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Augusta, Maine, July 1, 1928.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine:

Gentlemen:

The Maine State Library presents herewith its thirty-ninth report covering the period from July 1, 1926, to June 30, 1928.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY E. DUNNACK,

Librarian.

The State Library objectives are:

1. A strong central organization to lead in library development through the state, to supply additional book service to local libraries and to give direct library privileges to individuals in communities without libraries until local public library service can be developed.

2. Adequate public library resources within easy reach of everyone in Maine.

3. The establishment of district system as a basis for adequate rural public library service.

There are two things the librarian recommends:

1. More room for the library.

2. The addition to the library staff of a school librarian.

The first of these recommendations, he urges as an absolute necessity. Each of these needs is discussed at length in the report and ought to receive your careful consideration.

STATE LIBRARY SERVICE

State-wide library service is the function of the Maine State Library. It aids in establishing local libraries and in developing existing libraries. It supplements their book collections from its larger resources. It gives direct book service to communities, groups, and individuals until adequate local library service can be established. It often advises or supervises school and institutional libraries. It sets up a program for library development in the state. Without such leadership, library progress would be slow and unsystematic.

In the establishment of public libraries, the help and guidance of a state agency is especially needed in order to avoid costly mistakes. Assistance is given with a view to creating and holding community interest, securing tax support, selecting the best books, installing simple methods of caring for them, and choosing a librarian able to take full responsibility.

Consulting service is also given to established libraries. The field agent meets with library boards, civic organizations, and advises and helps the librarian with internal problems of library administration. Help is also extended through correspondence, through the publication of a bulletin, through comparative statistics of public libraries, and through library institutes or district meetings.

In Maine, advisory powers only have been given the State Library. Some right to set standards has accompanied the distribution of the small state grants in the New England states, in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, and in four Canadian provinces—Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. New York now has broad powers in setting standards. Where state certification is required, as in California, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, and Ohio, the head of the state library extension agency is usually the ranking member of the certification board. In Maine, state aid is given to all libraries on the basis of ten per cent of the amount granted by the town. In addition the State pays part of the expenses of librarians attending the library institutes. It also furnishes books to libraries which are newly founded, when towns have raised money for this definite purpose.

Taking the Library to the People. In the old days it was thought that a library fulfilled its mission when it gave assistance to those who made their wants known. This position is no longer tenable. The library must go to the people. It must let the people know what it has on its shelves. It must find out and supply what the public needs.

In harmony with this idea the Librarian has prepared and distributed thousands of circulars giving detailed information about the library and how to use it, and has made many public addresses before granges, boards of trade, and other public gatherings, explaining in detail the resources of the library and its ability to supply every kind of information dealing with the development and

progress of agriculture, commerce, industries of all kinds, as well as law, history and education.

Adult Education. Adult education is attracting nation-wide attention. A few years ago this demand led the American Library Association to publish the "Reading with a Purpose" booklets with suggested courses in reading. Of course this was only following an idea which most progressive libraries had practiced for a long time. The heart of this adult education idea lies in simply directing the reading of busy people.

For years the libraries have made a special effort to direct the reading of young people and to furnish worth while juvenile books. Today the same service is offered to adults, who, because of the urgent demands of modern life, are no longer able to keep in touch with the ever changing thought of the day, therefore the librarian must know the literature covering every phase of modern life and be ready to suggest the worth while books to the carpenter, doctor, the school teacher, the club woman or the lawyer.

A very important consideration in planning for a library is that it shall not be merely a circulating station for the disbursement of modern fiction, but one around which centers the education of the community; a place where books shall be available for business and professional men, club women, students, teachers, tradesmen, workmen; a place where those who are obliged to leave school at the age of eighteen or younger may continue their education; a place which has a right to ask for adequate support from public funds because of actual educational service to the community.

What such a library can accomplish depends almost entirely upon the librarian, supported by the trustees, an adequate book stock and public interest. It is necessary to have a *vision* of the kind of work a library should do—the kind of service a library should give to the community. The librarian should be determined to have every citizen in town use the library, regardless of the amount of effort it costs.

Book Service For Local Libraries. Direct book service from the State Library, to the libraries of the state, is a permanent and important part of the work of the State Library. It supplies the more unusual and expensive books which are often urgently needed by individual readers, but needed only occasionally.

These could not and should not be bought for each library. The state agency serves as a central book reservoir for all the libraries of the state; it is actually an economy rather than an additional expense. When local public libraries cover the whole field, the State Library can devote full attention to supplementary service, and more adequately meet the needs of serious students.

The Visiting Librarian. The visiting librarian has become a necessity of modern rural life. A community without a visiting librarian is crippled in its educational activities. The State Library is now sending its extension director to all parts of the State, visiting libraries and communities without libraries, seeking to create an interest in library work.

It will be many years before many of our rural communities can have library service of their own. The handicaps of rural life incident to market conditions, inadequate transportation facilities, and high taxes, make it practically impossible for these communities to build or maintain libraries. The State through its State Library, the traveling libraries, and a visiting librarian, must furnish the service.

LIBRARY EXTENSION

Library workers are generally interested in library extension because there is an increasing demand especially among the rural communities for a tax supported library in every town where population and valuation make it possible.

The cities and large towns of Maine are for the most part favored with efficient library service. Beyond these however, is the open country where for the most part there is very limited library service, and many communities are absolutely without the advantages of the public library.

In the old days the farmer was more or less isolated. This condition is rapidly changing. The consolidated school, the county extension agents, the marketing organizations, are associating him with large community interests. The radio, rural free delivery, the telephone, and the phonograph, keep him in touch with what is going on in the world, furnish him with market reports, tell him about good books, and bring him good music. The good roads and automobile are solving his transportation problems and bringing his home into close relations with the town.

The farmer of the new day with the above contacts is seeking a better chance in life for his home and his children. The farmer wants his children to be better educated, more widely read, and more efficient in their relations with agriculture. The public library, the greatest of all democratic institutions now enjoyed by the city and big town people, must be given to the farmer. Successful farming not only means efficiency, but also contentment and satisfaction with the things of life. Those who have made a study of rural life believe that the things necessary are good homes, roads, churches, schools, libraries, social and recreational facilities.

Here then is the demand for library extension. The question is, "Are the librarians sufficiently informed and interested in the great problem of rural life betterment?" If so, it seems that the opportunity is at hand to render a very necessary and worth while service.

At the start, two things are absolutely necessary. First, a method must be devised which will be practical, one which will secure results. Second, we must have the cooperation of the librarians in the State. I think we have found a method by which we can make at least a start in our campaign.

In the West a system of county libraries, serving as centers for the distribution of books has been established. In New England where we have a town form of government, it is doubtful if the county library system can be used to advantage.

THE DISTRICT SYSTEM

In Maine we have adopted an extension plan known as the District System, using the city or large town library as the natural center of a local area. An effort is being made to induce the surrounding towns to vote an appropriation to such a central library, in return for which the people of the town are to have the free use of the neighboring library and the service of the staff and may also have collections of books sent to each community center. For instance, the towns of Dresden, Farmingdale, Pittston, and Randolph, are being served by the library of the city of Gardiner through this plan of organization.

This form of service is provided for by the laws of 1925, Chapter 175, Section 30. The law reads:

Any town may raise and appropriate annually a sum of money not exceeding the legal limit established for maintaining free libraries, for the purpose of securing to its inhabitants the free use of a library located in adjoining towns. Section 31 of the same chapter reads: Two or more adjacent towns may unite in establishing and maintaining a free public library with branches thereof in each town for the free use of the inhabitants of said town.

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL LIBRARIES

The committee on library extension of the American Library Association in their last report devoted a chapter to the discussion of the library in the public school. In this report they say that the specialized service of the well organized city school library—a book laboratory for every department of instruction—is outside the scope of public library extension. But the rural or village school library is often suggested as a source of general reading matter, in the absence of any other.

School laws require school libraries in fourteen states, permit expenditure of public funds for them in sixteen, permit such expenditure only to supplement the use of funds raised privately, in seven. There is no legal provision in eleven states, but requirement is by state standards in all but five.

Financial Provision. A fundamental difficulty is that other school needs are pressing and tax receipts often inadequate. The school library is apt to be neglected unless specific financial provision is made for it. State aid is given in fourteen states and all the Canadian provinces except Quebec; for example, 20¢ per child in Wisconsin, \$20.00 for each teacher in Minnesota, up to \$40.00 per building (provided the district appropriates the same amount.) In other states the districts are required to spend a fixed amount annually from their regular school funds: in California, not less than \$25.00 per teacher, in Iowa from 5¢ to 15¢ per child, in Kansas and Nevada, at least \$5.00 per teacher. But in many of the states the school library is entirely dependent upon money raised by the students or by the Parent Teacher Association. The library is still considered an extra, not "an integral part of education."

The most effective help, that of a state school library specialist, is given in eight states—Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. We confidently expect that great progress would be made if the State Library had a school librarian on its staff who could instruct a teacher librarian in the care and use of books. The situation is undoubtedly improving. More careful supervision is raising rural school standards. Emphasis on silent rather than oral reading and other new teaching methods make books more necessary. In many other states the Parent Teacher Association is devoting interest, time, money, to the cause. The rural school library is on the upward path.

The Library in the Public School. Among the new things in education is the important place the library is taking. In Maine all the colleges and many of the high schools are giving some instruction in the use of the library. The real need at this time is instruction in the upper grades and in the high schools on how to find information.

The rural school is rapidly taking the center of the stage in educational discussions. We have long pointed with pride to the country boy and girl in American life as possessing in unusual degree the elements of success. It is a question if this is true in our State today. On the other hand the State through its Department of Education is making a notable contribution by its pioneer work of training "helping teachers."

There are certain important steps which need to be taken in training children to love to read that which is worth while: they must be given books to read which they can read with pleasure, in order to form the reading habit; they must be trained to form the habit of reading for information. This can be done through providing attractive books of travel to read in connection with the study of geography; interesting biographies and historical stories in connection with the study of history; other interesting books in connection with the study of history, geography, science, English, and other subjects taught in school; they should read books of an inspirational character, books calculated to make them begin to think what they are to do in life, and to arouse in them a desire to make the most and the best of themselves.

