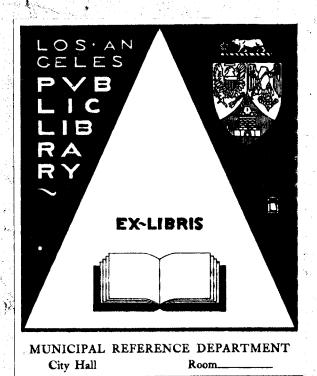
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^{*}Emergency appointee.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Honorable,

The City Council,

City of Los Angeles.

Gentlemen:—The Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Public Library has the honor to present to you herewith its Annual Report

for the year ending June 30, 1910.

During the past year, Mr. Henry W. O'Melveny, a valued member of the Board, resigned in order to accept a place on the Park Commission, and was succeeded by Mr. W. C. Patterson to fill the unexpired term. Mrs. Shelley H. Tolhurst was appointed by the Mayor, vice Fred A. Hines, resigned. Mr. Geo. M. Giffen was reappointed for four years, his term having expired.

Mrs. Tolhurst is at present in Europe on a leave of absence, and

Mrs. Tolhurst is at present in Europe on a leave of absence, and before her return will attend the International Library Congress, to be held at Brussels, August 28th to 31st, where much valuable informa-

tion will doubtless be secured by her.

On January 1, 1910, Dr. C. J. K. Jones resigned from the office of Director of Study and Research. The position was subsequently abolished. The Librarian, Mr. Chas. F. Lummis, also resigned on March 31, 1910, and the Board extends to him its best wishes for his success in the literary work which he has resumed. Since that date, the earnest attention of the Board has been devoted to a consideration of first, "what are the essential requirements for the Librarianship," and second, "who is, among those available, best able to fill them?"

The unusual opportunities of the Los Angeles Public Library are very generally recognized by the Library world at large, and it has been the aim of the Board to secure for the Librarianship a man who could increase the utility and success of the Library as rapidly as

possible.

Many Libraries are proving of great value in their communities through their appeal to those interested in the various trades and professions. It is quite as important for the Library to gain the patronage of the mechanic, the miner, the civil, electrical or railroad engineer, the architect, and the fruit grower as it is the reader of fiction. The Board has striven, in its search for a Librarian, to secure a man who, through his experience, has proven his ability to thus enlarge the opportunities of the Library and to make it a source of profit, as well as entertainment, to its patrons.

After an exhaustive investigation, the Board finally appointed to the Librarianship Mr. Purd B. Wright, for fourteen years, and up to the present time, Librarian of the Free Public Library of St. Joseph, Missouri; he is at present a member of the Executive Board and the Council of the American Library Association, the American Library Institute, the Missouri Library Commission (of which he served for three years as President), and a Vice-President of the Missouri His-The Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Public torical Society. Library considers itself fortunate in having secured Mr. Wright for the Librarianship. He is pre-eminently practical in his work, and has made the St. Joseph Library a distinct factor in the community, having opened its shelves to many in all walks of life by appealing to their personal interests. After attending the annual meeting of the American Library Association, now being held at Mackinac Island, Michigan, Mr. Wright will visit a number of the principal Libraries of the country, with the view of gaining information which will doubtless prove of value in his new position.

Although the income of the Library has grown, the administrative cost has increased even more rapidly. While the present location of the Library was the only one available to the Board at the time it was chosen and probably could not now be improved upon, except by the construction of a separate Library building, nevertheless its experience since being in the present quarters has convinced the Board that this location is undesirable, and that as long as the Library continues to remain therein, it will not accomplish all of the good it should. Situated as it is on the third floor of a large department store building, it appears to the ordinary passerby that, because of its unavoidable setting, it is a part of the department store itself. Aside from this disadvantage, it is not satisfactorily located to reach the masses of the people. Many of its former patrons are no longer using the Main Library, owing to the inconvenience of its location. The best proof of this lies in the falling off of the circulation of the Main Library. notwithstanding the phenomenal growth of Los Angeles.

Circulation of Main Library, July 1, 1908 to July 1, 1909...... 500,396

Main Library, July 1, 1909 to July 1, 1910..... 451,906

Branches, July 1, 1908 to July 1, 1909....... 215,968

Branches, July 1, 1909 to July 1, 1910....... 228,848

(The Highland Park Branch was discontinued during this year.)
The above figures do not include the Branch Libraries which were
incorporated in our system through the consolidation with San Pedro,
Wilmington, Terminal Island and Hollywood.

The total circulation of the above four Branches is 49,546, making

a grand total for the branches of 278,394.

The entire circulation for the Library during the year is 742,289. These figures very conclusively prove the great need of a perma-

nent Main Library Building. It is the hope of the Board that some plan can be formulated at an early date which will make the erection of a permanent Library home possible.

