PRODUCTION NOTE

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Library
Dear President Henry:

Submitted herewith is the annual report of the University Library for the year ending June 30, 1957. The period under review was marked by a substantial increase in the use of the Library, by the continued development of important resources for study and research, including the acquisition of several outstanding collections, and in several areas by improved physical facilities. These and other library activities are discussed in more detail below.

GROWTH OF LIBRARY

At the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1957, the Library held 2,841,542 fully cataloged volumes in Urbana, and 208,256 in the two Chicago divisions, altogether 3,049,798 volumes, or a net increase of 71,201 over the previous year. The total cost of materials purchased on the three campuses was $493,438, to which should be added extensive collections of books, journals, pamphlets, maps, and other items received by gift and exchange.

Three-Millionth Book

On October 4, 1956, the Library reached a major landmark in its growth by adding its three-millionth volume. A brief retrospective glance would be in order on this significant occasion. The rapid expansion of the Library occurred mainly in the last fifty years. The first million volumes was acquired from 1868 to 1929, over sixty years. The second million came in seventeen years, 1929-1946, while the third required a little over a decade. The Library now ranks first in size among American state university libraries, third among all universities, and fifth among libraries of all types in the United States.

The book chosen to be numbered 3,000,000, Pomponius Mela's Cosmographia, printed at Salamanca, Spain, April 17, 1498, is a work of great rarity and of extraordinary interest for American history. It was the first geographical work to recognize the discovery of America and the first Spanish book to contain a map of the world.

Other Notable Acquisitions, 1956-57

The most distinguished group purchase made during the year was a collection of 352 early and rare books bought through a special grant from the University Research Board. Although acquired primarily because needed for research currently in progress, these volumes strengthen the Library's outstanding holdings in early English and European literature from the fifteenth to the end of the seventeenth century.
Incunabula

Seventeen incunabula were added to the Library collection, the earliest a 1469 edition of Thomas Aquinas, printed by Peter Schoeffer. Another noteworthy title was Johannes Balbus' Catholicon, a famous Latin dictionary of the late middle ages, of which the Library acquired two editions, 1470 and 1485.

Ernest Ingold Shakespeare Collection

From Ernest Ingold of San Francisco came fifteen titles in thirty-five volumes to add to the collection bearing his name. Of special interest was a third quarto edition of King Lear, printed in 1655, the copy used by the noted eighteenth-century Shakespearean scholar Lewis Theobald, with numerous annotations in Theobald's hand throughout the text.

By fortunate coincidence, a volume appeared on the market relating to the Love's Labour's Won manuscript which Mr. Ingold bought in 1954 for the collection, and which is scheduled to come from the press shortly under Professor T. W. Baldwin's editorship. The book is Francis Meres' Palladis Tamia; Wits Treasury, 1598, the only printed work of the period to mention Love's Labour's Won, Shakespeare's lost play.

Other titles of more than ordinary interest and importance obtained by Mr. Ingold included a fine copy of the 1635 edition of Pericles, and a work which was Shakespeare's source for Pericles: John Gower's De Confessione Amantis (London, 1532), formerly the property of the Earl of Essex. Also added was a second edition of Julius Caesar, probably printed in 1685.

History of Science

The star piece of the year for the Library's growing collection relating to the history of science was the 1543 edition of De Humani Corporis Fabrica, the great work on anatomy by the sixteenth-century Flemish physician, Andreas Vesalius. This is the first edition of one of the world's greatest books, one which made all earlier books on the subject obsolete. The excellent copy acquired by Illinois includes the celebrated woodcut title page of Vesalius dissecting, twenty-one full-page woodcuts, and about 200 smaller cuts, representing instruments for dissecting and various anatomical illustrations.

