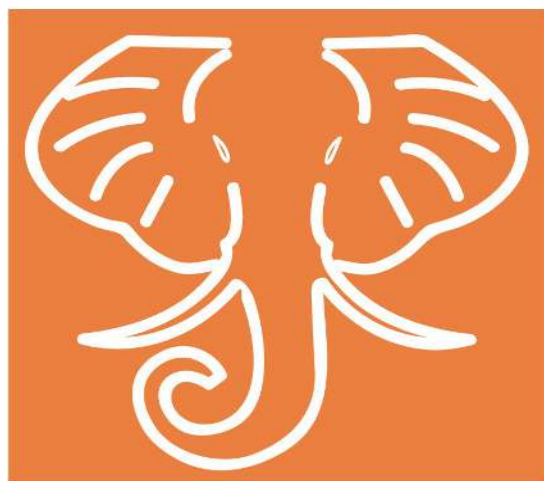


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FOREWORD

The American Library in Paris, Inc., is a society organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, U.S.A., in May 1920, for the following objects and purposes, as stated in its charter :

To establish and maintain in Paris and elsewhere a library or libraries of books, periodicals and papers in the English and other languages.

To carry on in connection with said library or libraries such other activities as may now or hereafter be deemed properly incidental to the work of a library corporation.

To aid in the international exchange of information about books, libraries and library methods.

To promote cordial relations between France and America through mutual association in Library work.

By a deed of gift, executed by the President of the American Library Association under date of August 24, 1920, the American Library in Paris, Inc., acquired the valuable collection of books and and equipment that had been accumulated at No. 10, rue de l'Elysée, Paris, in connection with the Library War Service, conducted by the American soldiers in France.

The development of the Library during the year 1925 and the plans of the Trustees for its future development are shown in the reports, published herewith.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

For the first time in its history as a corporation the library has completed a year without an operating deficit. The Treasurer's report gives the details of the financial condition of the Library, and it is gratifying to note that in spite of the marked increase of operating expenditures, from a total of 466,487.15 francs for 1924 to 553,426.73 francs for 1925, the income mounted from 407,721.42 francs to 815,922.87 francs. Attention should be called to the fact that receipts from members and subscribers since 1921 form a constantly decreasing proportion of the amount expended. There are, however, signs that the coming year may see a wider interest and more generous support of the Library by those who profit directly from the privileges it offers. It is earnestly hoped by the Trustees that the number of life-members, patrons and donors may be substantially increased in the near future.

On March 11, 1925, the Trustees of the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial adopted the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the sum of \$12,000 be, and it hereby is, appropriated to the American Library in Paris for its general support, payments to be made at the rate of \$4,000 per year for each of the calendar years 1925, 1926 and 1927.

Resolved, That the sum of \$18,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and it hereby is appropriated to the American Library in Paris, toward the increase of its budget during the calendar years 1925, 1926 and 1927 ; payments not to exceed \$6,000 each year and to be made on the basis of one dollar for each two dollars received from sources other than the Memorial, over and above a mainte-

nance budget of \$24,000 per annum, exclusive of support for the Reference Service.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be, and it hereby is, authorized in its discretion to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$12,500 annually for three years to the support of the Reference Service on International Affairs of the American Library in Paris.

Inasmuch as the income from operation of the Library is approximately \$10,000, in order to obtain the \$6,000 offered in the second of the above resolutions it was necessary to raise from other sources than the Memorial \$14,000 to bring the operating income up to \$24,000, and then \$12,000 more or total of \$26,000. This was done, and the Library is thus able to take advantage of the maximum conditional sum vote-by the Memorial. It is confidently expected that friends of the Library will increase the pledges for 1926 beyond the amount contributed for 1925.

Owing to the generosity of the Trustees of the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial the operation of the Library is now on a sufficiently high plane for it to demonstrate its ability to cope with its opportunities and its responsibilities. The problems which confront it are unlike those of a municipal library in the United States since in addition to those functions it is at once a demonstration of American library methods and technique and an outpost of American culture in Europe. In the future the international aspects of the service of the Library will be increasingly emphasized, and it will work in closer cooperation with other American organizations such as the European Center of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the American University Union in Europe. When the full

import of these developments and the possibilities they offer for a better understanding of America in Europe through so important an American intellectual and cultural center in Paris are realized, there should be little difficulty in obtaining permanent and adequate endowment for the Library.

Especial attention is called to the report of the Director of the Reference Service on International Affairs. The development of this bureau has been nothing short of phenomenal, and its future progress and field of usefulness are only limited by the financial support which it may obtain.