On account of our city's big indebtedness, incident to our harbor and aqueduct projects, it seems inadvisable at the present time for the city to bond itself any further; therefore, only one other method

of raising funds suggests itself-that of private subscriptions.

The citizens of our city should be willing and anxious to promptly meet this very great need for a Library building. Civic pride in Los Angeles has always ranked high, and there is no reason why our publicspirited citizens should not take immediate steps to raise funds to insure the erection of a Main Library, and thus keep pace with many much smaller cities. Denver, for example, with a population of 275,000 (estimated), has a Library structure costing \$430,000, and Seattle, with a population of 309,375 (estimated), has a Library building costing over \$320,000. The members of the Library Board feel that the ideal site for a new Library Building is Central Park, preferably the Olive Street frontage, midway between Fifth and Sixth Streets. Such an arrangement would in no wise interfere with the beauty of the park and would do much in the direction of popularizing this institution.

Owing to the large rental at our present quarters (\$15,000 per year), our administrative cost is unusually large. (Salaries for the year, \$57,183.83.) This condition has resulted in an enforced retrenchment in book purchases, the total for the year being \$18,681.59. The Board of Directors has felt that the earnings of the Library, including fines, dues of non-resident card holders, and revenues received through duplicate fiction privileges, should be added to the Library Fund. This was always done until December, 1907, when the City Auditor held that such monies should revert to the General Fund.

While the Library Board fully appreciates the advantages of a Civil Service system, it feels that the examination of Library applicants should be held by this Board in the capacity of Civil Service examiners. This system obtained until the present charter was passed, and the results were far more satisfactory, as the Board is better able to determine the fitness of candidates. The Board is also thoroughly convinced that it should be vested with the authority of discharging an employee, as its inability to do this conspires very largely against the best discipline of the Library. It is hoped that needful changes in this direction will be incorporated in our new charter.

The aim of the Library Board is to obtain the greatest usefulness of the Library. In order to do this, it has been necessary to develop a system of Branches, which at present consists of thirteen in all, thus meeting the needs of the various sections of our rapidly growing city.

During the past year, the city has acquired at San Pedro and at Hollywood two beautiful buildings, gifts of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, and which the Library Board feels in duty bound to maintain with the same degree of efficiency that characterized their management before the consolidation. The Downey Avenue Deposit Station has also been added this year.

Owing to limited funds, it has been necessary to refuse requests

for Branches in numerous instances in the past year.

A highly approved method of supplementing the work of the Library is to provide Branches or Deposit Stations in all of the schools, thus enlarging the scope and opportunities of a public school education. If an interest in good books can be aroused and maintained

during school days, after these are over, children are bound to become book-lovers and in most instances Library patrons. importance of encouraging school children to patronize the Library can scarcely be over-estimated. While the Library maintains a School Department and has endeavored to co-operate with the schools, there is obviously a great opportunity for expansion along this line, in instilling high ideals in the minds of the children.

In its endeavor to interest men and women in all vocations, the Library has added largely to its Reference Department, books relating to horticulture, viticulture, agriculture, mining, the oil industry, me-

chanics, architecture, economics, etc.

The past year 12,987 books have been added to the Main Library, making a total of 136,625; at this date, San Pedro has 4,358 volumes and Hollywood, 6,360, aggregating 147,338 in the Main Library and

Branches.

Through the Young Men's Christian Association, the Library has arranged to place a collection of two or three thousand books at their disposal for the use of the various camps of the Los Angeles Aqueduct. The assistance offered is greatly appreciated. The Library is also co-operating with the City Playgrounds, and aids in the maintenance

of their Library.

The California Library Association held its annual meeting at Long Beach this year. Most of the staff availed themselves of the opportunity of attending these meetings. Miss Gertrude Darlow, Principal of the General Literature Department, and Miss Anna Beckley, Principal of the Reference Department, read papers which were well received. The training class, also, gained much from the meetings of the California Library Institute, held about the same time.

The Library Board is grateful to the public-spirited citizens who

very generously contributed to our collection, as follows:

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Conaty presented the Library with a fine collection of rare books on Irish history and art; Count Charles Bozenta Chlapowski donated about one hundred volumes from the Library of the late Madame Modjeska, and a valuable copy in oil of Raphael's "Madonna del Gran Duca" was received from Mrs. Josephine Mabury.

The Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Public Library is confident that, with the new Librarian and the united effort of the entire staff, the Library will show very gratifying improvements dur-

ing the coming year.

It is believed that the Library will continue to enjoy the co-operation of your Honorable Body and our citizenship at large.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. NEWMARK, President, ISIDORE B. DOCKWEILER, W. C. PATTERSON. G. M. GIFFEN,

Board of Directors.