An indication of the breadth of interest in the history of science among divisions of the University is shown by the following titles acquired upon specific recommendations of members of the Chemistry, Geology, Zoology, History, and Engineering departments: (1) Albert Einstein's Die Grundlage der Allgemeinen Relativitätstheorie, (Leipzig, 1916), the first full exposition of the Theory of Relativity; (2) Johann Kepler's Prodromus Dissertationum Cosmographicarum (Tubingen, 1596), the first edition of the great German astronomer's work; (3) Niccolò Tartaglia's General Trattato di Numeri et Misure (Venice, 1556-60), a significant mathematical text; (4) Girolamo

**Americana**

A number of items of early Americana, in some cases of interest also for the history of science, were obtained by the Library, e.g., Nicolas Monardes' *Dos Libros, el Uno que Trata de Todas las Cosas que Traen de Nuestras Indias Occidentales* (Seville, 1569), the first comprehensive work relating to the medicinal value of plants in the New World, and therefore the first American herbal; Daniel Cox's *A Description of the English Province of Carolana* (London, 1722), covering the present states of Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and points westward; Ptolemy's *Geographicae Enarrationis Libri Octo* (Lyons, 1535), with four maps relating to America, and an account of Columbus' discoveries printed on the back of map 28; Matthias Quad's *Compendium Universi Complectens Geographicarum Enarrationum Libros Sex* (Colonae Agrippinae, 1600), an extremely rare cosmography by the most celebrated German geographer of his time, one of its ten maps representing America; Richard Flower's *Letters from the Illinois* (London, 1820, 1821) (London, 1822); John Knight's *The Emigrant's Best Instructor* (Manchester, 1818); and *A Short State of the Countries and Trade of North America* (London, 1749).

**English Literature**

In addition to the works previously described of value for English studies, other acquisitions included Chaucer's *Workes* (London, 1598), of special significance because it completed the Library's holdings of all collected editions of Chaucer in English printed before 1640. Also noteworthy are Richard Arnold's *Chronicle* (London, 1503), containing much information about early London, and one of the earliest English printed works on child nursing and the education of children: John Jones' *The Arte and Science of Preserving Bodie and Soule in Healthe, Wisdome, and Catholic Religion* (London, 1579). The Library's collection of sixteenth-century grammars, notably those of Robert Whittington, probably the most complete existing, was strengthened by the acquisition of a half-dozen contemporary editions.

During his sojourn in England, Professor G. W. Evans obtained a number of seventeenth-century English literary items, and Professor Marvin
Herrick in Italy added to the Library's collection of sixteenth-century Italian Renaissance plays. Among first editions for eighteenth-century English literature were works of Samuel Richardson, Alexander Pope, and Edmund Burke. Professor Gordon Ray's travels in England led to the purchase of 1,138 volumes of nineteenth-century English literature. Also procured were 183 letters to or from Somerset Maugham (the R. T. Stott Collection). For bibliographical research, extensive runs were added of English bookdealers' catalogs, principally Dobell, Sotheby, and Maggs, back to 1756.

Gifts

In addition to his continued interest in the development of a great Shakespeare collection at Illinois, Ernest Ingold contributed other valuable works, including completion of the Grove plays of the Bohemian Club of San Francisco, 1902-1956; a five volume set of the third edition of Samuel Pepys' Diary, the earliest in the Illinois Library; and J. O. Westwood's Butterflies of Great Britain (London, 1854).

A frequent and generous faculty donor over the years has been Professor John Van Horne, Head of the Spanish and Italian Department, who retired at the end of the year. His gifts included Pablo Lozano's Colección de las Partes Mas Selectas de los Mejores Autores de Pura Latínidad, con Notas Castellanas (Madrid, 1795); Manuel González Martí's Cerámica del Levante Español, Siglos Medievales (Barcelona, 1944-52); and 113 other publications.

From Professor Gordon Ray came 465 volumes, principally sets, in the field of nineteenth-century English literature.

Mrs. Edgar Martin of Evanston presented a collection, totaling 4,338 pieces, strong in French language and literature, including materials dealing with Franco-American relations.