The books which we read develop and influence character as

much as the companions with whom we associate. No school, therefore, discharges its obligation to its pupils and the public which does not inculcate in its students this ambition to associate with the most uplifting factors in civilization—good books.

All this emphasizes the fact that the time has come when library science, the art of making information available, is an important and even a necessary part of every educational system and every successful business administration. These conclusions, opinions and facts suggest that the time has come for the state to take some action which will relate the children of the state to the best books in literature, science and business. Therefore, I advise adding to the library staff a director of school libraries. This director must be a trained librarian, who will visit the libraries and teach the librarians in the small libraries how to serve their community through helping the school teachers and training the pupils to use the library.

If we are to adequately train our young people for life we must start farther back than with the girls and boys of the high school. If the librarian sends out to the grades, from the sixth up, groups of interesting books, the children begin to feel that the library is really theirs, and they become eager to use it. If it is possible to have the individual child return the books after he has read them, it will cultivate a familiarity with the workings of the library and a friendship with the librarian which will be a great help when these same children enter the high school. The library will always be one place where they stand on firm ground.

There is special need of interesting the teachers of the rural schools in the use of the library. We need their hearty cooperation. If the teachers are able to show a familiarity with the books in the library it will do much toward making the library popular with the school.

No doubt there should be a library in every school building. This is recognized and provided for in all modern high schools, and the day will come when this will be true of grade school buildings. Until that day arrives, there is no reason why the state should not make temporary provisions through the state library.

The duties of the director of school libraries should include the following:

1. Outlining aims, plans, and policies for more and better school libraries.
2. Addresses at teachers' and community meetings.
3. Publication of bulletins of information giving expert advice in the various problems of organizing a library.
4. Publication of lists of books suitable for purchase and for guidance in general reading.
5. Securing of data through questionnaires upon which to base recommendations, advice and suggestions.
6. Planning courses of instruction in the use of books and libraries.
7. Correlating aims and plans for more and better library service with the various agencies of the state department of education and the state library.
8. To give information and assist in organizing school libraries in the grades and high school.
9. To bring the local libraries into active relations with the public school.
10. Teaching librarians and teachers how they may cooperate in making local libraries serve as school libraries.

There is on the staff of the Bangor Public Library one person who devotes full time to school and hospital library work. Mr. Boyd, the Librarian, informs me that this work has been a decided success and is continually expanding. Until this or some other plan is developed, the state library should be able to organize the work in the schools on the request and through the aid of the superintendent, principals, and teachers. There can be no justification or excuse for sending children out of the school system without some knowledge in regard to the way of using the libraries in the state.

DEMAND FOR TRAINED LIBRARIANS

An important tendency in the library world is the demand for trained librarians. The time has come when the library can no longer fill its place in the community or carry on its educational plan unless the librarian comes to the work with careful preparation. In most of our states there are a large number of libraries which do not have librarians who have been properly trained in library methods.

A serious difficulty in connection with securing suitably equipped librarians in Maine is that a large number of towns cannot, or do not, pay a salary which will command the services of a library school graduate. By far the largest number of libraries are in what might be called the small town library class, where the librarian has at *most* only one or two assistants, and salaries are almost negligible. In Maine, the State Library is trying to solve the problem of technical training for its librarians through correspondence courses and library institutes where the simpler methods of library work are taught.

The importance of technical training does not minimize the necessity of a knowledge of books, their authors and contents. Every librarian should be, must be, well read. In the old days, librarians were book lovers and critical scholars; it was this type of men who organized and fostered library work. Today, the value of a cultural background for a librarian must not be overlooked. The more persons, graduates of colleges and universities, who can be attracted to the library field, the better for the reading public.

MORE ROOM FOR BOOKS

A problem that must receive your immediate attention is where we are to put the 10,000 volumes which will come to the library during the next two years. Every available shelf space is now in use. I invite you to visit the library and see conditions as they exist.

The capacity of the main room, with its furnishings at the present time, is approximately seventy thousand volumes. There are shelved in a store house outside the capitol building about seventy thousand volumes.

With available space filled to full capacity, with more than half our books stored in locations not easily accessible and with a collection growing rapidly in size and increasing in usefulness each year, the Library has come to the point where its efficiency is vitally impaired and its development nearly at a standstill.

We have, here in Maine, conditions which are peculiar to ourselves; an area relatively sparsely settled, with no great cities, no large universities or endowments to gather enormous collections of books. The great majority of our people must depend on the State Library for technical and special books, because this is ab-

solutely the only library which can meet their needs. Destiny seems to point to the State Library as the one great library of the state.

The present conditions as outlined demand immediate action. You can do one of three things.

First: Erect a new building directly west of the present capitol on land now owned by the state. A State Library should be convenient to the capitol, of a style of architecture that is harmonious with it, so constructed as to house all material belonging to it for a considerable period of years to come, and yet planned to allow indefinite future extension without destroying the proportions.

Second: Increase the size of the present State House. This second solution is not only the practical but the economical one: to extend a wing to the rear of the capitol in harmony with the design of the present building. This wing should be designed by the best *library* architect and should be provided with the most modern library equipment. It should be a home for all the library activities of the State, and the public documents now entrusted to the State Library for distribution or preservation. This library wing should release enough office space to provide satisfactory quarters for the present overcrowded conditions of the State House.

Third: Double stack the present library. This would provide for an additional fifty-one thousand volumes. This would be only a temporary solution and it is a question if the expenditure would be justified. However, this legislature ought not to adjourn without taking some action in this matter. If you believe financial conditions do not warrant the extension in the rear of the present building, then I advise that an appropriation be made to double stack the present library.

ACCESSIONS

Biennial period, July 1, 1926—June 30, 1928.

| By purchase | Bound | Unbound | Total |
|-------------|-------|---------|-------|
| 1926-27 | 1359 | 46 | 1405 |
| 1927-28 | 1391 | 100 | 1491 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 2750 | 146 | 2896 |

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

| | Bound | Unbound | Total |
|-------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| By exchange | | | |
| 1926-27 | 493 | 862 | 1355 |
| 1927-28 | 456 | 1536 | 1992 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 949 | 2398 | 3347 |
| By gift | | | |
| 1926-27 | 112 | 202 | 314 |
| 1927-28 | 72 | 172 | 244 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 184 | 374 | 558 |
| From U. S. Gov't. | | | |
| 1926-27 | 163 | 1835 | 1998 |
| 1927-28 | 169 | 1929 | 2098 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 332 | 3764 | 4096 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total accessions | 4215 | 6682 | 10897 |

CIRCULATION

The records show that the number of books lent by the State Library and the traveling library for the year 1926-27 was 48,039, and for the year 1927-28, 49,797. The types of books which had the largest circulation were literature, and sociology which includes books on government, education, marketing and commerce.

CIRCULATION RECORD

| 1926-27 July 1, 1926— June 30, 1927 | General Works | Philos- ophy | Relig- ion | Sociol- ogy | Lan- guage | Science | Useful Arts | Fine Arts | Liter- ature | History | Travel | Biog- raphy | Period- icals | Total |
|---|------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|---------|--------|----------------|------------------|-------|
| July | 49 | 69 | 49 | 225 | 18 | 77 | 124 | 132 | 280 | 109 | 72 | 139 | 343 | 1686 |
| August | 44 | 59 | 30 | 155 | 13 | 77 | 116 | 121 | 311 | 114 | 100 | 144 | 217 | 1501 |
| September | 56 | 49 | 55 | 182 | 21 | 52 | 195 | 134 | 164 | 139 | 113 | 103 | 277 | 1540 |
| October | 60 | 91 | 59 | 270 | 5 | 64 | 132 | 124 | 247 | 163 | 122 | 123 | 240 | 1700 |
| November | 106 | 93 | 60 | 248 | 7 | 89 | 231 | 158 | 321 | 209 | 146 | 197 | 262 | 2127 |
| December | 135 | 84 | 70 | 398 | 24 | 86 | 235 | 162 | 299 | 232 | 177 | 183 | 192 | 2277 |
| January | 218 | 108 | 74 | 463 | 17 | 113 | 246 | 178 | 454 | 283 | 230 | 215 | 238 | 2837 |
| February | 178 | 75 | 46 | 376 | 15 | 86 | 237 | 148 | 387 | 261 | 164 | 194 | 243 | 2410 |
| March | 134 | 87 | 74 | 446 | 19 | 89 | 286 | 177 | 380 | 316 | 184 | 154 | 285 | 2631 |
| April | 92 | 95 | 44 | 322 | 14 | 67 | 178 | 139 | 323 | 217 | 110 | 108 | 217 | 1926 |
| May | 75 | 101 | 33 | 235 | 11 | 71 | 163 | 124 | 265 | 173 | 106 | 101 | 211 | 1669 |
| June | 36 | 66 | 48 | 169 | 4 | 59 | 101 | 88 | 180 | 123 | 79 | 75 | 112 | 1140 |
| TOTAL | 1183 | 977 | 642 | 3489 | 168 | 930 | 2244 | 1685 | 3611 | 2339 | 1603 | 1736 | 2837 | 23444 |

CIRCULATION RECORD

| 1927-28 July 1, 1927— June 30, 1928 | General Works | Philos- ophy | Relig- ion | Sociol- ogy | Lan- guage | Science | Useful Arts | Fine Arts | Liter- ature | History | Travel | Biog- raphy | Period- icals | Total |
|---|------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|---------|--------|----------------|------------------|-------|
| July | 39 | 54 | 36 | 150 | 28 | 96 | 133 | 106 | 238 | 126 | 84 | 134 | 141 | 1365 |
| August | 46 | 59 | 21 | 170 | 17 | 117 | 131 | 125 | 176 | 120 | 87 | 103 | 117 | 1239 |
| September | 34 | 67 | 47 | 245 | 19 | 94 | 119 | 135 | 321 | 91 | 86 | 88 | 167 | 1513 |
| October | 102 | 81 | 40 | 181 | 15 | 73 | 199 | 180 | 345 | 158 | 115 | 149 | 225 | 1863 |
| November | 106 | 57 | 44 | 185 | 5 | 72 | 156 | 140 | 233 | 159 | 129 | 119 | 170 | 1575 |
| December | 168 | 55 | 48 | 170 | 8 | 52 | 148 | 104 | 308 | 135 | 84 | 149 | 135 | 1564 |
| January | 192 | 111 | 53 | 285 | 6 | 74 | 242 | 158 | 321 | 150 | 153 | 233 | 199 | 2177 |
| February | 149 | 80 | 44 | 291 | 15 | 82 | 184 | 199 | 369 | 159 | 168 | 234 | 191 | 2165 |
| March | 128 | 109 | 67 | 322 | 22 | 76 | 185 | 179 | 372 | 179 | 146 | 199 | 242 | 2226 |
| April | 142 | 103 | 43 | 260 | 8 | 68 | 188 | 166 | 397 | 187 | 157 | 178 | 235 | 2132 |
| May | 88 | 66 | 32 | 178 | 16 | 53 | 119 | 117 | 363 | 127 | 101 | 160 | 141 | 1561 |
| June | 24 | 40 | 25 | 154 | 12 | 42 | 117 | 89 | 199 | 80 | 74 | 74 | 137 | 1067 |
| TOTAL | 1218 | 882 | 500 | 2591 | 171 | 899 | 1921 | 1698 | 3642 | 1671 | 1384 | 1820 | 2100 | 20497 |

SHIPPING

There were shipped to and from the Library during the year 1926-27, by mail or express, 15,199 parcels, 48 films and 1450 traveling libraries; and during the year 1927-28 there were 21,212 parcels, 12 films and 1582 traveling libraries.

