

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS

FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1895.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS,
Washington, May 28, 1896.

The Librarian respectfully submits herewith his annual report, embracing a summary of the increase of the Library and the business of the copyright office during the calendar year closing December 31, 1895.

His estimate of the aggregate number of volumes in the Library in the various apartments in which they are still widely scattered is 731,441 volumes, besides about 230,000 pamphlets. The increase over the year preceding is 20,971 volumes.

The large copyright business of the Library has continued to increase, notwithstanding the continued commercial and industrial depression. This increase is due in part to the gradual additions made to the foreign publications entered for copyright under the act of 1891, providing for international copyright. The privilege of American copyright now extends to the citizens or subjects of nine foreign Governments, namely, Great Britain and her dependencies, France, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Switzerland, and Denmark.

The new entries of copyright during the year 1895 were 67,572 of all varieties of publications, being an increase of 4,810 entries over the year preceding. The amount of fees on account of copyright received and paid into the Treasury was \$52,282.55, being an increase of \$2,880.80 over the receipts of the calendar year 1894.

The table following shows the number and designation of each class of publications entered for copyright during the past year:

Number of copyright articles entered in 1895.

Books (including all publications entered as such)	20, 311
Periodicals	12, 155
Musical compositions	18, 563
Dramatic compositions	827
Photographs	4, 572

Engravings	1, 856
Lithographs	754
Chromos	93
Prints	1, 880
Cuts	826
Designs	1, 669
Drawings	179
Paintings	1, 592
Statuary	47
Maps	1, 432
Charts	816
Total	67, 572

It should be stated in explanation of the apparently large number of entries under the head of "Books" that this designation embraces of necessity very large numbers of printed publications not actually in book form, such as articles in newspapers and other periodicals, sheets of printed matter, etc., which are entered as books, from the lack of any more accurate designation in the copyright law.

The number of copyright publications deposited was approximately as follows:

Books (including all publications entered as such)	15, 121
Periodicals	10, 492
Musical compositions	15, 271
Dramatic compositions	330
Photographs	5, 487
Engravings	1, 230
Lithographs	520
Chromos	72
Prints and cuts	290
Designs and drawings	340
Maps	1, 265
Charts	648
Total	51, 066

The deposit of two copies of each publication protected by copyright being required by law (except as to paintings and statuary), the actual receipts at the Library (including duplicates) aggregated about 102,132 copyright publications of all classes.

The preparation of the weekly catalogue of copyright publications actually deposited, for issue by the Secretary of the Treasury under the provisions of the international copyright act of 1891, has been prompt and regular during the year.

The absolute need of additional clerical force, as well as a provision for a register or recording officer of copyrights, relieving the Librarian of Congress from this great bureau of detail, is again respectfully urged upon the attention of Congress.

This subject, as well as that of the reorganization of the Library force and the necessary provision for the administration of the Library in the

new building, now nearly completed, has been fully set forth in the special report of the undersigned, laid before Congress at the beginning of the present session, in December, 1895, and heretofore printed. Reference is here made to that report, without recapitulation, and its recommendations are repeated. The great progress made during the year in the interior construction of the new Library building, as set forth in the Annual Report of the Chief of Engineers in December last, justifies the expectation that the removal of the Library may be effected during the early spring of 1897.

THE TONER COLLECTION.

The additions to the special collection of books and manuscripts presented to the Government by Dr. J. M. Toner, of Washington, have numbered 328 books and pamphlets during the year, besides many letters added to the large and valuable manuscript collection of Washingtoniana.

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