Another distinctive gift was received from C. A. Bruggeman, who presented, in behalf of the Sears, Roebuck and Company store of Champaign, a complete set of Sears catalogs on microfilm, 1888 to date. This work has become a primary source for home economists, economists, sociologists, and others.

Gifts from other faculty members, students, alumni, and friends of the University were numerous. These are noted in an appendix to the present report.

Exchanges

At the end of the report year, the Library had exchange arrangements with 3,045 institutions in the United States and foreign countries. A total of 36,485 copies of University of Illinois publications, produced by the Press, the Experiment Stations, and other University divisions, were sent to these organizations in exchange for their publications.
The important part which the exchange program plays in developing the Library's resources is indicated by some of the serial titles received as a result of exchanges established during the past year: Erdeszeti Kutatások of the Hungarian Institute of Forestry Science, Budapest; Experiments in Progress and the Memoirs of the Grassland Research Institute, Hurley, Berkshire, England; Memoirs of the Institute of Scientific and Industrial Research, Osaka University, Japan; Hvalradets Skrifter of the Biological Laboratory, University of Oslo; Bulletin of the Institute of Nuclear Sciences "Boris Kidrich," Vinca, Yugoslavia; Journal of the Institution of Engineers, Calcutta, India; Prace Geograficzne and Przeglad Geograficzny of the Institute of Geography, Warsaw, Poland; Spiegel der Letzeren, a new Belgian literary and philological quarterly in the Dutch language; Letras of the Faculty of Literature, Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Lima, Peru; and Manuscripta, of the St. Louis University Library.

A decided improvement was noted during the past year in exchange relations with countries behind the Iron Curtain. The Library received several Russian journals from the Library of the Social Sciences Section, Academy of Sciences USSR in Moscow, including the Academy's Vestnik, Izvestia of the All-Union Geographical Society, Leningrad, Vneshniaa Torgovlia and Knizhnaia Letopis. Correspondence with institutions in Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, and Yugoslavia has resulted in the establishment of new exchanges in these countries. It appeared that for the first time in a number of years the Soviets were revising radically their book exchange policies in the direction of greater liberalization and cooperation with the West.

One important journal has been added to the list of publications available to the Library for limited exchange, the new Illinois Journal of Mathematics. Twelve exchanges have been arranged to date, and negotiations for a number of others are in progress.

Farmington Plan

The Library continued its active participation in the "Farmington Plan," a cooperative project, sponsored by the Association of Research Libraries, for the acquisition by American libraries of all books of research value published abroad. Each participating library is assigned one or more subject fields; for Illinois, the principal categories are French language and literature, Italian language, Spanish literature, and engineering. The year's receipts at Illinois numbered 1,647 items. Total receipts by the Library since the Farmington Plan was inaugurated in 1948 have been 17,172 volumes.

Photographic Reproduction Projects

Subscriptions to cooperative photographic reproduction projects continued to make large quantities of rare books and other types of research
materials available to library users--frequently works which could not be provided in any other form. Enterprises of this nature not previously reported included microcard publications in music from the University of Rochester Press, and a microfilm collection of manuscripts on Middle American cultural anthropology from the University of Chicago, received at the request of the Sociology and Anthropology Department.

Microphotographic projects mentioned in earlier reports and now completed include:

- Adams Family Papers.
- Great Britain--House of Commons Journal, 1547-1900.
- Great Britain--House of Commons Sessional Papers, 1731-1900.
- Periodicals in Musicology.
- Russian Historical Sources, 1863-1953.

PREPARATION OF MATERIALS

The technical departments of the Library, i.e., the Acquisition, Catalog, and Serials Departments, and their divisions, such as Binding and Photographic Reproduction, are responsible for the procurement, organization, and preparation for use of all types of library materials. A summary of their activities for the year follows.

Acquisition Department

Much of the work of the Acquisition Department has been described in preceding sections under GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY. Total additions to the Library passing through the Department in the course of the year numbered 55,825 items, made up of 38,000 volumes, 1,961 music scores, 11,705 maps, 33 manuscripts, 3,654 photographic reproductions, and 472 sound recordings.

