliotheca Erasmiana*, Gand, 1893, but no mention can anywhere be found of an edition printed by Hervagius.

The recently acquired copy of *In primum librum Mose enarrationes Martini Lutheri*, 1544, bears upon its title-page an inscription in Hebrew and Latin, in the handwriting of the author, presenting the book to Marc Crodel, Rector of the College of Torgau. The inscription is attested by an eye-witness in a note on the final leaf of the volume. Another of Luther's works, *Enarratio psalmorum LI. . . & cxxx. . .*, 1538, likewise an edition of Quintilian, printed in 1514, contain numerous manuscript notes by Philip Melancthon. Of the works of other reformers may be mentioned the first printed edition of William Tyndale's *Briefe declaration of the sacraments*, 1550. *An exposycyon vpo the V., VI. and VII. chapters of Mathewe* [1530 ?], also by Tyndale. George Joye's *A present consolacion for the sufferers of persecucion for ryghtwysenes*, 1544, and his *Exposicion of Daniel the Prophete . . .*, 1545. The former of the two was probably printed at Wesel, whence Joye fled in 1542, to escape the tide of persecution which was rising again in this country. He afterwards removed to Geneva, and there published his *Exposition of Daniel*, which was compiled from various sources.

In ecclesiastical history several most important additions have been made: Wadding, *Annales minorum seu trium ordinum a S. Francisco institutorum*, Romae, 1731-86, 28 vols., folio. Le Paige, *Bibliotheca Praemonstratensis ordinis*, Parisiis, 1633, folio. Hugo, *Sacri et canonici ordinis Praemonstratensis annales . . .*, Nanceii, 1734-36, 2 vols., folio. Bullarium Franciscanum Romanorum pontificum . . ., Romae, 1759-1902, 7 vols., folio. Rodulphus, *Historiarum seraphicae religionis libri 3 . . .*, Venetiis, 1686, folio, etc.

In the section of French history an interesting collection of works on Limousin will be found in the present list.

In other departments we have added: *Breviarium secundum ordinem scē Romane ecclesie*, Venetiis, 1482, folio. *Breviarium Coloniense . . .*, Coloniae, 1521, folio. *Missale Moguntinum*, Mainz, Peter Schœffer, 1499, folio. An edition of the Breslau Missal was printed in the same year, at the same press, of which two copies are known to exist, but of the 1499 edition of the Mainz Missal no other copy seems to be known. *The Book of Common Order*, Middleburgh, 1602. The first Latin edition of Henry VIII.'s *Institution of a Christian Man*, 1544. The first edition of Richard Baxter's *Saints' Everlasting Rest*, 1650. A collection of the genealogies privately printed by Sir Thomas Phillipps at the Middle Hill and other presses. Hennepin's *New Discovery of a Vast Country in America*, 1698. A large collection of works upon the study of Greek and Latin palæography, etc., etc.

**Gifts to the Library.**—The list of donors during the year contains forty-one names, as compared with sixteen last year, figures which furnish a fair measure of the growth of interest in the Library. The most considerable gift is due to the continued generosity of the founder, and amounts to 2,035 volumes. It comprises a remarkable collection of works, numbering nearly 2,000 volumes, upon comparative religion, the occult sciences, mysticism, theosophy, spiritualism, faith-healing in its various phases, and kindred subjects, and includes sets of the works of Thomas Taylor, the Platonist, Madame Blavatsky, Mrs. Besant, as well as complete sets of such periodicals as: *The Banner of Light*, *Lucifer*, *The Medium*, *The Two Worlds*, *Theosophical Siftings*, *The Spiritualist*, *The Theosophist*,

*The Spiritual Magazine, Human Nature, The Herald of Progress, The Weekly Sun, The Philosophical Journal*, etc. The collection formed part of the library of the late Mr. Joseph Whitehead, of Hollinwood, to the formation of which he devoted between sixty and seventy years. The collection would have been dispersed but for the timely and generous offer of Mrs. Rylands to purchase it for the Library, and so avert what would have been a great disaster. In addition to the 2,035 volumes referred to in the list, Mrs. Rylands has presented to the Library a magnificent set of Turner's *Liber Studiorum*, the impressions of the plates being in the finest possible state. Also a very early map of the world, which is copied from a metal map, preserved in Cardinal Stephen Borgia's Museum, formerly at Velletri, now at Rome. The original map, executed in niello work on copper, bears no date, but must have been executed, it is thought, between 1401 and 1453, probably about 1410, since the conflict at Ancyra, in which Bajazet was besieged by Tamerlane in 1401, is mentioned in one of the many inscriptions, whilst at Constantinople no inscription notices the capture of this city by the Turks in 1453. The copy presented by Mrs. Rylands is probably the oldest known printed map of the world. A fuller description of the map will be given in a subsequent issue of the BULLETIN.

The list of donors is as follows :—

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 Dr. Paget Toynbee, 2 vols.  
 Trinity College, Cambridge, 1 vol.  
 James Ward, Esq., 1 vol.

The Governors take this opportunity of again thanking the donors for their welcome gifts.