Los Angeles, July 9, 1910.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN

To the Honorable,

The Public Library Board.

Gentlemen:—Through the temporary vacancy of the office of City Librarian, it devolves upon me as Assistant Librarian to present to your Honorable Body the annual report of the Los Angeles Public Library for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910.

FINANCIAL

The four mills on the dollar allowed us by the City Charter amounted to \$110,356.16, for the fiscal year 1909-10.

Receipts

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Fines, Main Library \$2,535.81 Branches 651.66 Duplicate Fiction 34.20	5
Dues, Non-resident Postals sold Finding Lists Duplicate Fiction Books lost and paid for Total Departmental Receipts	. 126.25 . 3.50 . 406.87 . 242.41
Total Departmental Receipts	. φι,σσι.σσ
TRUST FUND Membership Deposits received, 1909-10	\$1,155.31
Disbursements	
Books \$20,158.41 Periodicals 1,119.25 Furniture 1,801.22	
Salaries Expense— Printing \$ 141.44 Supplies 1,324.67 Expense 2,675.81 Rent, Main Library 13,500.00 Branches 2,272.50 Postage 265.00 Insurance 598.55 Lighting 271.74 Binding 2,973.80	\$ 23,078.88 57,179.06
	24,023.51
Total	\$104,281.45

Summary

Budget allowance, Fiscal Year 1909-10	. 3,318.02
Demands issued, Fiscal Year 1909-10	. 4,876.34
	\$113,974.18

I certify that the above report is correct.

PEARL E. GLEASON, Clerk.

SAN PEDRO BRANCH LIBRARY

Disbursements

Books \$1,212.94 Furniture 153.03	
Salaries	\$1,365.97 1,559.97
Expense— Rent, Terminal Island Branch. \$232.50 Incidentals 68.00 Insurance 52.50	
	353.00
	\$3,278.94
Summary	
Balance in fund at date of annexation	.\$1,035.92 . 2,796.66
Demands issued to July 1st, 1910 Outstanding Orders, July 1st, 1910 Unexpended Balance, July 1st, 1910	. 464.89
	\$3,832.58

HOLLYWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY

Disbursements

Books \$ 902.22 Furniture 118.30	
Salaries Expense— \$ 6.50 Printing \$ 6.50 Supplies 16.80 Incidentals 112.10 Lighting 34.55 Binding 55.45	\$1,020.52 829.60
	225.40
	\$2,075.52
Summary	
Balance in fund at date of annexation	.\$1,091.74 . 1,619.34
Demands issued to July 1st, 1910 Outstanding Orders, July 1st, 1910 Unexpended Balance, July 1st, 1910	. 464.75
	\$2,711.08

Library Service: The Library was open to the public some part of each day the past year, with the exception of Christmas. On week days, it has served the public twelve and one-half hours, and on Sundays and holidays, eight hours. Books and periodicals have been issued from the Main Library, thirteen Branches and fourteen Deposit Stations, making in all twenty-seven agencies through which reading matter was loaned to the public.

The removal of the wooden partitions and the re-arranging of shelving, stacks and cases in Document and Reference Departments, have made accessible to the public a larger number of volumes, and greatly facilitates the work of the departments affected.

Administration: The discontinuance, in August, 1909, of the Bindery as a separate department, placed the responsibility of that work with each department interested. From the various sources, there have been sent to the binder, 4,168 volumes, besides the large amount of repair work done in the Library.

The annual inventory shows an increase in furnishings to the

value of \$1,801.22. There have been expended for books and periodicals, \$21,277.66. The amount expended for salaries, including janitor service, was \$57,183.83. The total expense of conducting the Library the past year, exclusive of salaries, was \$47,102.39, of which amount \$21,253.62 was the cost of circulation. The rate per capita is shown by table on page 21.

The schedule was so arranged as to enable the frequent attendance of both the training class and regular staff upon the sessions of the Library Institute conducted at Long Beach, under the direction of the State Library, and much valuable instruction was received from lectures, papers and discussions.

Acknowledgments: This Library is indebted to the Rt. Rev. Thos. J. Conaty for the following works:

Armstrong, R. B.—The Irish and the Highland Harps. 1904.

Connellan, C., tr.—Annals of Ireland, tr. from the original Irish of the Four Masters. 1846.

Cook, J.-Wakeman's Handbook of Irish Antiquities. 1903.

Gilbert, J. T., tr.—Facsimiles of National Mss. of Ireland. 5 folio, 1874, 1878, 1879, 1882, 1884.

Petrie, G.—Ecclesiastical Architecture of Ireland. 1845.

Robinson, S. F. H.—Celtic Illuminated Art. 1908.

Royal Irish Academy.—Transactions—Antiquities. 1839. Notes on high crosses. 1901.