Of the 55,825 total, 37,048 items were acquired by purchase and 18,777 by gift or exchange.

A division of Acquisitions, Documents, added 3,457 document separates, 4,905 document continuations (yearbooks, etc.), and issues of 2,640 document periodicals. These figures represented a substantial increase over the previous year.

The Photographic Reproduction Division, another section, completed microfilming of back files of the Champaign News-Gazette and its antecedents and began work on other Champaign County papers. In its various operations, the Division made 81,543 microfilm exposures, 7,775 enlargement prints, 6,488 photoclerk prints (exclusive of those for Library departments), and 8,796 Xerox reproductions.
Catalog Department

Combined statistics for non-serial publications processed by the Catalog Department and serial publications cataloged by the Serials Department show that the two departments cataloged 31,794 new titles, representing 78,867 books, 89 pamphlets, 2,169 music scores and parts, 1,376 microfilms, 1,629 microcards, 11,426 maps and aerial photographs, 192 manuscripts, 1 print, and 772 sound recordings. Cards added to the general library catalog totaled 121,587, an increase of 7,176 over the year before, and 99,399 new cards were supplied for the catalogs of the various departmental libraries and reading rooms. These special locations received 29,183 cataloged books and pamphlets besides many items of non-book materials. The Department also furnished the Library of Congress with copy for 1,878 printed catalog cards, in accordance with a long-standing cooperative agreement whereby this Library supplies catalog entries for certain specified publications.

The Department's Binding Division processed 25,423 books and pamphlets bound commercially, as compared with 22,138 volumes in 1955-56. In addition, the Division repaired 3,449 books, bound 4,481 pamphlets, and mounted 128 maps.

Serials Department

The Serials Department cataloged 21,809 new serial volumes and 1,846 new serial titles during the year. Received currently were 12,477 different periodical titles and 14,886 copies. Included in these totals were 2,022 document periodicals in 2,640 copies, acquired through the Documents Division. In addition, the Library received currently 688 newspapers, including 63 microfilm editions.

One of the Department's principal tasks since its establishment two years ago has been to complete a central record for serial publications. Important progress toward this goal was made with the addition of 3,860 entries. The chief group of titles still to be added to the record were currently received periodicals.

A special project undertaken by the Serials staff was the checking of Biological Sciences Serial Publications, for titles currently received by the Library, as a preliminary to the Midwest Inter-Library Center entering subscriptions to all serials in this field not coming to the Center's member libraries.

USE OF THE LIBRARY

The past year in the public service departments of the Library was one of large undertakings. Thousands of volumes were moved from one building to another to utilize space which had been freed in 1955 by the opening of the new Law Library, much time was given to the preparation of plans for libraries in the new Biology and Physics buildings, the new Home Economics
Library was opened, and detailed studies were made of plans for extending the General Library building. The pressures of a larger student body were felt throughout the system in requests for longer hours open and for more books. Before the end of the year, funds allocated to many units for student assistance and for the purchase of new books were exhausted.

Each of the thirty-one units in the public service departments occupies special quarters, serves a distinct clientele, and has peculiar problems, but all are maintained to help students and faculty in their use of books and other library materials. The work involved in making three million volumes accessible in thirty-one locations to more than 20,000 students and about 2,000 faculty members cannot be fully recorded, but the nature of the major activities can be outlined.

The schedules of the thirty-one units vary according to size and responsibilities. Schedules were extended in four libraries because of heavy demands: the Chemistry Library added Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings, and Sunday afternoons; evening hours, Monday through Thursdays, were introduced in the Physics Library and the Home Economics Library; and the evening schedule of the Law Library added an hour for the weeks preceding and during the examination period. The "study hall" facilities provided experimentally in the Main Reading Room and Undergraduate Library on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings during the previous year were used sufficiently to justify making them a part of the Library's regular schedule.