About 2,000 state publications were distributed personally to legislative members, government officials and private individuals.

BINDING AND REBINDING

During the year 1926-27, 22 volumes of current newspapers and 299 volumes of current magazines were bound for the permanent files. 111 books were rebound and mended.

In 1927-28, 105 volumes of newspapers and 398 volumes of magazines were bound, and 476 books were rebound and repaired.

ADVERTISING

The State Library advertises systematically and continuously in the following definite ways:

A descriptive leaflet is enclosed in each letter mailed from the library.

The Maine Library Bulletin, published each quarter, is sent to trustees, librarians, libraries and to individuals requesting it. This publication contains items of interest about Maine, feature articles about Maine and Maine people, news of Maine libraries and a list of the books added to the State Library during the preceding three months.

Letters are sent out to Sunday School and Public School Superintendents, to summer camps and hotels, to Grange Lecturers, Boy Scout leaders, ministers and other groups of people, telling them of books available through the individual loan and traveling library service.

Much advertising is done in the Press and talks are given by the Librarian before clubs, Boards of Trade, groups of teachers, students, business men, etc.

The attention of the librarians is constantly called to the resources of the State Library available for supplementary material, through the library institutes and visits of the library visitor who is a member of the staff.

Exhibits of books and posters are made at the annual meetings of the Maine State Teachers' Association, each fall. Members of the staff are in attendance at that time to answer questions, lend books and distribute information about the library. A display of traveling library books is sent each summer to the Conference of Helping Teachers at Castine.

Special exhibits during the period from 1926-1928 were held at the Presque Isle, Bangor, Waterville and Lewiston State Fairs. A large exhibit showing our methods of publicity was presented at the Conference of the All New England Libraries, held in Portland, June, 1928. This display attracted much attention and comment among the four hundred and fifty librarians present from all parts of New England.

Three large pamphlet binders were prepared and sent the American Library Association Conference at West Baden containing all the forms used by the State Library. These were shown in three separate lots, one containing all forms used in the traveling library division, one all forms used in the individual loan division and one showing samples of all publicity leaflets, folders, booklets, etc., distributed by the library. The form letters shown in these binders were compiled to show a model, typical request from an imaginary borrower and all the replies incident to the filling of such a request.

CLIPPING BUREAU

A valuable addition to the Library's sources of information is the newspaper clipping bureau which has been in operation since May, 1927. The bureau was created to meet the demand for up-to-the-minute material which has great current value but is not available in books and magazines. The newspaper has come to have a recognized standing as a medium of reliable and accurate information, and the use of newspaper articles in many forms of enterprise is now very general.

The range of subjects covered at present by the Library clipping bureau includes primarily those which relate to Maine, but some attention has been paid to New England as a unit, and some clippings on general subjects have been made. All Maine newspapers, daily, weekly and Sunday, are received and clipped, together with a few selected papers from outside of Maine.

The material is arranged in specially designed files and each

clipping is marked with the date of publication, and the name of the paper from which it is taken is indicated. The clippings are available to the several State departments and to the general public on loan in the same manner as books from the Library proper. Suggestions are made from time to time by the departments as to special subjects which they desire clipped. The executive department and the Maine Development Commission in particular have made very frequent use of the bureau's resources for data which would not otherwise have been readily procurable.

Among the topics covered by the bureau as relating especially to Maine are agriculture, business, electricity, fish and game, aviation, education, highways, forestry, industries, hotels, literature, publicity, shipping, prohibition, water power, social welfare, politics, art, music, radio, theatres and finance.

While a part of the material is of comparatively temporary value, much of it is of permanent worth and will become of increasing value among the Library's assets. Articles on Maine history, art, literature and about men and women who have gone from this State to achieve distinction elsewhere are examples.

In addition to its regular functions, the clipping bureau has recently been of service to the legislative recess committee investigating the subject of old age pensions.

The bureau had the active cooperation of the executive department in its creative stage, and because the Library funds were not sufficient to carry it, it has been maintained jointly by the Library and the executive department. To continue this bureau, an additional appropriation must be added to the library appropriation for salaries.

LOCALITIES SERVED

During the year 1926-27 individual loans were made to 436 localities, and during the year 1927-28 to 422 different localities.

The records show that there were 107 localities served in 1927-28 which were not served in 1926-27. Adding the localities which were served both years we find that there were 511 different localities served during the biennial period covered by this report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1926 to June 30, 1927

Salaries and Clerk Hire

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Appropriation | | \$16,000 00 |
| Expenditures | \$15,365 08 | |
| Transfer to appropriation for | | |
| Maintenance | 300 00 | |
| Unexpended balance | 334 92 | |
| | | |
| | \$16,000 00 | \$16,000 00 |

Maintenance

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Appropriation | | \$8,500 00 |
| Credit by postage and other refunds | | 902 93 |
| Credit by transfer from 1926 appropriations | | 568 22 |
| Credit by transfer from Salaries and clerk hire | | 300 00 |
| Expenditures | \$10,195 62 | |
| Transfer to appropriation for Re- | | |
| ports of Judicial Decisions | 19 00 | |
| Unexpended balance | 56 53 | |
| | | |
| | \$10,271 15 | \$10,271 15 |

Traveling Libraries

| | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriation | | \$6,500 00 |
| Credit by refunds | | 1,267 65 |
| Expenditures | \$7,638 58 | |
| Unexpended balance | 129 07 | |
| | | |
| | \$7,767 65 | \$7,767 65 |

Stipend for Free Public Libraries

| | | |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Appropriation | | \$12,000 00 |
| Expenditures | \$11,916 60 | |
| Unexpended balance | 83 40 | |
| | | |
| | \$12,000 00 | \$12,000 00 |

Donations For Founding Free Public Libraries

| | | |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation | | \$100 00 |
| Expenditures | \$100 00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | \$100 00 | \$100 00 |

Reports of Judicial Decisions

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriation | | \$2,400 00 |
| Credit by transfer from maintenance | | 19 00 |
| Expenditures | \$2,419 00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | \$2,419 00 | \$2,419 00 |

Publication of Ancient Vital Statistics

| | | |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriation | | \$1,000 00 |
| Expenditures | \$1,000 00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | \$1,000 00 | \$1,000 00 |

Binding Public Documents

| | | |
|--------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation | | \$700 00 |
| Expenditures | \$233 50 | |
| Unexpended balance | 466 50 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | \$700 00 | \$700 00 |

Contingent Expenses of Legislature

| | | |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriation | | \$1,070 00 |
| Expenditures | \$1,070 00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | \$1,070 00 | \$1,070 00 |

Contingent Expenses of Legislature

| | | |
|--------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation | | \$400 00 |
| Expenditures | \$377 50 | |
| Unexpended balance | 22 50 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | \$400 00 | \$400 00 |

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1927 to June 30, 1928

Salaries and Clerk Hire

| | | |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Appropriation | | \$16,000 00 |
| Expenditures | \$15,539 64 | |
| Unexpended balance | 460 36 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$16,000 00 | \$16,000 00 |

Maintenance

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriation | | \$8,500 00 |
| Credit by postage and other refunds | | 554 63 |
| Expenditures | \$8,776 46 | |
| Unexpended balance | 278 17 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$9,054 63 | \$9,054 63 |

Traveling Libraries

| | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriation | | \$6,500 00 |
| Credit by refunds | | 1,286 64 |
| Expenditures | \$7,404 04 | |
| Unexpended balance | 382 60 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$7,786 64 | \$7,786 64 |

Stipend For Free Public Libraries

| | | |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Appropriation | | \$12,650 00 |
| Expenditures | \$12,483 50 | |
| Unexpended balance | 166 50 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$12,650 00 | \$12,650 00 |

Donations For Founding Free Public Libraries

| | | |
|--------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation | | \$200 00 |
| Unexpended balance | \$200 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$200 00 | \$200 00 |

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Reports of Judicial Decisions

| | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriation | | \$2,500 00 |
| Expenditures | \$2,419 00 | |
| Unexpended balance | 81 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$2,500 00 | \$2,500 00 |

Ancient Vital Statistics

| | | |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriation | | \$1,000 00 |
| Expenditures | \$1,000 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$1,000 00 | \$1,000 00 |

Music and Musicians of Maine

| | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriation | | \$1,500 00 |
| Unexpended balance | \$1,500 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$1,500 00 | \$1,500 00 |

Matinicus Isle, Its Story and People

| | | |
|--------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation | | \$300 00 |
| Expenditures | \$284 00 | |
| Unexpended balance | 16 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$300 00 | \$300 00 |

Ellsworth Maine, an History

| | | |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation | | \$600 00 |
| Expenditures | \$600 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$600 00 | \$600 00 |

History of the Town of Dresden

| | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriation | | \$1,000 00 |
| Unexpended balance | \$1,000 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$1000 00 | \$1000 00 |

Two American Pioneers

| | | |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation | | \$450 00 |
| Expenditures | \$450 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$450 00 | \$450 00 |