Stokes, M.—Notes on the cross of Cong. High crosses of Castledermot and Durrow. 1898.

Ware, Sir J.—Antiquities and History of Ireland. 2 vols. 1706, 1764.

Ware, Sir J.—History of the Bishops of Ireland. 1739. We are also under obligations to Count Charles Bozenta Chlapowski for a collection of eighty-four volumes from the library of the late Madame Helena Modjeska; to one of our patrons interested in decorative art, for a fine work on English Lead, and to the Russian Peoples' University for 151 volumes in their native language.

A valuable acquisition to the Art Collection is the gift of Mrs. Josephine Mabury, of a fine, beautifully framed copy of the Madonna del Gran Duca, by Raphael, the original of which was painted in the early part of the 16th century.

Relations With Other Libraries: The Inter-Library loan custom has been extensively followed in requests for both our books and pictures, from all the principal Libraries in the five southern counties of the State, and even from the most northern county. This accommodation is not confined to ourselves and we gratefully acknowledge the courtesy extended to us by the California State Library, Stanford University, the University of California, the U. S. Congressional Library, and others.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Book Order Department: Miss Rowell reports books purchased from the past year's appropriation for the various departments as follows:

Catalog 5
General Literature2,472
Fiction
Juvenile2,723
School 862
Reference
Documents
San Pedro
Hollywood 11

Accession Department: There have been received the past year 12,987 books, 19 maps and 1,890 documents. Of this number, 971 books and 1,785 documents were gifts. This leaves the total number of volumes actually purchased with Library funds, 10,222—of which number 441 were magazines subscribed for and later bound.

There were 2,000 books discarded, 200 lost and paid for by the borrowers, 31 volumes, the property of the School Library, withdrawn, and two lost in the Bindery, which leaves the net increase 10,671. These figures added to the number of volumes reported on hand last year, makes the number in the Main Library at this date, 136,625. Including the number at Hollywood and San Pedro Branches the total is 147,338 volumes.

Numerous book reviews were clipped through the year, dated and placed in the books by Miss Johnson while they were in her department.

Classification Department: The records show the number of volumes classified and entered to be 564 less than last year, the summing up of this year being 7,768 volumes. An increase in inventory cards written makes the present report number 11,667. A record of all books discarded by the Library and lost and paid for by patrons, has been kept by Miss Taylor, on the inventory cards of the respective departments, except Fiction. Both Reference and Juvenile cards were made in duplicate. Inventory cards of the German books, as well as a large portion of those of Reference, have been copied and checked.

Cataloging Department: There have been 7,630 books cataloged, 43,805 Library of Congress cards filed, and 7,767 books checked out. Aside from the above regular routine work, 15,000 songs were indexed, with numerous references; a large amount of instrumental music cataloged; a duplicate catalog of the pedagogical books in the School Department well begun, and a complete catalog made of the Russian books in one of our Deposit Stations.

Under the direction of Miss Thornburg, the head of this department, the work of indexing the newspapers is being conducted by the Principal of Western History. The object to be attained is making available for use, in card form, the valuable newspaper material, par-

ticularly that of local import.

Mail Department: There have been received the past year by Mrs. Jackson, periodicals representing 504 titles, 127 of which were donations. This number includes monthly, bi-monthly, semi-monthly and weekly magazines, as well as daily and weekly newspapers. Two hundred and eighteen magazines, embracing 22 titles, go to eleven Branches, and the three Playgrounds receive 25 magazines (12 different titles) each month. The magazines circulated on cards number 232, comprising 32 different titles. The past year has witnessed the largest circulation in this department in the history of the Library, the records showing charges of 64,560 unbound magazines, and 10,528 bound volumes, which include Juvenile and Branch circulation.

Registration Department: There were reported by Miss Hart at the beginning of the current year, 43,634 borrowers' cards. There have been added during the past twelve months 15,297 members at the Main Library, which, with those of Hollywood and San Pedro Branches added, make a total membership of 48,192.

General Literature Department: An addition of 4,226 volumes the past year makes the present total 39,503. The statistics for the year are, 93,205 home, and 12,560 reading room circulation. The books added cover a wide range of subjects, but lack of funds is apparent to satisfactorily carry on the work of so important a department. Books laid aside for repairs deprive the patrons of their use, while the newer and most desirable publications are inaccessible because not owned by the Library, both of which objectionable points might be promptly removed by more liberal appropriations. Of the books demanded by the patrons a large proportion is not on our shelves, which very seriously impedes the growth of the department, at the same time making more difficult the service rendered, and may, in part, account for the fact that the circulation increased but 750 over that of 1908-9.

Efforts are made to create an interest in the available volumes by posting lists of those added, bulletins and frequent displays of interesting reading, and especially to furnish ambitious workers with the required material. The reviews formerly clipped and inserted in books by the Accession Department, are now collected by this Department and arranged for use in the Library.