Circulation and Reference Statistics

The year's total recorded use of books on the Urbana campus was 874,395, an increase of 45,265 over the year before. These figures represent only a part, of course, of the use of library materials, since much reading room and bookstack use is unrecorded. The largest increases in circulation were reported by the City Planning and Landscape Architecture Library, the Illini Union Browsing Room, and the Engineering Library.

All public service units perform reference services for their clienteles, though these are not usually recorded. Queries are answered in person, by telephone or by mail. One unit, the Reference Department's Information Desk, mainly concerned with giving assistance in the use of the Library public catalog, answered 8,250 questions. Since the establishment of the Serials Department, an increasing number of reference questions relating to serial publications have been received and answered in that division.

For the use of faculty and graduate students on the Urbana campus, 753 volumes were borrowed from other libraries. Although loans were obtained from 138 different institutions, the largest number came from the University of Chicago, Library of Congress, Harvard University, and University of Michigan. By way of reciprocation to these and other libraries, 3,264 volumes were sent out on loan to libraries in forty-four states, Hawaii, Canada, and Mexico. The number of volumes loaned was about one-third less than the previous year because of the increasing number of requests filled by microfilm reproductions.
Classes conducted throughout the state by the Extension Division obtain most of their books through extramural loans from the University Library at Urbana. In 1956-57, there were 6,301 volumes sent to twenty-seven centers for the use of eighty-three courses. Also, 1,312 Champaign-Urbana residents and visitors to the campus were issued permits to use the Library.

**Instruction in Use of Library**

The public service departments spent much time and effort in making the Library and its resources better known and more widely used. In addition to direct assistance provided in all reading rooms and at public desks, such planned activities as tours, organized courses, displays, and guides to the collections were carried on to help students learn about the Library.

The Undergraduate Library and the Reference Department staffs jointly conducted tours for students in 106 sections of Rhetoric 102, and students in nineteen sections of D.G.S. 111 received two hours of orientation in the form of lectures. After the tours and lectures, practical problems were given to students in all sections of D.G.S. 111. A number of departmental librarians--Education, Engineering, Journalism, Labor and Industrial Relations, Chemistry, Veterinary Medicine, Music, and Physics--also conducted tours of their divisions. Special lectures to classes and groups of visitors were given by the librarians of the Map and Geography, Library School, Chemistry, Engineering, Journalism, and Natural History Libraries.

In the course of the year, seven sections of Library Science 195, "Introduction to Library Use," were taught by four members of the staff.

**Quarters and Equipment**

One new library, for the Home Economics Department, was opened on April 22, after several months' delay. Construction was in progress for the new Biological Sciences Building containing space for the present Natural History Library, excluding Geology.

Detailed plans were prepared for a new stack unit and a wing to the General Library building. The legislative appropriation, however, covered only the stack addition, construction of which is scheduled to begin in the fall of 1957.

Obsolete lighting in the Main Reading and Public Catalog-Circulation Desk area of the General Library was replaced by modern fluorescent fixtures, the beginning of a program to renovate lighting throughout the Library.

Another step toward modernization--air conditioning--was taken by the Chemistry Library, joining Home Economics, Journalism, Law, and the Union Browsing Room as the only library divisions thus far to receive this antidote to Urbana summer weather.
After adding approximately 4,000 volumes, the Library of Medical Sciences ended the year with total holdings of 128,297 volumes. Serial publications account for about two-thirds of the Library's resources, and some 1,200 such titles were currently received. Of these, 890 are subscriptions and 41 titles were added to the subscription list during the year. The new department of Speech Pathology required the addition of a considerable number of titles in that field.

Major acquisitions in the course of the year were the Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology, in 15 volumes; Primatologia, Handbuch der Primatenkunde, 1956-to date, to be complete in five volumes; and Protoplasmatologia, Handbuch der Protoplasmaforschung, 1954-to date, to be complete in 14 volumes. An additional gift of $1,000 came to the William Allen Pusey Fund, for the purchase of historical and current literature in the field of dermatology. Several titles on gastroenterology were purchased from the Singer Library Endowment Fund, and on military medicine from the Allen Memorial Fund.