*Maine Physicians Members of The Mass. Medical Society
at the Separation*

| | | |
|--------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation | | \$500 00 |
| Unexpended balance | \$500 00 | |
| | \$500 00 | \$500 00 |

Portland By The Sea

| | | |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation | | \$500 00 |
| Expenditures | \$500 00 | |
| | \$500 00 | \$500 00 |

Province and Court Records of Maine

| | | |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriation | | \$1,000 00 |
| Expenditures | \$1,000 00 | |
| | \$1,000 00 | \$1,000 00 |

State Publications

July 1, 1926—June 30, 1928.

| Name | Year | No. Rec'd. |
|--|---------|------------|
| Agriculture | 1924-26 | 250 |
| Assessors | 1925-26 | 262 |
| Auditor | 1924-26 | 300 |
| Bank | 1924-26 | 250 |
| Charities and Corrections | 1924-26 | 250 |
| Commissioner of Education | 1924-26 | 250 |
| Executive Register | 1927 | 300 |
| Fisheries and Game, Inland | 1924-26 | 300 |
| Fisheries, Sea and Shore | 1924-26 | 250 |
| Forest | 1925-26 | 250 |
| Governor's Message | 1925 | 48 |
| Highway | 1924-26 | 300 |
| Labor and Industries | 1925-26 | 300 |
| Library | 1924-26 | 1000 |
| Public Utilities | 1924-26 | 300 |
| Treasurer | 1924-26 | 250 |
| Business Man's Ideas of Finance | | 5000 |
| George Folsom—John A. Poor and a Century of Historical Research With Reference to Early Colonial Maine | | 525 |

| | | |
|--|-----------|--------|
| History of Ellsworth | | 125 |
| History of Lee | | 150 |
| Matinicus Isle | | 71 |
| Legislative Record | 1927 | 350 |
| Library Bulletins | 1926-1928 | 20,500 |
| Maine Province and Court Records V. I. | | 100 |
| Pageant of the State of Maine | | 4000 |
| Pamphlet Laws | | 250 |
| Portland By The Sea | | 250 |
| Public Documents | 1924-26 | 51 |
| Publicity Material | | 5000 |
| Two American Pioneers | | 150 |
| Hallowell Vital Records Vols. 3, 4 and 5 | | 1500 |
| Laws of Maine | 1927 | 1400 |
| Maine Reports Vol. 125 | | 800 |
| Maine Reports Vol. 126 | | 800 |
| Miscellaneous material | | 500 |

STATE AID TO FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The Library Law of the State of Maine allows a city, town or village corporation to raise whatever sum of money is agreed upon, for the maintenance of a library. Money may also be given toward the support of a library in an adjoining town in order that the citizens in a place having no library may enjoy the benefits of one. The law is particularly liberal in that it places no limit on the sum which may be raised.

As the "library idea" grows and the need and usefulness of such an institution becomes more and more apparent, appropriations made by cities and towns increase substantially. This has happened in Maine until the sum which the Legislature provides for the payment of a stipend based on appropriations made by towns for this purpose, has become entirely inadequate necessitating a reduction in the per cent payable. This does not affect any cities or towns which raise a sum over \$5,000 as the law limits the payment of any stipend in excess of \$500, regardless of the amount appropriated by the municipality, but it does become rather a hardship to some of the smaller libraries which need every cent possible for the purchase of books. We commend the increasing appropriations but regret the necessary curtailing of the stipend paid.

Following is the statistical record of libraries receiving a state stipend during the period of this bi-ennial report.

MAINE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES RECEIVING STATE AID, PAID 1926 (Based on 1925 Town Appropriations)

| Location | Name | Librarian | Population | Volumes | Circulation | Stipend |
|-----------------|--|------------------------|------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| Acton | Public | Mrs. C. A. Butler | 499 | 1033 | ..... | \$ 4.68 |
| Alfred | Parsons Memorial | Mary C. Emerson | 738 | 9288 | 5884 | 23.43 |
| Andover | Public | Mrs. Alice B. Thurston | 767 | 7450 | 3020 | 18.75 |
| Anson | Stewart Public | Mrs. Verna B. Murphy | 2563 | 3750 | 2659 | 36.43 |
| Auburn | Public | Georgiana Lunt | 16985 | 26493 | 87350 | 500.00 |
| Augusta | Lithgow Public | Elizabeth M. Andrews | 14114 | 14599 | 33591 | 234.37 |
| Baileysville | Woodland Public | Lena D. Weeks | 2243 | 2500 | 10655 | 75.00 |
| Bangor | Public | Elmar T. Boyd | 25978 | 103385 | 219989 | 500.00 |
| Bar Harbor | Jessup Memorial | Inez M. Suminsby | 3622 | 14000 | 16855 | 46.87 |
| Bath | Patten Free | Margaret R. Foote | 14731 | 27432 | 34382 | 281.25 |
| Belfast | Free | E. Frances Abbott | 5083 | 20691 | 32673 | 46.87 |
| Bethel | Bethel | Maude L. Thurston | 1792 | 5820 | 6348 | 37.50 |
| Biddeford | Public | Emma Hatch | 18008 | 22221 | 51031 | 328.12 |
| Boothbay Harbor | Public | Mrs. Alice Orne | 2025 | 6023 | 26216 | 84.37 |
| Bradford | John B. Curtis | Annie M. Salley | 738 | 1890 | 4501 | 4.68 |
| Brewer | Free Public | Frances K. Aiken | 6064 | 6487 | 16272 | 112.50 |
| Brunswick | Curtis Memorial | Mary G. Gilman | 7261 | 18000 | 30229 | 168.75 |
| Buckfield | Zadoc Long | Minerva E. Allen | 957 | 7000 | 3400 | 19.46 |
| Calais | Free | Bertha E. Boyd | 6084 | 13700 | 17392 | 159.07 |
| Camden | Public | Mrs. Ada R. Dyer | 3403 | 10746 | 19959 | 112.50 |
| Canaan | Prescott Public | Mrs. L. C. Salesbury | 822 | 2113 | 250 | 16.40 |
| Cape Elizabeth | Thomas Memorial | Helen I. Brown | 1534 | 2630 | 1560 | 23.43 |
| Caribou | Public | Mrs. Ada Britton | 6018 | 10448 | 47465 | 195.58 |
| Castine | Witherle Memorial | Katherine Davenport | 743 | 6752 | 4917 | 47.12 |
| Charleston | Public | Mrs. Dora Hamm | 720 | 256 | 1181 | 9.37 |
| Cherryfield | Public | Ida E. Wakefield | 1100 | 2690 | 4900 | 4.68 |
| Clinton | Brown Memorial | Mrs. Lottie W. McNally | 1230 | 4316 | 5554 | 51.56 |
| Corinna | Stewart Free | Edna A. Hutchins | 1394 | 14960 | 11036 | 4.68 |
| Damariscotta | Skidompha | Joséphine Wright | 849 | 3928 | 7345 | 18.75 |
| Danforth | Library Corp. | Averill McKechnie | 1201 | 1970 | 1375 | 9.37 |
| Dennysville | Lincoln Memorial | Jennie W. Kilby | 434 | 4021 | 1542 | 13.12 |
| Dexter | Town | Abbie H. Hamilton | 4113 | 15254 | 24568 | 215.62 |
| Dixfield | Public | Mrs. A. B. Root | 1134 | ..... | ..... | 28.12 |
| Dover-Foxcroft | Thompson Free | M. E. Averill | 3150 | 13940 | 21377 | 164.06 |
| Dresden | (Appropriates for use of Gar diner Library | diner Library | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4.68 |
| East Livermore | Livermore Falls Library Association | Cora M. Wyman | 2636 | 5946 | 26711 | 112.50 |
| Eastport | Peavey Memorial | Mrs. Maude Bogrette | 4494 | 14145 | 4687 | 46.87 |
| Eliot | William Fogg | Mrs. Blanche Liebman | 1530 | 10000 | 7864 | 28.12 |
| Ellsworth | City | Mary A. Hodgkins | 3058 | 7500 | 93.75 | 93.75 |
| Fairfield | Lawrence | Mrs. Alice Totman | 1240 | 10226 | 14736 | 187.50 |

MAINE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES RECEIVING STATE AID, PAID 1926 (Based on 1925 Town Appropriations)