The Principal, Miss Darlow, has been frequently requested to speak before clubs and schools, and delivered daily lectures during the session of the Library Institute.

Fiction Department: At the close of the fiscal year there were in this department 32,763 volumes, a gain of 2,280 over the preceding inventory, and the circulation 236,192, a decrease of 40,419 during the year. The largest monthly record was February, 29,976 volumes, while the smallest was December, when it showed but 17,775. This decrease was without doubt due to the approach of the holiday season, as there was a marked increase in the circulation of January, and in February the highest point was reached, although it was the shortest month. The average daily circulation was 760; monthly, 19,682.

Miss Melzer's records show the books most in demand to be "The Calling of Dan Matthews" and "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine."

These books are upon our "Reserve List," and there were purchased

for the former, 108 postals and for the latter, 97.

The amount set apart for Duplicate Fiction is \$50.00 per month, which has proven an inadequate sum for the purchase of the books requested.

Juvenile Department: Containing 19,451 volumes, this department has done efficient work so far as circumstances would permit, but the lack of funds to keep up with the new and demanded books, as well as to rebind the volumes laid aside because of ragged condition, has very seriously handicapped the "Children's Room." With a circulation of over 80,000, old books soon need rebinding, and new books should be promptly purchased. The circulation of this department has fallen off the past year, which Miss Stella Beckley considers a result of insufficient financial assistance, and it is most earnestly urged that a generous provision be made for the coming year. Branches, Playgrounds and Deposit Stations make heavy demands upon us, and we feel insufficiently supplied with the necessary books.

That the children are reading more profitably and carefully is evidenced by the fact that the percentage of non-fiction has increased from thirty-one to thirty-four. Reading lists and bulletins have proven of great interest, and the effort to acquaint the children with the lives of famous men and important public and historical events, resulted in daily bulletins suggested by the Derby Anniversary Calendar, but we were compelled by lack of suitable material, as well as the necessary time, to discontinue the idea, much to the regret of the children.

School Department: Additions of 1,373 books, 1,202 pamphlets, 2,570 pictures and 2,752 stereographs have been made to this department, all of which were in constant use. The total circulation for the year was 11,989. Many accessions on pedagogical subjects, and the four examinations a year for incoming teachers now held by the Board of Education, undoubtedly explain the increased circulation.

Miss Casey supplies the demands of 487 teachers, so far as the material in the Library will permit, and 123 schools borrow through this department their needed books. A list of educational literature in the "Recent Periodical Column" of "Western Journal of Education" was prepared by the School Department and appears in each issue. The exhibit arranged at the Polytechnic High School during the Teacher's Institute, consisting of lists and pictures designed to aid in the study of Geography and Travel, met with the approbation of the visitors. Visual education was amplified the past year, and our pictures have been of especial value at the holiday and anniversary season, the stereograph views becoming so popular that a waiting list was necessary.

Reference Department: The total number of books shown by recent inventory is 25,480, an increase of 2,136 over the report of last year. This number includes 377 magazines and 35 newspapers. Among these are some really rare acquisitions.

The Art Section of this department has, during the past year, added to its valuable collection 346 pictures, besides the three particularly fine Blashfield studies, known as "Figure of Discipline," or

"Self Control," "Holland," or "University of Leyden," and "Head of Law." The constant demand for loans evidence the popularity and study value of these pictures, and since we placed at the disposal of our patrons the beautiful Braun Clement, Berlin and Medici collections, the requests from public and private institutions have raised a question of the advisability of loaning the finer copies, unless the pictures are protected by glass and appropriate and durable frames. The Japanese prints, recently framed, are doubled in value, justifying the expenditure and insuring their safety.

The loans the past year number 4,710, a large proportion of these being photographs. There were 357 colored reproductions borrowed, for an indefinite period, by the Y. M. C. A. Reading Rooms for use along the Owens River Aqueduct, and 94 by the County Hospital Library. The remaining number was loaned to schools, individual stu-

dents and clubs for a limited time.

The subject of Applied Science has received especial consideration and the evident appreciation of the student patrons fully justifies the expenditure.

Extensive reading lists were prepared, which, together with the Bible Study and Missionary subjects, have been thoroughly and care-

fully compiled.

Since the discontinuance of the general Bindery placed the work of each department on its own responsibility, there have been bound, either new or old, 500 volumes. The preparation of these included the arrangement of a six volume set of Racinet's "Le Costume Historique," which required the numbering of 2,046 pages and 500 plates, and making of an alphabetical English index.

Miss Beckley, the Principal of the department, invited to speak before schools, colleges, clubs and educational gatherings, has been

able to comply with but a small proportion of the requests.