As in other scientific fields, interest in translations of Russian literature has increased. The National Institutes of Health is supporting translation and publication of selected Soviet literature in the biological and medical sciences, and the Medical Library is receiving all such publications without charge. Titles thus far received are Biochemistry, Biophysics, Bulletin of Experimental Biology and Medicine, Journal of Microbiology, Epidemiology and Immunobiology, and Problems of Hematology. Other titles are to be added under the translation program.

The use of the Library continued to increase. Circulation figures for the year were in excess of 85,000. Especially noticeable was the increased use by students in the School of Nursing and in special courses of the Department of Medicine.

Instruction in the use of the Library, in the form of orientation tours, was given to students in the School of Nursing, Occupational Therapy, and to dietitians from Cook County Hospital. All Pharmacy students were given instruction by class presentations early in their course.

Moving of the entire contents of the basement book stacks was completed in October. The remodeled area provided about 1,200 new shelves, but it was necessary to shift 115,000 volumes in order to make most efficient use of the new space. Some expansion space for current periodicals was provided, but older material remained crowded. Excellent fluorescent lighting replaced the single, pull-chain lights in the older stacks—a decided improvement.

Miss Margaret M. Bates, Assistant Librarian since 1916, retired at the end of the academic year. During her 41 years of service she has been a capable, loyal staff member whose helpfulness to faculty members and students will long be remembered and appreciated.
In its acquisition program, the Chicago Undergraduate Division Library cataloged 5,350 volumes, ending the year with total holdings of 79,959 volumes. These were divided as follows: circulating collection, 63,403, reference 6,868, and bound periodicals, 9,688. There were 765 periodicals currently received. The collection also included 1,517 microfilm reels, 9,902 pamphlets, 3,268 maps, 529 sound recordings, 2,882 microcards, 9,838 microprints, and 197 prints.

A detailed analysis of the Library's collections was undertaken by the Serials-Acquisition Department, with a view to filling in serious lacunae and planning systematic development. The principal findings of the survey were that some 750 incomplete sets should be completed, many books indexed in standard literary indexes were lacking, and the Library was short an average of ten titles per author from a selected list of 111 leading authors. A substantial addition to the Library's book funds will be necessary before these weaknesses can be corrected.

Along with a decrease in student enrollment, there was a drop in the total book circulation, from 61,531 to 50,986. The decline was chiefly in the use of reserve books, and the number of students coming to the Library to work showed little diminution. The Fine Arts Library noted an increase in book circulation and a fifty per cent growth in attendance. New services offered by the Library were also popular. About 5,000 persons availed themselves of listening services for music and non-music recordings (drama, poetry, speech, etc.), the latter mainly by class groups. The new print lending service created great interest, as did a project for lending paperback books.

With the organization of a separate Senate for the Chicago Undergraduate Division, a Senate Library Committee came into existence for the first time. This Committee met several times in the course of the year to advise the Librarian on specific problems.

Space shortages for the Library have reached an acute stage. As the book collection has expanded, it has been forced to encroach upon the reading room area, reducing the already limited number of seats for readers. Equipment and room for book additions were exhausted. The only long-term solution is an adequate library building on a new campus.

PERSONNEL

At the end of the year there were 268 library staff positions in Urbana and Chicago, divided between 143 academic and 125 nonacademic positions. In addition, 229 student assistants were regularly employed during the academic year.

Staff changes were frequent, a characteristic of the post-war period. In Urbana, 29 professional and 80 clerical resignations occurred,
causing a 26 per cent turnover for the professional group and a 77 per cent loss from the clerical staff—the latter an all-time high. Explanations for the frequent changes are easy to identify, though they provide no solution to the problem. In the case of professional librarians, acute shortages throughout the country, expanding library systems, and improved salaries open up many opportunities, especially for junior members of the staff. The rapid turnover in the clerical group is due in considerable part to the Library's dependence upon student wives, who are constantly coming and going. It is hoped that the University's new salary scales going into effect for 1957-58 will insure more staff stability, at least for the professional librarians.