Mr. Robert E. Olds, who succeeded Mr. Charles L. Seeger as President of the Library, resigned to accept his appointment as Assistant Secretary of State, and left Paris in September to assume his new duties in Washington. It is largely due to the energy and vision of Mr. Olds that the present financial program is so auspiciously inaugurated and the plans for the development of the Library in its larger field are so firmly established. While the Trustees congratulate Mr. Olds upon the distinction he has received and wish him all success in his important work, they are sure that he will not lose interest in the institution which he has so powerfully aided.

Dr. W. Dawson Johnston, who arrived in Paris in the autumn of 1921, presented his resignation as Librarian last June, but was persuaded by the Trustees to remain until the end of the year. Dr. Johnston's devotion, scholarly guidance and knowledge of library science have enabled the institution to grow steadily in spite of inadequate space and meagre financial resources. Under his direction contacts have been made with libraries, universities and men of letters, not only in France but in many other countries. In his new position as European Repre-

sentative of the Library of Congress he will be able to keep in close touch with the many friends he has made in Europe.

Mr. Burton E. Stevenson, of the Chillicothe, Ohio, Library has been appointed Director of the Library. He does not come to his new work as a stranger, for he had supervision of the collection of books established in 1918, at No 10, rue de l'Elysée, by the American Library Association, for the use of the American soldiers in Paris ; exercised general control over the operations of the Association in Europe, and was one of the three incorporators of the American Library in Paris in May, 1920. He has, therefore, a special interest in the problems which confront the Library and experience which will be of help in their solution. The Trustees cordially welcome Mr. Stevenson and are confident that he will receive the unstinted cooperation of all the friends of the Library in his difficult and interesting task.

Earle B. Babcock,
President.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

For the period ending October 31, 1925.

The library is in better condition financially to-day than it has ever been. An analysis of the position on October 31st shows that operating income of every description has been higher this year than ever, and expenditures have been held down to the point where for the first time in the five years that the organization has been operating as a corporation, there has been no operating deficit. The balance sheet as of October 31st, 1925, shows total assets of Frs. 1,043,000. with no liabilities. Of the total assets, Frs. 982,000. is in cash and readily marketable securities, and about 90 per cent. of this is in dollars. The capital accounts are as follows :

Endowments.

American Library

Association. . . .	Frs. 350,000.—	
Alan Seeger	„ 50,000.—	400,000.—
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Funds.

3 Year Fund,

\$12,500.—. . . .	„ 250,000.—	
Reference Service		
Fund, \$8070.88. .	„ 161,417.60	
Reserve Fund . . .	„ 231,907.70	643,325.30
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Up to the end of October, expenditures amounted to Frs. 452,000. out of a budgetary total of Frs. 558,000. and income for the period was about

Frs. 469,000. or Frs. 17,000. in excess of expenditures. It is now certain that there will be no operating deficit at the end of this year, and it is reasonable to expect that the era of deficit is over

During the past year, the accumulated operating deficit, which on December 31, 1924, amounted to Frs. 124,900. was absorbed, as also a net deficit of Frs. 61,000. in connection with the publication of "Ex Libris," which was discontinued this summer.

Now for the other side of the picture. The favorable situation outlined above calls for no self-congratulation on the part of the members of the Library. It is due largely to the leadership and energy of President Olds, working with the American Committee, and to the Trustees of the Library. Together they brought in subscriptions to a fund destined to carry on the work of the Library for another three years, in the sum of \$18,533. On the other hand, a budget was drawn up and adhered to strictly in the matter of expenditures.

In spite of the fact that membership fees and subscribers, fees were about doubled this year in an effort to keep up with mounting operating costs, receipts from members and subscribers were only 30 per cent. of the amount expended in running the Library. This compares unfavorably with the figures of the first three years of operation. In 1921, members and subscribers supported 63 per cent. of the expenses. In 1922, 40 per cent., in 1923, 41 per cent. and last year about the same as this year, 30 per cent. In other words, we are becoming more and more dependent on outside aid. Perhaps this is inevitable and even desirable, in the sense that our aim is eventually to establish a free Library, but the membership list, and the number of patrons and life members, is not keeping pace with the institution's growth.

The financial outlook for next year is not discouraging, but if the Library is to move forward, it means that income must be increased. Subscribers' fees would seem to be the least able to stand the strain, and while the American Committee will undoubtedly respond to another call on their time and energy, the weak point is the small annual increase in the number of patrons, life members and members. So far this year, we have enrolled just one patron and one life member in Paris.

Summing up, we may say that the finances of the Library are at present sound, and the ground has at last been cleared for the erection of the important structure that the institution is destined to become.

