

THE ASSOCIATED FRIENDS

The Annual Report of the Librarian is printed as a part of the *President's Report* and is usually read only by the few souls whose business requires them to know something of the yearly work of the University. Since parts of the Report may interest members of the Associated Friends, we are reprinting here a few excerpts which throw particular light on the policies by which the Library is guided.

It may be of some interest to the readers of this report to include in it a statement as to the manner in which the University Library is administered and the results of its methods. Our practices are based on several main beliefs: (1) That the creation of a reading habit is as important in the educative process as teaching. (2) That books which remain on library shelves have only potential value; they have actual value only when they have been borrowed and are being read and studied. (3) That good will on the part of members of the staff and users of the Library is one of the main assets of a library. (4) That the undergraduates should be given the same opportunity to use the material in the Library that is given the faculty and graduate students.

The Library is very active and much used. Out of a library registration of 5567, the attendance on full days (15 hours) is from 1500 to 1900 persons. Ninety per cent of the entire group of undergraduate men and 98% of the Senior Class in addition to assigned library reading or reading of books on "reserve," voluntarily borrow books for outside use, and although the students of the New Jersey College for Women have a library on their own campus, 48.9% of them borrow books from the University Library. In addition to the undergraduate students, the Library is used by all members of the Faculty of the University, and by a large number of persons not connected with the University—educators, industrialists, scientists, New Jersey state officers and many others. . . .

The increase in catalogued books has been as follows: (1) University Library 10,123, (2) The Library of the New Jersey College for Women 4501, (3) The Agricultural Library 550, (4) The Library of the College of Pharmacy 300. These increases make the total number of catalogued books at the University 324,802. In addition to the catalogued books, there is in the University Library a great number of unbound items which if bound and catalogued, would bring the holdings of the Library to more than 500,000. There are also in the Library 150,000 to 200,000 manuscripts of various kinds. The small cataloguing staff of the University Library in addition to cataloguing new accessions has recatalogued 4713 books. . . .

In determining the amount of money that should be expended for library material, it should be remembered that, as all production in any field is

based on the printed record of previous accomplishments, adequate library material is needed just as much in times of war as in times of peace, and, also, it is as necessary to provide material for study in non-technical subjects, such as literature and history, as it is to provide for technical subjects, such as chemistry and engineering. The great majority of university students will enter non-technical fields, even though for some time they may go into military service, and they should be given every opportunity to prepare themselves for their chosen life work. It is interesting to note that in England and in other warring countries of Europe, the production of scholarly books in all subjects is continuing in spite of the war.

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