In addition to their regular responsibilities, Library staff members were active in various professional organizations, holding offices or important committee assignments in the American Library Association, Special Libraries Association, Medical Library Association, American Association of Law Libraries, Association of College and Research Libraries, Music Library Association, Association of Research Libraries, Illinois Library Association, and similar societies. Among other important assignments, D. A. Brown served as editor of the journal Agricultural History; A. H. Trotier edited an issue of Library Trends on "Mechanization in Libraries;" W. V. Jackson was sent to South America by the U.S. Department of State as a library consultant and lecturer, and later went to France on a Fulbright appointment; Alice Fedder went to Afghanistan with the ICA Educational Project as a school library consultant; Helen Welch served as assistant editor of the Journal of Library Resources and Technical Services; Jay Allen revised the music section of the 16th edition of the Dewey Decimal Classification; Leslie Dunlap and Robert Delzell were in charge of the orientation program for a group of eleven Indian university librarians traveling in the United States under State Department auspices; Edward Heiliger and Martha Kester edited the "College and University Section" of Illinois Libraries; and Eleanor Blum was foreign correspondent for the English Publishers' Circular.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

In the field of public relations, the Library and Library School carried on jointly several programs which had as their objectives creating interest in books, reading, and libraries, and informing the public of the Library's resources. These were the weekly "Library Presents" radio program, under the chairmanship of Marilyn Satterlee, over University Station WILL; a television series "Books in Balance," under Walter Stone's direction, over WILL-TV; monthly programs in the Illini Union Browsing Room, sponsored by the Speaking of Books Committee; and a series of exhibitions of library materials.

One of the most notable exhibits of the year was "An Exhibition of Printed Latin-English and English-Latin Word Lists and Dictionaries, 14977-1736." An attractive catalog of the exhibition, with introduction
and descriptions by Professor Harris Fletcher of the English Department, was published and widely distributed. Other important exhibits related to Japanese prints, the Olympics, George Bernard Shaw, calligraphy, U.S. philately, and private press publications.

To conclude this report, I want to express again warm appreciation for the strong support in all matters affecting the University Library received during the year from you, Provost Larsen, Comptroller Farber, and other University officers and faculty members. This backing is indispensable to the continued growth of a great university library at Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert B. Downs
Director
TABLE I

CATALOGED MATERIAL IN ALL LIBRARIES
June 30, 1957

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1. Includes fully cataloged pamphlets.
2. Roughly classified, partially cataloged "second class" pamphlets.
3. Not including thousands of films and manuscripts available for use but not fully cataloged.
4. Includes photographs, posters, and slides.
TABLE III

ENROLLMENT IN THE UNIVERSITY AND
USE OF THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY,
1952-53 to 1956-57*

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*Urbana campus only; summer session excluded.
TABLE IV
RECORDED USE OF THE LIBRARY IN URBANA AND CHICAGO
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1957

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Interlibrary loans to institutions outside of Champaign-Urbana 3,264

Interlibrary loans from other institutions for use of graduate students and faculty on Urbana campus 753

Photographic reproductions obtained for members of faculty and graduate students in lieu of volumes 74

Extramural extension circulation 6,301

TOTAL RECORDED USE IN URBANA 874,395
## TABLE IV (Continued)

### CHICAGO CAMPUSES

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**TOTAL ALL CAMPUSES**

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THE VOLUMES AND SEATING CAPACITY IN THE
VARIOUS PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENTS AS OF JUNE 30, 1957*

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*Excludes extensive holdings of non-book materials, such as the 186,796 maps in the Map Library; in the Architecture and Art Library, 31,382 cataloged slides, 28,882 photographs, etc.; in the Music Library, over 68,000 pieces of choral and orchestral music, 10,000 phonograph discs; in the History and Political Science Library, approximately 100,000 U.N. Documents; etc.

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