Western History Department: The newspaper clippings of articles of length and importance, are mounted and made self-indexing for reference. In conjunction with this clipping, Miss Bloomer carries on the work of filing pamphlets on California Industries, all Library Publications, Chamber of Commerce Literature, and the printed matter supplied by Railroads and Los Angeles Theatres.

Documents Department: The recent accessions are very diverse, ranging from Agriculture to Fence Posts, from the Tariff Question to the Anatomy of the Honey Bee, but all are publications of great value to the student of these subjects.

The total number of books, 11,251; pamphlets, 7,391; and maps 2,284 on file June 30, 1910, shows an increase in each item over the previous report. Of this number, 104 volumes have been recently

bound.

Important late City Charters and a collection of papers on City Government by Commission, on Harbors and on Public Health have been received.

Very comprehensive catalog work was done this year by Miss White and her assistants, which greatly reduces the work of research; and

the addition of regular Experiment Station Catalog cards in the main Document catalog is a feature of much interest and service to the patrons.

BRANCH REPORTS

San Pedro Branch: This Library, an attractive building valued at \$12,000.00, of which \$10,000.00 was the gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, became a city asset on August 28, 1909, when San Pedro was annexed. It is open to the public each week day, except holidays, from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m., and Sunday from 2 to 5 p. m.

Miss Royce reports 4,353 volumes, a borrower's list of 1,155

names, and a circulation amounting to 21,265.

Wilmington Branch: At the date of the annexation of Wilmington the Library Association had just opened its room in the new City Hall, with 217 volumes on hand, a gift of the citizens, to which were added 305 volumes from the Main Library. The report of this date shows a circulation of 3,208 volumes since October, 1909.

Terminal Island Branch: San Pedro previously established and maintained this center of distribution. The report shows a circulation of 3,087 volumes. In October the books were removed to a more commodious room.

Hollywood Branch: This \$15,250.00 building, \$10,000.00 of which was a gift from Mr. Andrew Carnegie, was secured through the instrumentality of the Women's Club of Hollywood. It came under our supervision by official annexation of that city, February 7, 1910. The Library is open daily except Sunday and holidays, from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m., and from 7 to 9 p. m.; on Sundays from 2 to 5 p. m. The number of volumes inventoried is 6,360, the total number of borrowers, 3,402, and there is a recorded circulation of 21,986. The past year's income was about \$5,000.00, approximately one-half of which had already been expended at the date of annexation.

Boyle Heights Branch: 1964 East First Street. This Branch, open four days each week, contains 1,754 volumes, with a total circulation of 25,972. The average being 129, the patrons ask that it be open every day.

Central Avenue Branch: 2707 Central Avenue. Open daily, the total number of books, 2,414, a daily average of 104, and a circulation of 31,650, a loss of 485 during the past year is reported.

East Main Branch: 2609 East Main Street. Open four days in the week, this branch with 1,829 volumes and a circulation of 14,516 for the past year, has a daily average of but 75, which may be due to the fact that it is less than a mile from the Deposit Station on North Broadway.

Garvanza Branch: Corner Avenue 64 and Ruby Street. Early in the past year the Highland Park and Garvanza Branches were combined, the Garvanza location being retained. Now open daily this Branch has 2,496 volumes, a circulation of 19,523 and a daily average of 71.

Moneta Branch: 4418 Moneta Avenue. With 1,808 volumes on the shelves, though open but four days each week, the circulation is 21,823, a gain of 9,691, the largest Branch increase reported. The daily average is 109, and the patrons request that the room be open every day.

Pico Heights Branch: 1312 El Molino Street. Open daily and having on shelves 2,076 volumes, the average circulation 89, and the year's circulation totaling 27,041. There was a loss of 185.

University Branch: 905 West Washington Street. Opened for daily use and with 2,589 books on hand, the circulation was 29,602, a gain of 3,115. The daily average, 107.

Vernon Branch: Forty-fourth and Central Avenue. Open but four days in the week, with 1,943 volumes, a circulation of 28,259, a gain of 4,683, and a daily average of 140, Vernon ranks third in circulation, and the patrons earnestly petition six day service.

Washington Branch: 1145 West Washington Street. Moved to a better room in August, 1909, has 2,033 volumes on hand, a circulation of 26,004, a gain of 2,252, and a daily average of 128.

Attractive bulletin boards have been placed in all the Branches. Interesting subjects, illustrated by pictures from magazines and accompanied by explanatory clippings and selected reading lists, are frequently posted.

The story hour, conducted for a few months, proved of intense interest to the small listeners, and such subjects as Arthurian Legends, Jungle Stories, Persian Heroes, and Greek and Roman Mythology were used to lead the children to a better class of literature.

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The books supplied to these Stations by the Library are greatly appreciated.