| Location | Name | Librarian | Population | Volumes | Circulation | Stipend |
|-----------------|--|-------------------------|------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| Farmingdale | (Appropriates for use of Gardner Library) | | | | | \$6.09 |
| Farmington | Cutler Memorial | Rena H. Adams | 3197 | 19870 | 36500 | 140.62 |
| Fort Fairfield | Free Public | Kate K. Estes | 4551 | 6500 | 18212 | 168.75 |
| Freeport | B. H. Bartol | Annette H. Aldrich | 2488 | 5813 | 14015 | 93.75 |
| Friendship | Friendship | Beatrice Bromhall | 696 | 1500 | | 9.37 |
| Gardiner | Public | Martha S. Bartlett | 5475 | 12015 | 44159 | 253.12 |
| Gorham | Baxter Memorial | Victoria A. Magnusson | 2870 | 12680 | 14929 | 150.00 |
| Gray | Stimson Memorial | Helen I. Merrill | 1139 | 2160 | 3950 | 15.59 |
| Greenville | Shaw Library | Mrs. Nora Brown | 1550 | 4375 | 10835 | 46.87 |
| Guilford | Memorial | Ernestine Hale | 1687 | 6679 | 8278 | 70.31 |
| Hallowell | Hubbard Free | Abby L. Eveleth | 2764 | 15000 | 9350 | 23.43 |
| Harrison | Caswell | Josephine P. Ricker | 901 | 3032 | 5110 | 18.75 |
| Hartland | Free | Mrs. Mary C. Smith | 1140 | 4227 | 10587 | 28.12 |
| Hebron | Moody Public | Mrs. C. W. Cummings | 652 | 356 | 480 | 4.68 |
| Hiram | Soldiers' Memorial | Henry W. Merrill | 837 | 3000 | | 9.37 |
| Hollis (Center) | Hollis Center | Ruth V. Tarbox | 1092 | 2143 | 2025 | 4.68 |
| Houlton | Cary Memorial | Anna Barnes | 6191 | 14444 | 42243 | 234.37 |
| Howland | Thomas Free | Anna L. Colbath | 724 | 1848 | 6463 | 46.61 |
| Islesboro | Free | Mrs. Marion L. Kimball | 637 | 4450 | 6060 | 65.62 |
| Jackman | Association | Mrs. S. F. Doughty | 902 | 2387 | | 9.37 |
| Jay (North) | Niles Memorial | Mrs. Carolyn B. Miller | 3152 | 2086 | 4827 | 46.87 |
| Jonesboro | Public | E. L. Bridgman | 461 | 750 | | 4.68 |
| Jonesport | Peabody Memorial | Mrs. D. D. Kelley | 2129 | 2000 | 5123 | 46.87 |
| Kenduskeag | Case Memorial | Mrs. Nellie L. Nason | 451 | 1547 | | 2.34 |
| Kennebunk | Free | Mrs. Mary R. Ross | 3138 | 10449 | 19439 | 46.87 |
| Kennebunkport | Lewis T. Graves Memorial | Mrs. Agnes McCartney | 1431 | 7660 | 11210 | 37.50 |
| Kezar Falls | (Appropriates for use of Parsonsfield Library) | | | | | 2.34 |
| Lewiston | Public | Annie L. Barr | 31791 | 31845 | 85400 | 500.00 |
| Limestone | Public | Mrs. Edna Long | 1506 | 3400 | | 18.75 |
| Limington | Davis Memorial | Sadie N. Brackett | 803 | 2699 | 2263 | 18.75 |
| Lincoln | Lincoln Memorial | Mary E. Buzzell | 2452 | 1982 | 10766 | 197.97 |
| Machias | Porter Memorial | Mrs. Lucy C. Crocker | 2152 | 6000 | 9451 | 46.87 |
| Madison | Public | Mrs. Emma F. Clark | 3700 | 6500 | 30067 | 187.50 |
| Mechanic Falls | Public | Kate L. Denison | 1614 | 4653 | 13000 | 46.87 |
| Mercer | Shaw | Elizabeth Purcell | 453 | 1900 | | 4.63 |
| Millinocket | Memorial | Lora D. Gagnon | 4528 | 6402 | 42257 | 421.87 |
| Milo | Free Public | Mrs. Florence M. Cotter | 2894 | 4396 | 21775 | 93.75 |
| Monmouth | Cumston Public | Carolyn P. Sherman | 1372 | 4621 | 4675 | 37.50 |
| Monson | Public | Madeline LeClair | 1079 | 1750 | 3230 | 4.68 |
| Moose River | (Appropriates for use of Jackman) | | | | | 4.68 |
| New Gloucester | Public | Mrs. Louise E. True | 1384 | 7500 | 9700 | 44.43 |

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--|---|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| New Sharon | Public | Mrs. F. P. Caswell | 885 | 2635 | 3211 | 9 70 |
| Newcastle | (Appropriates for use of Damariscotta Library) | Myrtle Day | 1709 | 3534 | 11975 | 18 75 |
| Newport | Public | Mrs. Josie B. Whiting | 1532 | 5350 | 5175 | 25 43 |
| Norridgewock | Free Public | Jennie D. Beverage | 510 | 4400 | 2700 | 25 78 |
| North Haven | Public | Mrs. Eva M. Kimball | 2969 | 9054 | 15000 | 11 34 |
| Norway | Public | Helen A. Smiley | 2473 | 5000 | 30000 | 75 00 |
| Oakland | Public | Elizabeth H. House | 1164 | 7600 | | 140 62 |
| Old Orchard | Free Public | Amy S. Wood | 6956 | 7953 | 20129 | 37 50 |
| Old Town | Public | Mrs. Kate Starbird | 1097 | 5141 | 5412 | 187 50 |
| Oxford | Freeland Holmes | E. F. Hutchings | 3133 | 2848 | 7479 | 23 43 |
| Orono | W. C. T. U. | L. W. Frost | 824 | 1120 | 1429 | 60 94 |
| Palmyra | Public | Mrs. Ella A. Wight | 3656 | 5500 | 14321 | 4 68 |
| Paris (South) | Public | Mrs. Lettie Kimball | 565 | 84 | 607 | 46 87 |
| Parkman | Parkman | Mae Knowlton | 354 | 3685 | 3449 | 2 71 |
| Passadumkeag | Public | Mrs. Nora J. Palmer | 1498 | 2372 | 6864 | 11 71 |
| Patten | Community R. R. | Bertha E. Boston | 1353 | 6410 | 9610 | 28 12 |
| Phillips | Phillips | Minnie Porter | 2700 | 8482 | 19172 | 42 17 |
| Pittsfield | Public | (Appropriates for use of Gar diner Library) | | | | 210 93 |
| Porter | (Appropriates for use of Gar diner Library) | Jane L. Burbank | 69272 | 89558 | 169305 | 4 68 |
| Portland | Public | Lucinda B. Marston | 5581 | 7290 | 20444 | 500 00 |
| Presque Isle | Free | (Appropriates for use of Gar diner Library) | | | | 150 00 |
| Randolph | (Appropriates for use of Gar diner Library) | Mrs. Geneva B. Amber | 1028 | 9050 | 11177 | 9 37 |
| Rangeley | Public | Mrs. N. B. Hamilton | 383 | 2358 | | 112 50 |
| Ripley | Crocker Free | Kathleen M. Snow | 8109 | 13873 | 43364 | 7 50 |
| Rockland | Public | Mrs. Katherine Dunbar | 1774 | 3960 | 14688 | 500 00 |
| Rockport | Public | Bernice MacKinnon | 8576 | 9775 | 39733 | 46 87 |
| Rumford | Public | Bentley Aveyard | 10691 | 6700 | 14400 | 421 87 |
| Sanford | Public | Angie H. Gile | 10691 | 4000 | 23400 | 74 92 |
| Sanford (P. O. Springvale) | Public | Addie M. Hamilton | 1246 | 1626 | 6140 | 46 95 |
| Sangerville | Public | Mildred E. Shute | 1373 | 3865 | 3852 | 14 06 |
| Searsport | Carver Memorial | Lizzie T. Hussey | 5981 | 17420 | 34813 | 32 81 |
| Skowhegan | Free Public | Mrs. Lenora E. Ray | 1054 | 2554 | 8272 | 140 62 |
| Solon | Public | John H. Goodwin | 2955 | 8989 | 2610 | 9 37 |
| So. Berwick | Fogg Memorial | Cynthia Stanley | 824 | 900 | 400 | 9 38 |
| Southwest Harbor | Manset and Seawall | Mrs. Lila Cousins | 824 | 4900 | | 9 38 |
| Southwest Harbor | S. W. Harbor | Elizabeth Merrill | 427 | 2041 | 2503 | 9 37 |
| Stetson | Public | Ella K. Gilchrist | 2019 | 8117 | 8887 | 9 38 |
| Thomaston | Public | Melvina C. Abbott | 123 | 890 | | 18 75 |
| Upton | Public | Mrs. L. P. Cates | 1936 | 2566 | 3049 | 4 68 |
| Vassalboro (East) | Public | Clara R. Calderwood | 1965 | 5900 | 8048 | 18 75 |
| Vinalhaven | Public | Anne G. Gray | 2482 | 4300 | 5629 | 56 25 |
| Waldoboro | Public | Mrs. Julia V. Watts | 1500 | 3364 | 9100 | 16 40 |
| Warren | Free Public | | | | | 9 37 |
| Washburn | Public | | | | | |
| Washington | Gibbs Free | Mary E. Poland | 660 | 1200 | 1700 | 2 34 |
| Waterville | Free Public | Jennie M. Smith | 13351 | 18752 | 59556 | 500 00 |
| Weld | Free Public | Emma L. Dummer | 521 | 5350 | | 14 06 |

MAINE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES RECEIVING STATE AID, Paid 1926 (Based on 1925 Town Appropriations)

| Location | Name | Librarian | Population | Volumes | Circulation | Stipend |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------|---------|-------------|-----------|
| Westbrook | Memorial | Jennie G. Andrews | 9453 | 18685 | 54272 | \$ 455.76 |
| Wilton | Goodspeed Memorial | Mrs. Mary E. Newport | 2505 | 5975 | 16407 | 93.75 |
| Winslow | Public | Jennie P. Howard | 3280 | 5053 | 5788 | 46.87 |
| Winter Harbor | Public | Lena C. Joy | 503 | 1390 | 4269 | 18.75 |
| Winterport | Memorial | Mrs. Annie B. Clements | 1433 | 5014 | 5418 | 56.25 |
| Wiscasset | Public | Mrs. Elizabeth L. Webb | 1192 | 3100 | 11970 | 18.75 |
| Woodstock | Whitman Memorial | Mrs. Stella B. Bacon | 765 | 3084 | 5015 | 18.75 |
| Yarmouth | Merrill Memorial | Ina A. Russell | 2216 | 10148 | 12680 | 112.50 |
| York (Village) | Public | Myrtie E. Banks | 2727 | 2600 | ..... | 70.30 |