J. Gerald Cole
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1925.

The most significant feature of Library progress during the past year is wider recognition of the importance of libraries in the promotion of better international understanding, and in the furtherance of scientific research. As evidence of this I may refer to the last report of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, Director of the Division of Intercourse and Education of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. In discussing the work of the European bureau of the Endowment he says, "..... one of the best methods of instructing and developing public opinion in other lands is through the building up of public library systems therein. The public library in the United States, whether it be large or small, plays an astonishingly important part in the life of the community. In Europe, except in Great Britain, libraries are usually thought of as collections of books for scholars and students. Much can be done to plant the seeds of the American library system in European countries to the end that the vast populations within their limits may come to enjoy at least some of the advantages which are so freely showered upon the people of the United States by their public libraries."

"The only sure foundation for a League of Nations is a well-stocked Library"—Sidney Dark, "The New Reading Public."

It is not, however, merely as adjuncts to those organizations interested in international education that libraries are of importance ; they are also needed

as agencies for the wider distribution of the results of scientific research and of the best in contemporary letters. This was recognised by the American Council of Learned Societies at a meeting held on January 23rd, at which a Committee on the Distribution of American Learned Publications in foreign countries was appointed to study the question, and to aid scholars and librarians in countries of depreciated currency to secure these publications. This Committee consists of Dr. Waldo G. Leland, Executive Secretary of the American Council of Learned Societies, Professor R. H. Tanner, Secretary of the Archaeological Society of America, Professor Frederic A. Ogg, Secretary of the American Political Science Association, Professor Carleton Brown, Secretary of the Modern Language Association, Professor Davis R. Dewey, Professor Guy Stanton Ford, Professor John J. Coss, Mr. Harry M. Lydenberg, Chairman of the A.L.A. Committee on Books for Europe, and the Director of the American Library in Paris. At a meeting of this Committee held on April 28th, it was decided to prepare a list of American learned journals, a list of American learned serials other than journals, and a list of the most significant and representative works of American scholarship published since 1912 in the humanistic and social sciences. It was also decided to try and secure from the editors and publishers of journals a reduction in their subscription rates in favor of libraries in countries which are suffering from the present rate of exchange.

This recognition in the United States of the desirability of better distribution of American books in Europe is of first importance; but hardly less significant is the growing consciousness of the same thing among Americans in Europe. This has shown itself during the past year partly in a desire to bring

American organizations, and particularly American library activities, into more effective relations with each other, and partly in the establishment of new agencies for the distribution of American books. A good example of the former is the Council of American Organizations in Paris, formed May 8th, and of the latter, the recently established American Institute at Prague. For the equipment and furnishing of rooms for the Institute the Carnegie Endowment appropriated \$10,000 in addition to \$2,000 which had already been appropriated, to defray the expenses of a librarian, commissioned by Charles University, to study Library administration in the United States.

Important as it is, however, that there be the closest relations between the Library and other American organizations in Europe and those in the United States, it would be a misfortune if the former became entirely dependent upon the latter. No one is better acquainted with the needs of Europe than those who live there ; no one—to be specific—knows better than the American colony in Paris the need for an American Library in Paris, and no one is in a better position to interest citizens of France and of the United States in it. A typical American library is not an institution but an organization ; its objects are not merely scientific but educational, and its government is not beaucroatic but democratic.

I speak of this because there is a temptation to depend upon organizations in the United States to finance and direct such organizations as this. We should, it is true, depend upon them for assistance, if the Library is to be truly American and render more than a local service, but the officers of those organizations would, I am certain, be the first to agree that the responsibility for their proper organization and administration must be ours and not theirs.

Collections.

During the year 6281 volumes were added to the collections, or 2057 volumes more than in 1924, and 991 volumes were withdrawn. The total number of volumes in the Library, therefore, is 29,587.

Of the additions 532 were purchased at a cost of 22,275 francs, that is 42 francs per volume, and 5749 volumes were gifts.

The total number of gifts amounted to 4222 volumes. Among these the most important gifts from organizations were those from the American Art Association and from the Library Association. The Art Association transferred to the Library its entire collection of files of periodicals, numbering 150 volumes. The Library Association presented its invaluable "Subject Index of Periodicals". The American Woman's Club of Paris continues to transfer to us the back numbers of current periodicals received by it.

Among gifts from individuals the most noteworthy are the bequest of Miss Henrietta T. Reubell, amounting to 279 volumes, and including a set of the New York edition of the writings of Henry James; a collection of books on American business methods selected by the Boston Public Library with the assistance of the School of Business Administration of Harvard University, and presented by Mr. Edward Kirstein; a set of the works of Hubert Howe Bancroft, presented by Mrs. Eleanor Bancroft, and the Harvard University Historical Collection, presented by the University.

From publishers 371 volumes were received.

We are, however, adding to the Library only a small proportion of the new English and American books which should be available here. For example, of the books reviewed in recent issues of the *Revue*

Anglo-Américaine we have only 26 per cent ; and of earlier publications of value to the scholar we have an even smaller percentage.

