

THE LIBRARY

The Board of Trustees made their first appropriation for a library on June 13, 1871. This may be said to be the beginning of the Syracuse University Library as the library of the Genesee College remained at Lima.

In May, 1871 the trustees elected the faculty of the University with Professor John P. Griffin as clerk, librarian and registrar. He served until 1875 when the Rev. Charles W. Bennett, D.D., Professor of History, became librarian. When he left the University in 1885, Dr. W. P. Coddington, Professor of Greek, succeeded him. He was librarian until 1889 when the library was moved from the reading room in the Hall of Languages into the library building which was constructed to fulfill the conditions of the gift of the von Ranke Library. (See Alumni Record vol. 1, p. 745.) Dr. Henry O. Sibley, the first librarian to devote his whole time to the library, served from 1889-1904. Since that time Dr. Mary J. Sibley has been acting librarian.

Because the University had outgrown its library building, Andrew Carnegie, in 1905, gave \$150,000 for a new building. On September 11, 1907 the moving into the Carnegie Library Building was completed. The old building then became the Administration building.

The Medical and Law libraries have already been located in their own buildings. The nucleus of the Medical College Library was the library of the Geneva Medical College. The transfer was accepted by the Board of Trustees of the University on December 14, 1871. Its librarian has always been elected from its faculty.

On June 16, 1899 the announcement was made at the Board of Trustees' meeting that Louis Marshall, Esq., of New York City, would give a valuable law library of about 1500 volumes, as a nucleus for a library, providing it was called the William C. Ruger Law Library. The gift was accepted.

Besides the general, medical and law libraries, several club and department libraries have been formed. The Historical Association library began with the organization of the Association, November 3, 1889; the Classical Club, January 1896; and the English Club in October, 1901.

LIBRARY STATEMENT

Bound volumes in the University libraries, June 1, 1904.....	61,235
Increase by years:	
1904-05.....	4,803
1905-06.....	3,159
1906-07.....	2,225
1907-08.....	4,092
1908-09.....	2,807
1909-10.....	3,551
Total additions.....	20,637
Total number of bound volumes in the University libraries June 1, 1910.....	81,872

LIBRARY EXPENDITURES

(From Treasurer's Reports)

	Books and Periodicals	Binding and Other Expenses	*Salaries	Total
1904-05	\$2,784.60	\$508.45	\$3,932.19	\$7,225.24
1905-06	3,040.92	513.34	4,898.20	8,452.46
1906-07	2,349.94	335.85	5,589.72	8,275.51
1907-08	4,084.51	914.75	8,354.89	13,354.15
1908-09	3,969.94	866.24	9,666.00	14,502.18
1909-10	3,663.12	672.09	9,660.41	13,995.62

*Includes faculty of the Library School.

*BOOKS ISSUED FOR HOME USE FROM THE GENERAL
LIBRARY

1904-05.....	4,367
1905-06.....	5,600
1906-07.....	4,825
1907-08.....	4,886
1908-09.....	6,907
1909-10.....	7,819

*The opening of the Library evenings and the loaning of books to departments has decreased the circulation of the General Library.