MAINE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES RECEIVING STATE AID, Paid 1927 (Based on 1926 Town Appropriations)

| Location | Name | Librarian | Population | Volumes | Circulation | Stipend |
|-----------------|---|------------------------|------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| Acton | Public | Mrs. C. A. Butler | 499 | 1264 | ..... | \$3.56 |
| Alfred | Parsons Memorial | Mary C. Emerson | 738 | 9456 | 5917 | 24.37 |
| Andover | Public | Mrs. Alice B. Thurston | 767 | 7535 | 3250 | 19.50 |
| Anson | Stewart Public | Mrs. Verna B. Murphy | 2563 | 4312 | 2845 | 39.00 |
| Auburn | Public | Georgiana Lunt | 16985 | 27564 | 90519 | 500.00 |
| Augusta | Lithgow Public | Elizabeth M. Andrews | 14114 | 14649 | 39361 | 195.00 |
| Baileyville | Woodland Public | Lena D. Weeks | 2243 | 3225 | 12000 | 78.00 |
| Bangor | Public | Elmar T. Boyd | 25978 | 111849 | 248074 | 500.00 |
| Bar Harbor | Jessup Memorial | Inez Sumnsby | 3622 | 14100 | 18742 | 48.75 |
| Bath | Patten Free | Margaret R. Foote | 14731 | 25558 | 33436 | 292.50 |
| Belfast | Free | E. Frances Abbott | 5083 | 20980 | 34090 | 46.75 |
| Bethel | Bethel | Maude L. Glover | 1792 | 5925 | ..... | 39.00 |
| Biddeford | Public | Emma Hatch | 18008 | 23000 | 53590 | 341.25 |
| Boothbay Harbor | Public | Mrs. Alice Orne | 2025 | 6477 | 29573 | 87.75 |
| Bradford | John B. Curtis | Annie M. Salley | 738 | 1964 | 4193 | 4.87 |
| Brewer | Free Public | Frances K. Aiken | 6064 | 6749 | 16537 | 117.00 |
| Brunswick | Curtis Memorial | Mary G. Gilman | 7261 | 18000 | 29433 | 175.50 |
| Buckfield | Zadoc Long | Minerva E. Allen | 957 | 8500 | 3740 | 24.37 |
| Calais | Free | Bertha E. Boyd | 6084 | 14035 | 16847 | 143.24 |
| Camden | Public | Mrs. Ada R. Dyer | 3403 | 11281 | 22434 | 117.00 |
| Canaan | Prescott Free | Mrs. L. C. Salesbury | 822 | 2190 | 3638 | 17.06 |
| Cape Elizabeth | Thomas Memorial | Helen I. Brown | 1534 | 2774 | 1720 | 24.37 |
| Caribou | Public | Mrs. Ada Britton | 6018 | 10885 | 46191 | 243.75 |
| Castine | Witherle Memorial | Katherine Davenport | 743 | 6922 | 5555 | 47.83 |
| Charleston | Public | Mrs. Dora Hamm | 720 | 345 | 2155 | 9.75 |
| Cherryfield | Public | Ida E. Wakefield | 1100 | 2675 | 3542 | 4.87 |
| Clinton | Brown Memorial | Mrs. Lottie W. McNally | 1230 | 4272 | 6145 | 31.68 |
| Corinna | Stewart Free | Edna A. Hutchins | 1394 | 15103 | 11513 | 24.96 |
| Damariscotta | Skidompha | Josephine Wright | 849 | 4401 | 5232 | 19.50 |
| Dennysville | Lincoln Memorial | Jennie W. Kilby | 434 | 4090 | 2085 | 13.65 |
| Dexter | Town | Abbie H. Hamilton | 4113 | 15269 | 26941 | 243.75 |
| Dixfield | Public | Mrs. A. B. Root | 1134 | ..... | ..... | 29.25 |
| Dover-Foxcroft | Thompson Free | Maude Robinson | 3150 | 14240 | 20037 | 170.62 |
| Dresden | (Appropriates for use of Gar diner Library) |  | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4.87 |
| East Livermore | Livermore Falls Library Association | Cora M. Wyman | 2636 | 6493 | 24619 | 117.00 |
| Eastport | Peasey Memorial | Mrs. Maude Bogrette | 4494 | 14502 | 13652 | 48.75 |
| Eliot | William Fogg | Mrs. Blanche Liebman | 1530 | 10625 | 7422 | 19.50 |
| Ellsworth | City | Mary A. Hodgkins | 3058 | 8000 | ..... | 97.50 |
| Fairfield | Lawrence | Mrs. Alice Totman | 1240 | 10475 | 15410 | 170.62 |
| Farmingdale | (Appropriates for use of Gar diner Library) |  | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6.33 |

MAINE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES RECEIVING STATE AID, Paid 1927 (Based on 1926 Town Appropriations)

| Location | Name | Librarian | Population | Volumes | Circulation | Stipend |
|-----------------|--|-------------------------|------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| Farmington | Cutler Memorial | Rena H. Adams | 3197 | 20326 | 36500 | 146.25 |
| Fort Fairfield | Free Public | Kate K. Estes | 4551 | | 19112 | 243.75 |
| Freeport | B. H. Bartol | Grace M. Rogers | 2488 | 5899 | 12583 | 97.50 |
| Friendship | Friendship | Beatrice Bromhall | 696 | 2000 | | 9.75 |
| Gardiner | Public | Martha S. Bartlett | 5475 | 12634 | 34352 | 276.48 |
| Garfield | Garfield | Lillian Hulbert | 142 | 300 | | .97 |
| Gorham | Baxter Memorial | Victoria A. Magnusson | 2870 | 13130 | 19091 | 156.00 |
| Gray | Stimson Memorial | Helen I. Merrill | 1139 | 2252 | 3847 | 21.93 |
| Greenville | Shaw Library | Mrs. Nora Brown | 1550 | 4565 | 11872 | 48.75 |
| Guilford | Memorial | Ernestine Hale | 1687 | 6795 | 8975 | 73.12 |
| Hallowell | Hubbard Free | Abby L. Eveleth | 2764 | 15000 | 9235 | 24.37 |
| Harrison | Caswell | Vida A. Greene | 901 | 3175 | 5705 | 19.50 |
| Hartland | Free | Mrs. Mary C. Smith | 1140 | 5493 | 13486 | 29.25 |
| Hebron | Moody Public | Mrs. C. W. Cummings | 652 | 418 | 600 | 4.87 |
| Hiram | Soldiers' Memorial | (Henry W. Merrill) | 837 | 3000 | | 9.75 |
| Hollis (Center) | Hollis Center | Ruth V. Tarbox | 1092 | 2246 | 1725 | 4.87 |
| Houlton | Cary Memorial | Anna Barnes | 6191 | 14747 | 35789 | 243.75 |
| Howland | Thomas Free | Anna L. Colbath | 724 | 2199 | 7312 | 58.50 |
| Islesboro | Free | Mrs. Marion L. Kimball | 637 | 4950 | 6060 | 97.50 |
| Jackman | Association | Mrs. W. L. Barney | 902 | 2437 | 2412 | 9.75 |
| Jay (North) | Niles Memorial | Mrs. Carolyn B. Miller | 3152 | 2556 | 4590 | 48.75 |
| Jonesboro | Public | E. L. Bridgman | 461 | 700 | 200 | 4.87 |
| Jonesport | Peabody Memorial | Mrs. W. D. Kelley | 2129 | 2025 | 4497 | 48.75 |
| Kenduskeag | Case Memorial | Mrs. Nellie L. Nason | 451 | 1608 | | 2.43 |
| Kennebunk | Free | Mrs. Mary R. Ross | 3138 | 10700 | 20119 | 48.75 |
| Kennebunkport | Lewis T. Graves Memorial | Mrs. Agnes McCartney | 1431 | 8054 | 14000 | 39.00 |
| Kezar Falls | (Appropriates for use of Parsonsfield Library) | | | | | 2.43 |
| Lewiston | Public | Annie L. Barr | 31791 | 33672 | 93198 | 500.00 |
| Limestone | Public | Mrs. Edna Long | 1506 | 3190 | 500 | 48.75 |
| Limington | Davis Memorial | Sadie N. Brackett | 803 | 3000 | 3696 | 19.50 |
| Lincoln | Lincoln Memorial | Mary E. Buzzell | 2452 | 2887 | 13183 | 175.50 |
| Machias | Porter Memorial | Mrs. Lucy C. Crocker | 2152 | 6452 | 10153 | 48.75 |
| Madison | Public | Mrs. Emma F. Clark | 3700 | 6800 | 32164 | 195.00 |
| Mechanic Falls | Public | Kate L. Denison | 1614 | 4928 | 12500 | 42.03 |
| Mercer | Shaw | Elizabeth Purcell | 453 | 2000 | 2912 | 2.97 |
| Mexico | Free Public | Mary L. Stafford | 3242 | 1811 | 10963 | 58.50 |
| Millinocket | Memorial | Lora D. Gagnon | 4528 | 7000 | 40000 | 448.75 |
| Milo | Free Public | Mrs. Florence M. Cotter | 2894 | 4156 | 21873 | 97.50 |
| Monmouth | Cumston Public | Carolyn P. Sherman | 1372 | 4800 | 5600 | 53.62 |
| Monson | Public | Madeline LeClair | 1079 | 1850 | 3000 | 4.87 |
| Moose River | (Appropriates for use of Jackman) | | | | | 4.87 |