Finance.

The income of the Library for the year 1925 was as follows :

Annual Members	30,000.00
Subscribers.	138,287.15
Gifts, etc.	609,007.65
Interest	15,151.63
Profit on Exchange	23,476.44
	Frs. 815,922.87

1 new life member and 53 annual members were added during the year. 46 members died or resigned. The present number of life members therefore is 50, and the present number of annual members is 269, a total of 319.

The expenditure for the year has been as follows :

Salaries :	
Library staff.	311,919.15
Building staff.	31,462.25
Books.	23,127.35
Periodicals.	9,675.15
Binding.	12,326.20
Carriage and Customs.	1,144.50
Rent	38,996.29
Heat, Light & water.	17,974.10
Stat'y and Printing	24,821.40
Posts, Telephone and Telegraph.	9,415.03
Taxes and Insurance	12,771.57
Furniture and Fixtures	7,193.35
Repairs and Alterations	8,452.40
Miscellaneous	22,157.14
"Ex Libris,,.	21,990.85
Total.	553,426.73

Administration.

In the service of the Library a year ago there were sixteen full time assistants. At the present time there are eighteen, of whom nine have been in the service more than a year. Of the six who have resigned the chief cataloguer, Miss Constance Winchell became assistant reference librarian in the Library of Columbia University. This vacancy was filled by the appointment of Miss Agnes Hansen, assistant cataloguer in the Seattle Public Library. Of the other new members of the staff Miss R. W. Wright was also an assistant cataloguer in the Seattle Public Library, Miss M.B. George and Miss S.C. Lancaster, assistants in the New York Public Library, Miss E.M. Roberts, an assistant in the University of California Library, and Miss Astrid Fadum, an assistant in the Drammen Public Library. Miss J. A. L. Shercliff and Miss P.M. Wedd were added to the secretarial staff.

Of the eighteen assistants nine are American, four French, two English, two Russian, and one Norwegian.

The average salary of assistants in the Library is now 1355 francs a month, as compared with 950 francs in 1923, and 1241 francs in 1924. It is my hope that the prospective increase in the income of the Library will enable the Trustees to at least double this salary. An American institution should pay at least a living wage.

Publicity.

The importance of publicity for a public institution like this has been kept in view during the past year as in previous years. The lack of special funds for the purpose, however, made it impossible to extend

this, or to carry on what we had already undertaken. The discontinuance of our illustrated monthly literary review, *Ex Libris*, is particularly to be regretted. It was not only the best possible form of publicity for library purposes, but in the absence of any other English review having similar aims, it was an invaluable medium of information for Continental readers in regard to current English and American literature. Articles like that on American literature of 1924 by Elizabeth Stewart Mann, and that on recent American drama, by Cargil Sprietsma, for example, contained information in regard to American literature nowhere else accessible to those whom it is the aim of the Library to serve. The same was true of the literary and bibliographical studies, entitled "American books translated into French," "French studies among American doctoral dissertations," "Constitutions des 13 Etats-Unis de l'Amérique," "American books in Soviet Russia", also of those on "Collections of French literature in American libraries", "Translations from the French published in the United States," and "American studies among French doctoral theses," as well as the short studies of the writings of Professor Jean Charlemagne Bracq, Abbé Félix Klein, and James Breck Perkins, published in different numbers under the general caption, "The Franco-American Entente."

There is a well defined field for a periodical containing articles of this kind, together with reviews and notes descriptive of the most important current English and American publications, and it is to be hoped that funds may soon be secured which will enable the Library to resume publication of a review of this character.

Since the discontinuance of *Ex Libris* arrangements have been made with the editors of *La Revue Anglo-Américaine* for the publication in that periodical of

the list of new books added to the Library. The first of these lists appeared in the October number of the review, and was reprinted for distribution among professors of English in the universities of continental Europe. In this way those interested in the study of English and American literature will be informed in regard to the resources of the Library, and as the number of books relating to special subjects increases, particularly those relating to American history, political institutions, industrial life, and art, arrangements can undoubtedly be made for the publication of lists of books on those subjects in the reviews which are devoted to them.

During the year the Library has also undertaken to supply a column of literary gossip to "L'Atlantique", the newspaper published on the boats of the Compagnie Générale Transatlantique, and to "The Ocean Post", published on the boats of the Holland-American Line. This is intended to bring this Library and new books of special interest, to the attention of tourists.

Through the courtesy of the American Chamber of Commerce circulars were sent out to all members of the Chamber calling attention to our service to young business men and women.

