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3 o'clock.
Tuesday.

HARVARD COLLEGE,
CAMBRIDGE,
MASSACHUSETTS.

Sumner
Harvard

March 9, 1894.

My dear Mr. President:

Yours of the 6. is at hand. The librarians of H. Coll. are given in the Quinquennial Catalogue of 1890, pages 55-56.

1. I have been at considerable pains to-day to answer your inquiries. To answer the first one would - I find - be a matter of serious research for an expert antiquarian and would take much time. - Nevertheless, the following may be of service.

Solomon Stoddard, the first librarian, 1667-1672, is not catalogued as an instructor, tutor, or professor; but yet as a "Fellow." What "Fellow" then meant is discussed by Josiah Quincy, Hist. of H. Coll. i. 266f; and Sibley's Harvard Graduates (which I have not at hand) would doubtless discuss and perhaps determine whether Stoddard's "Fellowship" involved teaching.

An assistant of the Librarian staff has been looking the matter up somewhat late, and inclines to the opinion that Stoddard's next 47 successors were mostly men serving as librarians while studying for higher degrees or the like.

When we come to James Winthrop (top of page 56, Quinquennial 1890), class of 1769, Librarian from 1772-87, it would appear that that was his sole academic office; but that he was also postmaster of the town; for he complains of the great difficulty of maintaining himself

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Harvard College
 Cambridge
 Massachusetts
 1848

by the exercise of these two offices during the troublous times
of the Revolution. See Paige, History of Cambridge, Mass.

Samuel Shapleigh, born 1765, graduated at H.C.
1789, became Librarian in 1793 and so remained
until his death in 1800. [He left the Shapleigh Fund—
see page 3 of this communication.] Shapleigh is the
first to receive notice by Josiah Quincy, History, ii. 410;
and it is not improbable that he would be the most
fitting name to give in answer to your ^{first} question.
If so, we have had a "regular Librarian" for only
101 years.

2. The Harvard Library's first separate building is the present
one, Gore Hall, which was built in 1837-40.
See Quincy, History, H.C. ii. 435, 599-601.

3. Librarian Winsor tells me there are manuscript reports
of Librarians (T.H.) Harris and Silkey (1871-77), in part
printed. He went over them in order to construct his
World's Fair chart. My figures therefore represent
the readings of his curves and are not taken
from the (inconvenient) M.S. sources. I have no
doubt, however, that they are substantially correct.

Yours truly

President Harper.

Ch. Lanman

Proctor & Thompson

Wm. Lloyd Garrison

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Chart showing growth of the University Library, College Library, Pamphlet Collection, with Book-funds in dollars.
1830—1893.

[1.] Harvard College Library began in 1638 with John Harvard's bequest of 260 volumes. In 1764 the library had increased to more than 5000 volumes, when it was burned, only two or three hundred books being saved. A chief benefactor in restoring it was Thomas Hollis of England, who gave many volumes and in 1774 left a fund of £500 which is the oldest book-fund of the library at present. In 1800 Samuel Mapley, its librarian, died and left the second fund. These two funds amounting together to \$6000 remained the only sources of regular income for the buying of books till 1842, when a number of Boston merchants contributed \$42,000, which was not however funded, but was spent.

[2.] The libraries of the Law, Medical, & Theological Schools, taking form 60-70 years ago, together with the College library, were held to constitute the library of Harvard University; and this conglomerate collection of books now consists of the Central or College Library, of 10 departmental libraries (Law, Scientific, Medical, & Divinity Schools, Museum of Comparative Zoology, Astronomical Observatory, Herbarium, Survey Institution, Arnold Arboretum, and Peabody Museum of Ethnology), of the collections of seven laboratories, and of 19 class-rooms, making a total of 37 libraries belonging to the University organized as a whole with about 215,000 volumes.

Amount of book funds =

1830	————	\$6,500.	
1832	————	7,000.	
1833	————	6,500.	Then almost stationary till
1843	————	6,500.	
1845	————	22,000.	Then falling till
1850	————	13,000.	
1860	————	26,000.	
1870	————	100,000.	
1875	————	170,000.	
1880	————	200,000.	
1885	————	240,000.	
1890	————	272,000.	
1892	————	\$300,000.+	

The number of volumes (415,000) is apart from the collection of pamphlets (say 310,000) and the great collections of maps.

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1892 ————— \$300,000.+

1890 ————— 275,000.

1887 ————— 240,000.

1880 ————— 200,000.

1877 ————— 170,000.

1870 ————— 100,000.

1860 ————— 75,000.

1850 ————— 13,000.

1847 ————— 22,000.

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1830 ————— \$6200.

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From the Chart.

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No. of volumes, H. U. Library.

1830	33,000
1835	48,000
1840	62,000
1845	76,000
1850	91,000
1855	106,000
1860	135,000
1865	168,000
1870	187,000
1875	223,000
1880	256,000
1885	305,000
1890	373,000
1893	415,000

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1830	33,000
1832	18,000
1840	64,000
1842	26,000
1850	91,000
1852	106,000
1855	132,000
1860	168,000
1870	187,000
1872	223,000
1880	254,000
1882	302,000
1890	323,000
1893	412,000

March 1891

The Christian Register

THE college world is observing with lively interest the experiment of the Harvard Union at Cambridge. The union, which is now in full operation, was established through the generosity of Major Henry L. Higginson. In brief, the institution may be described as a club-house which is designed to serve the purpose of placing Harvard men, both in college and out of it, in community. The Harvard Union is the first experiment of its kind in college life, and it bids fair to exert some important influences upon the entire theory of college life upon the continent. The fact that the institution is a success is to be inferred from the circumstance that it has already become perhaps the most conspicuous factor in the social life of the university. At Yale, at Princeton, at Cornell, and at the other great American universities of the country, the workings of the Harvard Union are being watched with the hope of discovering a new application of educational influences.

I hope you will read this; and, when you write another article, be sure to mention the other side,—that motherhood can't do it all,—and, though a mother may pray and work and weep, poverty can destroy all her work. Boston has so many schools and advantages. We have so few. A friend once in a while sends me a copy of the *Christian Register*; and I enjoy it very much, indeed. Long may it flourish! I like to see people drop the old superstitions, but not the love and worship of God, our Father. He is all that has upheld me in my trials. I have a three weeks' old baby, and another lacking twelve days of being a year old. I am tired, but I felt called to write you. So please excuse it if it is a liberty.

A MOTHER.

OREGON.

The Western Circuit.

To the Editor of the *Christian Register*:—

I remember to have heard one of our ministers speak of

Mrs. Palmer will at the
same time speak to the
Junior College Women.

Prof. and Mrs. Palmer
will be leaving Cam-
bridge in time to
be in Milwaukee on
November 7th.

Very truly yours
Sophronia P. Breckinridge

Green Hall,
University of Chicago
November 24-1901.

My dear President  Mr. Talbot,

He today that she
begs to suggest that
Prof. George Herbert
Palmer be asked to
address the Junior
College men at Cha-
pman Assembly on
Monday, December
9th at the Harvard
Union. She hopes that

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