

Report of Traveling Libraries July - Dec. 1903.

During the 6 months, July - December 1903, 22 libraries have been purchased, illustrating the following subjects:

European capitals & their social significance	4
Our country	4
Situation in the Far East	4
Scottish authors	2
Stories as a mode of thinking	2
Forerunners of the French revolution	1
Great novelists of the 19th Century	1
Leaders of social liberty in England	1
Men who made the nation	1
Novels of George Eliot	1
Work & wealth	1

There is a marked tendency to more studious use of the libraries than formerly, shown by the fact that students are seeking permission to retain books in order to prepare themselves for the examinations offered by the University in recognition of lecture-study work. At various centres the sale of books is increasing.

Table of statistics as compared with the corresponding period of last year is as follows:

Statistics	July - Dec. 1902	July - Dec. 1903
Number volumes	4387	5466
" " sent out	2002	2581
" libraries " "	51	63
Do how many states	8	7
" " cities & towns	49	56
Number libraries purchased	23	22
" books "	740	803
" " sold	74	200
Cash rec'd for " "		\$76.80

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During the year 1907-1908, thirty libraries were purchased illustrating the following subjects: American life in American letters, 1; Beginnings of Christianity, 1; Biblical literature of prophecy, 1; Changing ideals in philanthropy & education, 1; The Common life, 5; Crises of Israel & their literary products, 1; Early Old Testament history, 1; European Capitals & their social significance, 1; From Malachi to Matthew, 1; Israel & the earlier prophets, 1; Literary reading as a means of Biblical study, 1; Master writers of the Bible, 2; Modern poet. prophets, 1; Organic evolution, 2; Problems of elementary & secondary education, 1; Racial aspects of the world's great dramas, 1; Scenic features of North America, 2; Social meaning of the novel, 1; Social messages of some Nineteenth Century prophets, 2; Stories as a mode of thinking, 1; Studies in American Society, 1; Twentieth Century City, 1.

Statistics for 1907-8 compared with 1906-7 are as follows:

	1906-7	1907-8
no. volumes	6 000	6 536
" " sent out	3 999	3 807
" libraries " "	91	79
to how many states	13	12
" " cities & towns	66	56
no. libraries purchased	31	30
" books "	824	887
" " sold (to incl. magns)	642	351

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During the year ended June 30, 1909, sixteen libraries were purchased illustrating the following subjects:

American Diplomacy	1
Interpretative Readings in Comedy	1
Minor European States + their Problems	4
Modern Drama	1
Prophets of Modern Literature	2
Social Forces in the Victorian Novel	1
Social Meaning of the Novel	1
Specimen Novels of some Great Modern Novelists	1
Stories as a Mode of Thinking	2
William Morris as the English Homer	1
Work and Life	1

Statistics for 1908-9 compared with 1907-8 are as follows:

Statistics	1907-8	1908-9
No. volumes	6 291	6 143
" " sent out	3 807	2 494
" libraries	79	52
To how many states	12	13
" " cities & towns	56	37
No. libraries purchased	30	16
" books "	889	594
" " given	-	5
" " sold	423	747