Among articles relating to the Library may be mentioned those in the Bulletin of the International University Information Office of the League of Nations, January, the *New York Times*, January 18th, *The Boston Transcript*, April 29, by Mr. Alvan F. Sanborn, and the syndicated article distributed by the International Syndicate, Baltimore, August 2nd ; and among French articles those in *Le Figaro*, November 28th, *La Semaine à Paris*, January 2nd, and *La Revue des Bibliothèques* Nos 1-6.

Use of the Library.

The space available in the Library building continues to permit little more than the lending of books for home use, and even this is much restricted by the limited number of books, especially new books, which it has been possible to add to the collections. It is all the more gratifying, therefore, to be able to report that there has been an increase in the number of readers served as well as in the number of books circulated, and in the amount of research work of substantial value done by the staff.

The number of card holders enrolled during the year was 4678. Of these 276 were members, 2292 subscribed for the year, 224 for six months, 1158 for one month, and 730 had free student cards. Of the entire number 3180, or 67 per cent were new subscriptions.

Analysis of the distribution of these card holders according to residence shows that 63 per cent live in the northwestern part of the city, that is in arrondissements 1,2,8,9,16 and 17, 3 per cent on the south side of the river, and 7 per cent in the north eastern part of the city. An increasing number of members live outside the city.

Of all the subscribers registered 1544 were American, 749 British, 631 French, and 206 of other nationalities. Of the French subscribers 43 per cent are students, 11 per cent teachers, 11 per cent engaged in business, and 4 per cent in some professional occupation.

The book circulation for the year was 119,195, or 9 per cent more than during 1924. Of the entire number 87,167 or 72 per cent were fiction, 30,212 or 25 per cent non-fiction, 1816 or 1 per cent juvenile, and 2503 or 2 per cent, periodicals.

Of the non-fiction the most popular classes of literature were biography, the circulation of which amounted to 20 per cent of all the issues of non-fiction, literature 23 per cent, travel 14 per cent, history 10 per cent, and art 7 per cent.

The increase in the circulation of books has made it necessary to separate the registration of readers from the work of charging and discharging books ; it has made necessary also some changes in the charging system.

While the first duty of assistants in this department is to aid readers in finding and selecting books, some time is found for reference and research work. The facilities for such work have not been enlarged during the year ; instead the need for additional office space on the second floor made it necessary to transfer the periodical room to the first floor at a considerable loss of space for readers.. The old room had accommodations for 22, while the new room, though better located has seats for only eight.

« A Paris même, à côté de toutes les anglo-manies d'un goût souvent douteux, nous possédons une institution qui s'inspire des meilleures traditions démocratiques de l'Amérique. Nous voulons parler de cette excellente *American Library* de la rue de l'Elysée qui, sans la moindre cotisation, sans aucun bulletin de contrôle, ouvre ses portes toutes grandes, jusqu'à tard le soir, à tous ceux qui s'intéressent à la langue et à la culture anglo-américaines. Un personnel des plus affables se met à votre disposition, avec une courtoisie, un savoir vivre dignes d'être pris en exemple... »

Ernest Robert in his "Canada Français et Acadie".

The nature of the research work done by the Library may be illustrated by citing some of the requests received during the year for either books or bibliographical information. These have included inquiries in regard to material on the relations between the United States and the Orient, the Negro in the Civil War, the Jews in the United States, the most important socialist newspapers published in the United States, the best American stories for French newspaper publication, American books translated into French, translations of Harte's "Tales of the Argonauts" and of Jack London's novels, French biographies of Washington and of Lincoln, and information about Jefferson's life in Paris. They have included also inquiries in regard to the best books on French history, government, and politics, information about the French debt to the United States, material on French secondary education, and on the French printing trade, the literature of regionalism, and English translations of the "Romance of the Rose." And, to mention but one other instance, they have included a request for assistance in the collection of photographs of the Exposition des Arts Decoratifs. These requests have come from organizations like the American Library Association, from individual libraries, from university professors, from editors of reviews, from authors, and from translators, and have all received the careful consideration to which they are entitled.

As I pointed out in my last report, however, this reference work cannot be given the expert character which it should have until a more adequate departmental organization of the Library is possible. The Reference Service on International Affairs has been able to assist some American libraries in securing European government Documents, especially those bearing on international relations, and the French Department

has rendered invaluable service to American libraries in the selection of French books and periodicals but we are not yet able to give expert advice in a field in which an American library in a foreign country ought to be specially expert, I mean, of course, the field of American literature, American history, and American political opinion. It is to be hoped that in our desire to give to our fellow citizens in the United States information in regard to Europe, we may not lose sight of the importance of giving to European scholars and writers the information which they desire in regard to the United States, its literature and institutions.

It has also been urged that departments devoted to Canadian history and literature, Spanish-American history and literature, the fine arts, and engineering, be established as soon as possible.

Extension Service.