The statistics returned by Miss Dick, from the three Playground Stations, show gratifying results. Each station is open two afternoons and one evening in a week, and the following table speaks eloquently.

	Total Attendance	Daily Average Att.	Circula- tion
Playground No. 1, Violet Street	. 6,545	63	5,237
No. 2, Echo Park		87	7,277
No. 3, Recreation Center.	. 5,790	56	4,329
	21,468	206	16,843

A statement of the month shows a decrease in attendance after the close of the schools, which is due to the fact that many of the children are compelled to find employment in the canneries and factories during the summer.

Slauson Playground: The fourth in number of the Playground Stations is now ready to be opened for use, but this step is impossible until an assistant for Miss Dick is provided.

Staff: The complete roster of the Library at present is eighty-

seven persons, including all Departments and Branches.

During the past year there have been added to the staff of the Main Library, Nell M. Wetter, Anna F. Ruth, Mary P. Smith, Floy B. Moore, Nancy Taylor, Van Tyne Smith, Mary Boynton, W. C. Young, and Elwyn McKinnon; to the Branch at San Pedro, Miss Lola

Ciegg, and to that of Hollywood, W. B. Skillman.

The resignations from the staff of the Main Library were Laura Hillis, Charlotte Brown, Clara B. Dills, Walter Boom, William Percival, Inez Greene, Grace Lewis, Josephine Dancaster, Rowan Webb, C. J. K. Jones, Ellis Ott, W. C. Young, Mary P. Smith, Donald Maag, Gonda Brown, Mary Bevans, Olga Sinclair, Anna F. Ruth, Anna Madison, Marie Tollefson, Florence Turner, and Hazel McClure; from the San Pedro Branch, Elizabeth Singleton, and from the Hollywood Branch, Guy Kawashima.

The members of the twenty-second training class, Helen R. Bassett, Nano Carter, Mary Hieber, Lillian V. Reynolds and Lucy K. West, have done faithful work. The result of the Civil Service examination,

neid June 11th, has not yet been made known.

The members of the staff deserve commendation for the faithful

and efficient performance of their duties.

In conclusion, permit me to thank the members of the Board for their interest in all Library matters.

Respectfully submitted,

CELIA GLEASON.

Los Angeles, July 9, 1910.

Assistant Librarian.

HOME CIRCULATION

The following tabulated statement shows the expense of circulation per capita from December, 1900, to December, 1908. The Charter Amendment, requiring annual reports from Municipal Departments to close with June 30th of each year, took effect in 1909. For this reason the table shows the expense of circulation for the past five years from July to July.

Years DecDec.	Population	Volumes Added	Total Volume in Library	Main S Library Circulation	Branches Circu- lation	Total Circu- lation			
1900-01	102,479	10,549	67,355	391,675	2,835	394,510			
1901-02		15,558	81,305	436,157	19,959	456,116			
1902-03	134,000	16,655	96,961	445,083	53,927	499,010			
1903-04	150,000	14,740	110,307	415,803	103,662	519,465			
1904-05	200,000	14,076	$123,\!146$	411,314	180,800	592,114			
	(School bo	nventory	count.)						
1905-06	228,000	6,910	102,526	367,607	176,348	543,955			
1906-07	250,000	$7,\!216$	105,679	391,295	184,306	575,601			
1907-08	280,000	16,810	117,804	503,968	191,456	695,424			
July-J	uly.	,	,	,	,				
1905-06	228,000	5,908	123,976	386,404	202,403	588,807			
(School books withdrawn and				nventory					
1906-07	250,000	8,787	106,069	365,704	171,601	537,305			
1907-08	280,000	11,844	112,520	466,645	181,462	648,107			
1908-09	307,322	16,919	125,954	500,396	215,968	716,364			
1909-10	327,685	12,987	136,625	451,906	228,848	680,754			
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Years DecDec.	Total Expense	Cost of Cir- culation as per Total Expense	Total Salaries	as per a	st of Cir- ulation per 100 pulation
1900-01	\$ 2,708,18	\$.006+	\$16,233.28	\$.041+	\$18.48
1901-02	2,199.80	.004-j-	18,019.29	.039+	15.88
1902-03	4,005.78	.008+	22,982,26	.046 -	20.14
1903-04	5,604.47	.01 ∔	25,680.52	.049+	20.85
1904-05	5,451.53	.009-	31,289.48	.052+	18.37
1905-06	21,528.43	.039+	41,227.79	.075+	27.52
1906-07	20,930.20	.036+	44,833.78	.077+	26.30
1907-08	22,925.07	.032+	53,344.42	.076+	27.23
July-Ji	uly.	•	•	·	
1905-06		.018+	39,328.22	.066+	22.00
1906-07	24,669.59	.045 +	43,436.20	.08 +	27.24
1907-08	23,282.87	.035+	49,414.37	.076+	25.54
1908-09	24,293.89	.033+	54,833.59	.076+	25.73
1909-10	21,253.62	.031+	57,183.83	.084+	23.93