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| New Gloucester | Public | Mrs. Louise E. True | 1384 | 7606 | 9300 | 46.80 |
| New Sharon | Public | Mrs. F. P. Caswell | 885 | 3306 | 3303 | 10.09 |
| Newcastle | (Appropriates for use of Dama | iscotta Library) | | | | 19.50 |
| Newport | Public | Myrtle Day | 1709 | 3534 | 12179 | 24.37 |
| Norridgewock | Free Public | Mrs. Josie B. Whiting | 1532 | 5515 | 6173 | 26.81 |
| North Haven | North Haven | Jennie D. Beverage | 510 | 4533 | 3525 | 11.50 |
| Norway | Public | Mrs. Eva M. Kimball | 2969 | 5810 | 13899 | 117.00 |
| Oakland | Public | Helen A. Smiley | 2473 | 5000 | 31580 | 146.25 |
| Old Orchard | Free Public | Elizabeth H. House | 1164 | 7845 | 11960 | 39.00 |
| Old Town | Public | Frances H. Folsom | 6956 | 8390 | 21430 | 243.75 |
| Oxford | Freeland Holmes | Kate Starbird | 1097 | 5310 | 5499 | 24.37 |
| Orono | W. C. T. U. | E. F. Hutchings | 3133 | 2872 | 6478 | 63.37 |
| Palmyra | Public | L. W. Frost | 824 | 1229 | 1530 | 4.87 |
| Paris (South) | Public | Arlene D. Besse | 3656 | 7000 | 17315 | 48.75 |
| Parkman | Parkman | Mrs. Louise Kimball | 565 | 88 | 262 | 2.53 |
| Patten | Community R. R. | Mrs. Nora J. Palmer | 1498 | 2513 | 7429 | 29.25 |
| Phillips | Phillips | Bertha E. Boston | 1353 | 6544 | 9740 | 43.87 |
| Pittsfield | Public | Minnie Porter | 2700 | 8780 | 20120 | 219.37 |
| Porter | (Appropriates for use of Gar | diner Library) | | | | 4.87 |
| Portland | Public | Jane L. Burbank | 69272 | 92803 | 171407 | 500.00 |
| Presque Isle | Free | Lucinda B. Marston | 5581 | 7535 | 20105 | 175.50 |
| Randolph | (Appropriates for use of Gar | diner Library) | | | | 9.75 |
| Rangeley | Public | Mrs. Lena J. Penney | 1028 | 9411 | 13858 | 117.00 |
| Ripley | Crocker Free | Mrs. N. B. Hamilton | 383 | 2396 | 2750 | 7.31 |
| Rockland | Public | Kathleen M. Snow | 8109 | 14647 | 54816 | 487.50 |
| Rockport | Public | Mrs. Katherine Dunbar | 1774 | 4242 | 11208 | 51.18 |
| Rumford | Public | Frances Brown | 8576 | 12000 | 38379 | 438.75 |
| Sanford | Public | Bentley Aveyard | 10691 | 6750 | 13400 | 78.00 |
| Sanford (P. O. Springvale) | Public | Angie H. Gile | 10691 | 5000 | 31200 | 48.75 |
| Sangerville | Public | Addie M. Hamilton | 1246 | 1864 | 6637 | 14.62 |
| Searsport | Carver Memorial | Mildred E. Shute | 1373 | 4096 | 3777 | 34.12 |
| Skowhegan | Free Public | Lizzie T. Hussey | 5981 | 17800 | 34852 | 146.25 |
| Solon | Public | Mrs. Lenora E. Ray | 1054 | 2708 | 6420 | 9.75 |
| So. Berwick | Fogg Memorial | John H. Goodwin | 2955 | 9073 | 9860 | 9.75 |
| Southwest Harbor | Manset and Seawall | Cynthia Stanley | 824 | 950 | 700 | 9.75 |
| Southwest Harbor | S. W. Harbor | Mrs. Lila Cousins | 824 | 5020 | | 9.75 |
| Stetson | Public | Elizabeth Merrill | 427 | 2032 | 3155 | 9.75 |
| Thomaston | Public | Ella K. Gilchrist | 2019 | 8117 | 10091 | 19.50 |
| Upton | Public | Malvena C. Abbott | 123 | 936 | 1300 | 4.87 |
| Vassalboro (East) | Public | Mrs. L. P. Cates | 1936 | 2667 | 2753 | 19.50 |
| Vinalhaven | Public | Clara G. Calderwood | 1965 | 5824 | 7670 | 58.50 |
| Waldoboro | Public | Ella T. White | 2462 | 4347 | 4508 | 19.50 |
| Warren | Free Public | Mrs. Julia V. Watts | 1500 | 3510 | 7800 | 9.75 |
| Washburn | Public | Mrs. Myrtle L. Smith | 1870 | 2000 | 5209 | 48.75 |
| Washington | Gibbs Free | Mary E. Poland | 660 | 1457 | 1900 | 2.43 |
| Waterville | Free Public | Jennie M. Smith | 13351 | 19466 | 61601 | 500.00 |

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| Location | Name | Librarian | Population | Volumes | Circulation | Stipend |
|----------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------|---------|-------------|----------|
| Weld | Free Public | Emma L. Dummer | 521 | 5448 | | \$ 14.62 |
| Westbrook | Memorial | Jennie G. Andrews | 9453 | 19238 | 59443 | 426.81 |
| Wilton | Goodspeed Memorial | Mrs. Mary E. Newport | 2505 | 6314 | 18117 | 97.50 |
| Winslow | Public | Jennie P. Howard | 3280 | 5216 | 6006 | 48.75 |
| Winter Harbor | Public | Lena C. Joy | 503 | 1470 | 4858 | 19.50 |
| Winterport | Memorial | Mrs. Annie B. Clements | 1433 | 5228 | 5483 | 39.00 |
| Wiscasset | Public | Mrs. Elizabeth L. Webb | 1192 | 3525 | 9700 | 19.50 |
| Woodstock | Whitman Memorial | Mrs. Stella B. Bacon | 765 | 3041 | 4504 | 19.50 |
| Yarmouth | Merrill Memorial | Ina A. Russell | 2216 | 10931 | 13372 | 117.00 |
| York (Village) | Public | Myrtie E. Banks | 2727 | 3325 | 7280 | 97.50 |

LIBRARY BUILDINGS ERECTED 1926—28

Camden, Camden Public Library.

Brick and granite building. Cost \$60,000. Site and \$10,000 given by Mrs. Edward Bok, and the remainder by community and summer guests.

Carmel, Simpson Memorial Library.

Wooden building with ground given by F. M. Simpson. The cost of renovation, furnishings and books was met by the community.

East Millinocket, East Millinocket High School.

\$100,000 brick building in which one large room is used for a combination school and public library. \$25,000 and library furnishings were the gift of Garret Schenck.

Fairfield, Fairfield High School Library.

The \$5,000 gift of the Lawrence sisters. Well planned and fully equipped.

Hinckley, Emily F. Ryerson Memorial.

Colonial brick building. Replaces one burned two years ago. Houses library and club room for girls only.

Mexico, Mexico Public Library.

Wooden building. Cost \$5,000. Lot and \$2,000 given by the town and the remainder raised by community effort.

North Berwick, D. A. Hurd Public Library.

Brick and stone building the gift of Mr. D. A. Hurd. Endowment funds of \$1,750 given by other friends of the library.

North Monmouth, North Monmouth Public Library.

A one story building erected by local subscriptions. The lot was the gift of the Winthrop Mills Company.

Owl's Head, Owl's Head Village Library Association.

Wooden building, cost \$750. Entire amount raised by the community.

Paris, (South), South Paris Public Library.

Red brick building. The lot was given by Charles Deering. \$21,360 was raised by subscription and the furnishings were given by Mrs. L. L. Mason.

Paris (West), Arthur L. Mann Memorial Library.

Native stone. The lot and \$5,000 from the estate of Lewis M. Mann and an equal sum from his son Edwin J. Mann.

Phippsburg, Albert F. Totman Memorial Library.

Bought and remodelled old chapel with \$5,000 left by Albert F. Totman.

Sedgwick, Ladies' Library Association.

Purchased small building which will later be repaired.

Warren, M. R. Mathews Memorial Library.

Stone building. \$20,000 from Eva Frances Mathews and \$10,000 more for its endowment. The lot was the gift of the Georges River Mills.

Winslow, Winslow Public Library.

Brick and stone building. Cost about \$30,000. Several bequests and local subscriptions financed it.

GIFTS AND BEQUESTS TO MAINE LIBRARIES

July 1926—June 1928

Andover, Andover Public Library.

200 volumes from Mrs. Henry V. Poor.

Anson, Stewart Public Library.

200 books under the will of Ben Foster.

Auburn, Auburn Public Library.

300 volumes from the estate of Storah Crafts.

200 French and German books from Miss Augusta Prescott.
Valuable old maps from John A. Morrill.

Bangor, Bangor Public Library.

2,100 books and original Remington painting from the estate of Sada L. Coe.

Collection of 1,627 musical scores from Bangor Symphony Orchestra.

Biddeford, McArthur Library.

Rug from Miss McArthur.

Set of Kipling from Miss Jane M. Owen.

29 volumes from the Hispanic Society of America.

Bridgton, Bridgton Public Library.

\$500 under the will of Mrs. J. F. Wardwell.

Brooklin, Robert A. Friend Memorial Library.

\$180 and a new furnace from Friend Brothers.

Brunswick, Captain John Curtis Memorial Library.

\$10,000 under the will of W. J. Curtis.

Bust of W. J. Curtis.

Garden enlarged by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Curtis.

Many valuable gifts to Maritime Collection.

Camden, Camden Public Library.

Library site and \$10,000 from Mrs. Edward Bok.

Carmel, Simpson Memorial Library.

Building and land from F. M. Simpson.

Antique Windsor chair from Mrs. F. M. Simpson.

Cornish, Cornish Library Association.

\$10,000 for a building from Dr. Sherman W. Bonney.

Cumberland Center, Prince Memorial Library.

\$2,000 from the Allen estate.

Dexter, Dexter Town Library.

Collection of minerals from Joseph K. Springall.

East Machias, East Machias Library Association.

\$5,000, 3,000 books and many valuable paintings under the will of Miss Florence Sturdivant.

\$200 worth of books from Mrs. C. D. Oakes.

East Millinocket, East Millinocket High School.

\$25,000 from Garret Schenck towards combination high school building and library.

Fairfield, Fairfield High School Library.

\$5,000 from the Lawrence sisters.

Farmington, Cutler Memorial Library.

\$20,000 under the will of Edmund Hayes.

Fort Fairfield, Free Public Library.

\$1,000 and 2,500 books under the will of F. N. Drew.

Frankfort, Waldo Pierce Reading Room.

\$20,000 under the will of Florence M. Cushing.

Gardiner, Gardiner Public Library.

Plot of land adjoining the library from Mrs. Alice White.

Gorham, Baxter Memorial Library.

\$5,000 Frederick Robie fund.

Hartland, Hartland Free Public Library.

150 books under the will of Mrs. Annie W. Fuller.

450 books from D. D. Stuart.

125 books from Outlook Club.

Houlton, Cary Memorial Library.

Bronze tablet in memory of Jonah Dunn.

Jonesport, Peabody Memorial Library.

\$150 from Jonesport Library Association.

Kenduskeag, Case Memorial Library.

Victrola and records from Fred Rust.

Bookstack from Eugene Rust.

Lewiston, Lewiston Public Library.

60 bound volumes of D. A. R. Lineage books.

Lincoln, Lincoln Memorial Library.

Bronze memorial tablet from R. J. MacGregor.

Livermore, Livermore Public Library.

New library lawn and barberry hedge. Gift of new furnace.

\$100 from Miss Geneva Casey.

Machias, Porter Memorial Library.

\$200 for children's books.

Manset, Manset Library.

\$347 and 152 books from summer colony.

Mexico, Mexico Public Library.

\$100 for books.

Milo, Milo Free Public Library.

Collection of books and cabinet of valuable curios under the will of William T. Stubbs.

North Berwick, D. A. Hurd Public Library.

Library building given by Mr. D. A. Hurd.