The reference service of the Library has been carried on largely in the interest of inquirers outside of Paris who have access to very limited collections of English and American books. Parallel with this service has been the supply of books to individuals as loans, and to libraries as gifts.

The number of non-resident members of the Library is now 56. To these were sent during the year some 1188 books.

Of greater importance from an international point of view, however, is our service to professors in universities and other institutions of learning rendered through the Service des Prêts of the Bibliothèque Nationale, or other libraries. This service involved

the loan of 203 volumes to 39 different professors in 31 different institutions during the past year. It included loans to an institution as far distant as that of the University of Miskolc, Hungary, and involved the borrowing of books from Leland Stanford University for research use in the Dotation Carnegie, and from the University of Bonn for use in the University of Grenoble.

Important as these loans are as a supplement to the resources of institutions of learning which in the nature of things cannot have large collections of books in the English language it is equally important that these institutions have carefully chosen collections of the most useful English and American books and periodicals. For the purchase of the latter a subvention was made by the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial to the American Library Association. Of this the sum of \$4750 was allotted by the Association's Committee on Books for Europe for the purchase of periodicals for French universities. In the expenditure of this allotment the aim was to supply, first, current periodicals representing American progress in different departments of learning ; second, the volumes needed to complete files of periodicals broken by the War, and third, the books most essential to an understanding of the history of American thought and institutions. In carrying out this programme, the Association has, with our advice and assistance subscribed to 105 American periodicals for the year 1925 in behalf of 17 French universities, and has placed orders for a number of volumes of periodicals needed to complete files.

The Library has also, at the request of President MacCracken of Vassar College, made a selection of American books to be presented to the University

of Warsaw in the name of that institution, and has assisted the Queensborough Public Library in the distribution of its duplicates of War books among the important Libraries of War Literature on the Continent.

In addition it has been possible for the Library to send from among its own duplicates collections of books to the International Institute of Agriculture, Rome, the Library for American Studies in Italy, the University of Cluj, Roumania, the Albanian-American School of Agriculture, and the Collegiate School for Girls, Tirana, in addition to books and periodicals to different French universities, and to towns like Dinard, Saint Dié, and Bertry.

The fact, however, that of all the requests from French universities for the loan of books we are able to supply less than 43 per cent, as well as the fact that the request for books and periodicals which we have received from the League of Nations Commission on Intellectual Cooperation, together with those from local sources, show that we have made only a beginning in the development of representative collections of American books in the different centres of learning on the Continent. We have, for example, requests for books from the universities in Budapest, Prague, Sofia, Kovno, Lithuania, Riga, Latvia, and Lublin, Poland and, from Seville, which we can do nothing with until we have either the books wanted or the means to buy them.

The fact, however, that the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial has recently appropriated \$97,000 for books and periodicals for German libraries, while the Germanistic Society of America sends a total of 1460 periodicals to different German libraries, as compared with the 105 periodicals which we are sending to French libraries leads me to believe

not only that we can but that in the future we will do much more—a thousand times more—for American studies among our late Allies.

“The importance of the American Library as a bridge-head of American intellectual interests in Europe can hardly be overestimated.”

Dr. Waldo G. Leland, Executive Secretary
of the American Council of Learned Societies

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REPORT OF THE REFERENCE SERVICE ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

For the Period ending December 31, 1925.

The report on the work of the Reference Service on International Affairs printed in the last Year Book set forth in detail the objects and the program of activity of the organization. Particular emphasis was placed upon the publication plan, the undertaking of building up a library on international affairs, the service of furnishing important American libraries with official documentation, and the information service rendered to individuals and institutions making inquiries on matters of an international character. These lines of work laid down in the program have not only been carefully followed and carried out but, what is gratifying to report, they have increased considerably in both volume and variety. As will be seen from the report below, the changes that have taken place in the Reference Service during the year have not been due to any diminution but, on the contrary, were the necessary result of the expansion of its activity.

PART I.

Report on the Present Status.

1. *Direction and Administration.* Matters of policy are determined upon by the Director in consultation with the Advisory Committee. For this purpose meetings are held on an average of once a month, at which outstanding questions are discussed and suggestions are made for the future. The membership of the Advisory Committee, except

for the recent appointment thereto of Dr. Earle B. Babcock, has remained unchanged since last year.

The staff of the Reference Service was increased, since July 1, 1925, by the addition of four members. Prior to that date, the work of the Service had been carried on only by the Director and a Secretary, who was assisted from time to time by temporary help. At present the staff includes, besides the Director, an assistant, three secretaries, and a librarian. Stenographers on the staff are conspicuous by their absence. This does not mean that there is not stenographic work to be done ; rather, it means that a compact staff capable of performing in addition even specialized tasks requiring a historical background is employed.