**Periodical Publications.**—At the close of the year 1903 the Library was in receipt of 158 periodicals, all of which are regularly made available to readers in the Periodical Room. A list of such publications was printed in the first issue of the BULLETIN, but several important additions have been made to the collection since the printing of that list, and, therefore, for the information of readers we give their titles as follows :—

"Archiv für Papyrusforschung und Verwandte Gebiete." Herausgegeben von Ulrich Wilcken. Leipzig, 1901. 8vo. *In progress.* R 9634

"Arquivo historico Portuguez." Lisboa, 1903. 8vo. *In progress.* R 9741

"Beiträge zur Assyriologie." Band 5 et seq. Leipzig, 1903. 8vo. *In progress.* R 10082

"Berichte über die Verhandlungen der Königlich Sächsischen Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften zu Leipzig. Philologisch-Historische Classe." Band 59 *et seq.* Leipzig, 1902. 8vo. *In progress.* R 9731

"Buddhism: an illustrated quarterly review." Printed and published for the International Buddhist Society. Rangoon, Burma, 1903. 4to. *In progress.* R 9926

"Celtica: recueil semestriel de mémoires relatifs à l'archéologie, à la numismatique et au folklore celtique." Publiés par Ch. Roessler. Paris, 1903. 4to. *In progress.* R 9729

"Congregational Historical Society: Transactions." London, 1901. 8vo. *In progress.* R 9463

"Journal of Biblical Literature. Published by the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis." Boston, U.S., 1881-1904. 8vo. *In progress.* R 9464

"Journal of Comparative Literature." New York, 1903. 8vo. *In progress.* R 9917

"Journal of the Friends' Historical Society." London, 1904. *In progress.* R 10063

"Miscellanea genealogica et heraldica." London, 1868-1904. 8vo. *In progress.* R 9627

"Revue des études grecques. Publiée par l'Association pour l'encouragement des études grecques." Paris, 1888-1904. 8vo. *In progress.* R 9732

"Revue d'histoire ecclésiastique [publiée par l'Université catholique de Louvain]." Louvain, 1900. 8vo. *In progress.* R 9170

"Revue d'histoire littéraire de la France." Paris, 1903. 8vo. *In progress.* R 9571

"Revue des langues romanes." Tome 46 *et seq.* Montpellier, 1903. 8vo. *In progress.* R 9570

"Revue de philologie française et de littérature." Tome 17 *et seq.* Paris, 1903. 8vo. *In progress.* R 9569

"Studi e testi: [pubblicazione della Biblioteca Vaticana]." Roma, 1902. 8vo. *In progress.* R 9655

"Tijdschrift voor Boek en Bibliotheekwezen." Antwerp, 1903. 8vo. *In progress.* R 9655

"Wesley Historical Society: publications and proceedings." London, 1897. 8vo. *In progress.* R 9937

"Zeitschrift für französische Sprache und Litteratur." Band 26 *et seq.* Berlin, 1903. 8vo. *In progress.* R 9743

**Works on the Study of Palæography.**—With a view to provide for the wider interest in the study of Greek and Latin palæography, which may be looked for as a result of the recently formed class in Latin palæography in connection with Owens College, it was found desirable to considerably strengthen the library collection of works bearing upon the subject. This has been done, and the present BULLETIN contains a list of the most important works bearing upon the study of Greek and Latin palæography and diplomatic which may be consulted in the John Rylands Library.

**Library Lectures.**—The monthly lectures that have been given in the Conference Room during the evenings of the second Wednesday of each month, when the building is thrown open to the public, have been followed with much interest—an interest which was sustained throughout the year. With one exception the lectures have dealt with "The Evolution of Books," and were designed to stimulate interest in the Library, by directing attention to the available sources of information upon the subjects dealt with. The one exception was a lecture by Professor A. S. Peake, one of the Governors of the

Library, upon "The Movement of Old Testament Scholarship in the Nineteenth Century," which was delivered on the 11th November. The lecture was followed with intense interest from beginning to end.

The value of and interest in the lecture were considerably enhanced by the distribution of a printed synopsis, in which the leading dates on Pentateuch criticism, with which the lecturer dealt, were clearly set out. This synopsis, prepared by Professor Peake at some cost of time and thought, is of more than passing interest, and is deserving of much wider circulation than it was possible to give it on the occasion of the lecture. We have decided, therefore, to give it permanence by reprinting it in the present issue of the BULLETIN.

Special exhibitions were arranged in the Library in connection with each lecture, which gave to them the added character of demonstrations. These open evenings are being continued throughout the present year.

**Use of the Library.**—Much more serious use has been made of the Library during the year under review than in any previous year, and it is evident that the wider knowledge of the resources of the Library has brought a correspondingly large attendance of readers. It is gratifying to find the students from the Victoria University and from the various theological training colleges, in increasing numbers, making regular use of the provision made for them. Many students from considerable distances have also been attracted by our collections, and have taken occasion to acknowledge, with appreciation, the advantages they have derived through their visits to a library offering such great facilities for earnest and quiet study.