Endowment of \$1,759 from friends of the Library.

North Monmouth, North Monmouth Public Library.

Library lot from the Winthrop Mills Company.

Orono, University of Maine Library.

150 volumes from the Hispanic Society of America.

Paris (South), South Paris Public Library.

Site for new library from Charles Deering.

Furnishings given by Mrs. L. L. Mason.

Paris (West), Arthur L. Mann Memorial Library.

Lot and \$5,000 for building from the estate of Lewis M. Mann.

\$5,000 from Edwin J. Mann.

Patten, Community Reading Room.

\$2,000 under the will of George P. Davenport.

Phippsburg, Albert F. Totman Memorial Library.

\$5,000 under the will of Albert F. Totman.

Portland, Portland Public Library.

\$15,000 from the estate of Harriet B. Allen given by Charles A. Stout.

Rumford, Rumford Public Library.

Painting by Harrison B. Brown from Hugh J. Chisholm.

Sebago, Leon Cummings Spaulding Library.

Bronze tablet in memory of the donor of the library, from his friends.

Southwest Harbor, Southwest Harbor Library.

The George L. Fowler private library from Miss Alice Fowler.

Standish, Richville Library.

Victrola and records.

Warren, M. R. Mathews Memorial Library.

Lot given by Georges River Mills.

\$30,000 under the will of Eva Frances Mathews for library building.

Waterville, Waterville Free Public Library.

\$1,000 under the will of Mrs. W. B. Arnold.

\$200 from Rotary Club.

\$100 from People's National Bank.

Wayne, Wayne Library.

Gift of lot for proposed new building from Mr. F. G. Lamson.

Valuable rug.

500 bookplates.

Wilton, Goodspeed Memorial Library.

\$100 from Tyngtown Club.

Barberry hedge from Earle Sawyer.

Winslow, Winslow Public Library.

\$125 and valuable clock under the will of R. O. Jones.

SUMMER READING COURSE

The title of this course is somewhat misleading as it may be taken at any time in the year but originally it was offered to school children through the public libraries and summer seemed to be the best time to undertake such a course. It is not limited to use through a public library but may be conducted by any teacher or individual who may wish to assume the supervision of one or more children following the reading. The books are furnished by the State Library and consist of special editions which are required for the course. Certificates are offered to those reading each of the books on the list.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

The library offers a correspondence course in library science to workers actually engaged in work in a library in the state. This course covers a variety of subjects, including reference, classification, periodicals, simple cataloguing and a great deal of general reading. Those entering the course are required to attend a meeting of the Maine Library Association, a Round Table conference offered by the State Library, visit some one approved library and work at least one week at the State Library, before taking the examination and completing the work. The course offers no guarantee of a position but there is sufficient change, from time to

time in positions in the smaller libraries so that there is a reasonable expectation for opportunity to benefit by the completion of this work.

APPRENTICES IN STATE LIBRARY

A feature of the work which has developed from a small beginning is that of training apprentices in the State Library. When this work first started entry was limited to one person at a time for a short period of six months or less. During the past two years there have been two apprentices at a time for a period of ten or twelve months. Such an arrangement gives opportunity for more detailed acquaintance with all the departments of the library, as the apprentices work several weeks in turn under direction in each department or else their time is divided among the departments for an hour at a time each day. In either case they remain long enough to get a definite amount of training. At the same time they study a regular course in library science under the direction of the assistant librarian. These apprentices receive no salary.

TRAVELING LIBRARIES

The circulation of traveling library sets is increasing in a normal and very gratifying way. Continued and systematic advertising proves to be effective as shown by a tendency in the circulation, to waver with discontinuance of advertising at any point. We feel that there should be more extensive use of the adult sets made by people in remote communities. Special travel and study club collections are in constant demand but the sets containing general literature do not circulate in proportion to the others. Juvenile collections cannot be supplied in the quantities desired and it has been necessary to place a limit on their circulation by restricting the sending of them to towns where there are free public libraries, until all other communities are supplied.

These traveling libraries provide to people remote from library centers, the opportunity to read the best of literature including biography, science, history, modern fiction and also the finest of juvenile literature in best illustrated form for the children.

The traveling libraries provide for small public libraries an opportunity to secure fifty books by the payment of a slight trans-

portation fee of \$2.50 instead of a sum equal to at the very least \$2.00 a volume, thus releasing book funds for the purchase of reference and other more permanent material.

The matter of securing complete circulation records for the traveling libraries is one which is very difficult and we are continually making efforts for cooperation on the part of patrons in presenting full returns showing the actual use of the books which we send out. A record of books used may seem needless to one asked to keep it in connection with *one* set of books, but when that one set is multiplied by nearly 800 sent out through the state, it is easily seen that the information becomes very important for purposes of comparison. It is the only way by which the value of this book service to our citizens can be judged, and the only method by which our work can be compared with that of other states; along this line.

Books in the traveling libraries are selected with a view to the needs of the general reader and the general literature included is the "Readable" kind,—books of popular science, biography and history. Juvenile books are selected from the finest of standard children's literature and the editions are those which most attract through pictures, print and general make-up. Our aim in the selection of this literature is to *lead* children to enjoy books. The following tables show the circulation of traveling library books for the years 1926-28.

July 1, 1926—June 30, 1927

| | |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Adult fiction | 26,242 |
| Adult non-fiction | 3,865 |
| Juvenile fiction | 23,609 |
| Juvenile non-fiction | 18,147 |
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| Total | 71,863 |

July 1, 1927—June 30, 1928

| | |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Adult fiction | 28,782 |
| Adult non-fiction | 3,577 |
| Juvenile fiction | 18,964 |
| Juvenile non-fiction | 11,800 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | 63,123 |

The geographical extent and increase of traveling library service during the past five years is revealed in the following statistics. The whole number of cities, towns and plantations is 520. The following table indicates the number using traveling libraries.

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|-----------------|-----|
| Jan. 1923 | 415 |
| Jan. 1925 | 436 |
| Jan. 1927 | 469 |
| Jan. 1928 | 488 |

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF TRAVELING
LIBRARIES DISTRIBUTED

| | 1917-18 | 18-19 | 19-20 | 20-21 | 21-22 | 22-23 | 23-24 | 24-25 | 25-26 | 26-27 | 27-28 |
|-----------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| July | 40 | 32 | 42 | 34 | 42 | 45 | 45 | 35 | 36 | 20 | 40 |
| August | 21 | 12 | 14 | 21 | 31 | 20 | 25 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 20 |
| September | 43 | 16 | 52 | 55 | 60 | 60 | 65 | 75 | 90 | 100 | 110 |
| October | 59 | 25 | 74 | 84 | 70 | 79 | 75 | 89 | 100 | 110 | 110 |
| November | 46 | 52 | 49 | 59 | 86 | 90 | 55 | 95 | 100 | 100 | 124 |
| December | 32 | 34 | 34 | 50 | 60 | 96 | 71 | 73 | 75 | 80 | 58 |
| January | 55 | 95 | 45 | 55 | 40 | 42 | 26 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 65 |
| February | 20 | 35 | 30 | 40 | 20 | 40 | 44 | 60 | 65 | 70 | 75 |
| March | 35 | 20 | 33 | 36 | 45 | 33 | 43 | 65 | 60 | 60 | 62 |
| April | 10 | 31 | 30 | 44 | 35 | 35 | 40 | 40 | 30 | 35 | 18 |
| May | 19 | 14 | 30 | 25 | 30 | 30 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 30 | 22 |
| June | 28 | 20 | 26 | 32 | 40 | 45 | 45 | 52 | 39 | 40 | 87 |
| | 408 | *386 | 459 | 535 | 559 | 615 | 569 | 679 | 700 | 725 | 791 |

*Influenza epidemic year.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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Printed Reports of State Librarian

| | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------|
| G. G. Stacy, | first, | for the year | 1861 |
| | second, | " " " | 1862 |
| | third, | " " " | 1863 |
| | fourth, | " " " | 1864 |
| | fifth, | " " " | 1865 |
| | sixth, | " " " | 1866 |
| | seventh, | " " " | 1867 |
| J. T. Woodward, | eighth, | " " " | 1868 |
| | ninth, | " " " | 1869 |
| | tenth, | " " " | 1870 |
| | eleventh, | " " " | 1871 |
| J. S. Hobbs, | twelfth, | " " " | 1872 |
| | thirteenth, | " " " | 1873 |
| | fourteenth, | " " " | 1874 |
| | fifteenth, | " " " | 1875 |
| | sixteenth, | " " " | 1876 |
| | seventeenth, | " " " | 1877 |
| J. D. Myrick, | eighteenth, | " " " | 1878 |
| G. G. Stacy, | nineteenth, | " " " | 1879 |
| J. D. Myrick, | twentieth, | " " " | 1880 |
| J. S. Hobbs, | twenty-first, | for the years | 1881-1882 |
| | twenty-second, | " " " | 1883-1884 |
| | twenty-third, | " " " | 1885-1886 |
| | twenty-fourth, | " " " | 1887-1888 |
| | report not printed, | " " " | 1889-1890 |
| L. D. Carver, | twenty-fifth, | " " " | 1891-1892 |
| | twenty-sixth, | " " " | 1893-1894 |
| | twenty-seventh, | " " " | 1895-1896 |
| | twenty-eighth, | " " " | 1897-1898 |
| | twenty-ninth, | " " " | 1899-1900 |
| | thirtieth, | " " " | 1901-1902 |
| | thirty-first, | " " " | 1903-1904 |
| E. W. Emery, | thirty-second, | " " " | 1905-1906 |
| | report not printed, | " " " | 1907-1909 |
| | " " " | " " " | 1910-1911 |
| H. C. Prince, | " " " | for the year | 1912 |
| H. E. Holmes, | " " " | for the years | 1913-1914 |
| H. C. Prince, | " " " | " " " | 1915-1916 |
| H. E. Dunnack, | thirty-third, | " " " | 1917-1918 |
| | thirty-fourth, | " " " | 1919-1920 |
| | thirty-fifth, | " " " | 1921-1922 |
| | thirty-sixth, | " " " | 1922-1924 |
| | thirty-seventh, | " " " | 1924-1926 |
| | thirty-eighth, | " " " | 1926-1928 |
| | thirty-ninth, | " " " | |