2. *Publications.* Since the last report the following bulletins have been issued :

Arbitration and Judicial Settlement of International Difference. (20 pp.) ;

International Position of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. (36 pp.) ;

Budgets and Visible Commercial Balances of European Countries, 1922-1925. (39 pp.).

These bulletins are henceforth to appear on an average of six numbers a year. A subscription price of \$1.50 a year is charged. The selection of a bulletin subject is determined largely by the circumstances which arouse interest or call for information on a certain question. Thus, for instance, the bulletin on the International Position of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics appeared at a time when the policy of the Soviet Government was a matter of grave concern to several countries. The significance of this publication is attested to by the orders sent in by several foreign offices for some twenty copies each. At the present time the Allied troops

are evacuating one part of German territory, and a bulletin on the related subject of German disarmament is to be issued before the evacuation is completed.

But the Bulletin series gave an outlet only to information on special subjects. Because of reliable and basic data reaching the Reference Service daily, it was decided that a current survey of the principal European events would be a justifiable activity. Thus, despite the small staff and limited funds available, the decision was taken to start an European Economic and Political Survey, the first number of which appeared on September 4 last.

This *Survey* is issued three times a month, and includes two regular numbers and a supplement devoted to a special question. The regular numbers contain articles on current questions such as the following, among other, subjects treated in the issue of November 30 : 1) Governmental advances and note emissions of the Bank of France ; 2) the economic and political situation in Syria and Morocco ; 3) the Locarno agreements. Each number also contains a list of publications received. The special supplements likewise deal with current subjects. On the very day the Italian delegation sent to settle the debt with the American Government reached New York, for example, a special supplement dealing with the financial and economic situation of Italy was distributed in the United States. The general aim is to produce in this *Survey* a high standard of information designed to meet the needs of an intelligent and serious clientèle. That this aim is in part realized is testified to by the predominance of subscriptions coming from foreign offices and ministries of finance and leaders of public opinion in Europe and America. The subscription price is \$10.00 a year, including special bulletins as issued.

3. *Library.* The library is composed chiefly of documentary or official material. The different European governments send, upon request and in many instances on their own initiative, their principal publications. In addition, the publications of many international organizations, such as the League of Nations, are received, as well as those of chambers of commerce and of private institutions like the Comité National d'Etudes.

Besides special documents which appear irregularly, some 240 newspapers and periodicals are received currently. Eighteen daily papers selected on the basis of their individual excellence and news for a certain section of Europe are clipped and filed for reference purpose. The other papers and periodicals are indexed and are likewise immediately available for consultation.

But equally as valuable as the documents, papers, and other publications in the library is the information contained in letters received from all parts of the Continent. The daily correspondence contains much information, political and economic, that has never been published in any form. Scarcely any event of importance occurs but that accurate data are available on it; no budget is voted or important legislation passed but that the full text is available soon after its release. Thus the Reference Service on International Affairs has a new type of library on current political and economic questions—it is up to date.

4. *Book-Service.* An activity which has expanded during the year is the book-service rendered to American university and public libraries as well as to private persons. According to lists sent out by the Reference Service containing titles of official and semi-official publications of governments and institutions, generally not accesible through regular

channels, the libraries select their orders and, if at all possible, these are filled. Thus, diplomatic documents of many countries have been supplied, principally the latest issues, as for instance, the Turkish Red Book on the Mosul question and the French Yellow and Blue Books on the security question including texts of the Locarno agreements. Large orders for secondary material not otherwise obtainable are frequently received and in many instances the Service succeeds in securing such material. The practice of sending out book lists has lately been discontinued. New official documents are now listed in the section "Publications Received" of the *Survey* and libraries can determine their orders accordingly. With a larger staff the book service could be carried on more systematically to the advantage of many libraries in the United States.

5. *Finances.* The Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial has voted a contribution of \$12,500 a year for three years for the support of the Reference Service. From September 1923 to December 31, 1924, Professor and Mrs. William Emerson have given a total of 77,248.40 francs to the Service. Since then a continuous gift of 3000 francs per month is being received from them. In addition to these sources of income, increasing funds are secured from subscriptions to publications, which have only recently been placed on a subscription basis.

PART II.

Future Program.

The program of the Reference Service for the immediate future contemplates a consolidation and perfection of present activities. The organization

has grown rapidly ; its field of endeavor has expanded. The present basis is solid, well defined and comprehensive. It is now possible for any organization which intends to further an understanding of present-day international relations both by its own publications and by making the material accessible to others, to increase in service and expand indefinitely within the lines already established by the Reference Service.

But further to consolidate and perfect the service already rendered certain needs must be met. Let us examine the major ones briefly.