STATISTICS OF CIRCULATION BY MONTHS

1909-1910	Adult Classes	Juvenile Classes	Adult Fiction	Juvenile Fiction	Bound Maga- zines	Unbound Maga- zines	Schools	San Pedro Terminal Wilming- ton	Holly- wood	TOTAL
July	7,306	3,803	30,102	10.319	952	5,194	414			58,090
August	7,617	3,927	31,202	10,159	1,020	5,230	354			59,509
September	7,643	3,001	28,553	7,649	857	5,174	1,197	2,071		56,145
October	9,034	3,499	28,884	7,386	825	5,165	1,085	2,441	'	58,319
November	9,222	3,877	28,640	8,556	862	5,325	1,205	2,844		60,531
December	8,468	3,529	26,031	8,355	787	4,912	886	2,709		55,677
January	10,040	3,901	30,759	8,523	923	5,733	1,173	3,040		64,092
February	9,321	3,540	27,262	7,056	901	5,544	1,104	2,700	3,874	61,302
March	10,576	4,255	31,932	8,500	1,107	6,100	1,341	3,187	4,398	71,396
April	9,284	4,030	30,904	8,022	806	5,489	1,133	2,988	4,519	67,175
May	8,773	3,711	29,332	7,844	721	5,156	1,130	2,747	4,540	63,954
June	8,349	3,920	30,983	8,087	767	5,538	967	2,833	4,655	66,099
TOTALS	105,633	44,993	354,584	100,456	10,528	64,560	11,989	27,560	21,986	742,289

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Reno, Nev.—Commercial Club.
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Rhode Island—Agricultural Experiment Station.
Richmond, Va.—Health Department.
Rio de Janeiro—Directoria Geral de Saude Publica.
Ritter, Eugene, Geneva, Switzerland.

Riverside, Cal.-Auditor.

Public Library.

Rochester, N. Y .- Health Bureau.

Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia.

Royal Jamaica Society of Agriculture & Commerce & Merchants' Exchange.

St. Louis-Botanical Gardens.

City Forester. Civic League.

Health Department.

Mayor.

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Municipal Commission of Tuberculosis.

Park Commissioner.

St. Paul-Board of Park Commissioners. Commission of Health.

St. Vincent's College, Los Angeles.

Salt Lake Tribune Publishing Co.

San Antonio-Health Department.

San Diego-City Clerk.

San Francisco-Board of Freeholders.

Board of Health.

Board of Railroad Commissioners. Board of Supervisors. Citizens' Health Commission.

Federated Harbor Improvement Association.

Santa Rosa-Chamber of Commerce.

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Sierra Club.

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South Carolina—Agricultural Experiment Station.

Southern Publication Society, Richmond, Va. Spehar, N. J., Los Angeles.

Spokane-Chamber of Commerce.

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Syracuse, N. Y .-- City Clerk.

Department of Public Safety.

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Tennessee-Secretary of State.

Texas-Adjutant General's Department.

Department of Agriculture.
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Department of Public Health and Statistics.

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Todd, Mrs. Mary Ives, New York City.

Topeka-City Clerk.

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Commercial Club.
Towle Manufacturing Co., Newburyport, Mass.
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Tucson, Ariz.—Desert Laboratory of the Carnegie Institution.
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Bureau of Fisheries.
Bureau of the Mint.

Civil Service Commission.

Commission of Indian Affairs. Commissioner-General of Immigration.

Conservation Commission.

Corporation Bureau.

Court of Claims.

Department of Commerce and Labor.

Committee on Library.

Department of Justice.
Department of the Interior.

Engineering Commission. Geological Survey. Interstate Commerce Commission.

Isthmian Canal Commission.

Military Academy. National Monetary Commission. National Waterways Commission.

Navy Department.

Office Experiment Stations.

Office of the Postmaster-General. Presidents' Homes Commission.

Public Health and Marine Hospital Service.

Rivers and Harbors Congress. Treasury Department.

War Department.

Weather Bureau.

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University Press, Berkeley, Cal. Utah Agricultural College.

Secretary of State. Vancouver, B. C.—City Clerk.

Vermont—State Agricultural College. State Board of Health.

State Geologist.

Victoria, B. C.—City Corporation.

Wirginia—Agricultural Experiment Station.
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Washington (State)—Board of Tax Commission.

Commission of Public Lands. Dairy and Food Department.

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State Board of Health.

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Werber, Gustavus, Washington, D. C.

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Wisconsin—Agricultural Experiment Association.
Department of State.

State Board of Health.

State Library.
Archaelogical Society.

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