1. Like the General Library, the Reference Service is seriously cramped for space. One large room and two small offices are available. In this space some 6,000 documents and papers are housed ; six persons must work ; readers and persons seeking information must be accommodated ; equipment must be kept. No amount of ingenuity could produce greater accommodation than already exists in these crowded quarters.

2. The personnel has been increased during the past year. Two members of the present staff are employed only part time. Taking into consideration one-month vacations which must be granted each year, there is an effective personnel of only four persons. And how is this staff employed? It must produce three times a month a 12-16 page economic and political survey and six times a year a bulletin on a special question ; it must answer numerous personal and written inquiries, many of which require several hours of research ; it must maintain personal and written contacts as primary means to securing its information, which involves a heavy correspondence ; it must daily cover the European press and keep *au courant* with the details of every event or official publication of importance.

It is needless to note that this work is not accomplished within reasonable working hours.

The minimum staff requirements are an assistant librarian and two full-time secretaries in place of the present part-time arrangement. One secretary must be available to take care of the preparation of manuscripts for the printer, the reading of proof, and the supervision of the subscription and mailing list. This minimum requirement will suffice for the present only because it is desired, in accordance with the policy adopted to the present time, to add only well-equipped and conscientious members to the personnel.

3. The funds available at present permit of no perfection or consolidation of the activities under way. In fact, it will be exceedingly difficult physically for the organization, under-staffed at it is, to maintain the record maintained to date. The absolute minimum that should be available to an organization like the Reference Service on International Affairs, which is devoting itself to the dissemination of knowledge about the realities of international relations, is \$25,000 a year. An impartial investigation of the organization, which is always welcomed and has several times been made, leaves the impression that this estimate is absurdly low and the organization as it now functions is deserving of a substantial endowment.

Walter Russell Batsell,
Director.

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With Secretary 7,290.00

At Loan Desk. 350.00

With Director of Reference Service
on International Affairs. 1,000.00 265,272.02

Investments, etc. at cost :—

\$13,000 4 1/4% U.S.A.

4th Liberty Loan
1938 \$ 13,312.82

\$4,000 Bonds Duques-
ne Light Co. 6 % . 4,241.00

100 Shares Nash Mo-
tors Preferred . . . 10,625.00

28,178.82

(Market value of
these Securities at
December 31, 1925,
\$28,103.44).

Deposit with The
Farmers Loan &
Trust Co., New
York, for Invest-
ment 10,000.00

\$ 38,178.82

763,576.40

Deposits and Advance Payments :—

Deposit for Electric Light. 1,000.00

Deposit for Gas. 100.00

Rent prepaid 28,938.55 30,038.55

Books, Furniture and Equipment written down to . . . 2.00

Frs. 1,058,888.97

as at December 31, 1925

Funds and Liabilities.

Endowments :—

American Library Association . . .	Frs. 350,000.00	
Alan Seeger	50,000.00	400,000.00

Funds :—

Three-Year Fund . . \$ 5,922.00	118,440.00	
Reference Service Fund :—		
Dollars \$ 5,746.45	114,929.00	
Francs	7,634.13	
Reserve Fund	274,100.00	515,103.13

Accounts Payable :—

Annual Members' dues prepaid . .	400.00	
Subscribers' deposits	5,790.00	6,190.00

Income and Expenditure Account :—

Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year 1925	262,496.14	
Less :—		
Deficit as at December 31, 1924 . .	124,900.30	137,595.84

Frs. 1,058,888.97

Auditors' Certificate.

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and relative Fund Accounts as prepared by the Treasurer, and have found them to be in agreement with the Records submitted to us. We have obtained confirmation of the Cash with Bankers and on Hand, and of the Securities held at December 31, 1925. Dollar items have been converted throughout at the rate of Frs. 20 to \$1.

(Signed) PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & Co.

Chartered Accountants.

Honorary Auditors.

20, rue Louis-le-Grand,
Paris, January 18, 1926.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the year ended December 31, 1925.

Income.

Annual Members' Dues.	Frs.	30,000.00	
Subscribers' Fees.		138,287.15	
Donations for Current Expenses :—			
Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial.	\$ 4,000.00	Frs. 80,000.00	
American Library Association (Carnegie Corporation)	\$ 7,500.00	150,000.00	
Various in Dollars	12,961.00	259,220.00	
Various in Francs.		28,607.65	
Transfer from Reserve Fund		91,180.00	609,007.65
Interest :—			
Dollar Account.	\$ 44.96	899.20	
Franc Account		555.63	
Investments	\$ 684.84	13,696.80	15,151.63
Exchange			23,476.44
		Frs.	815,922.87

Expenditure.

Salaries :—			
Library Staff	Frs.	311,919.15	
Building Staff.		31,462.25	343,381.40
Books and Periodicals.			32,802.50
Binding			12,326.20
Carriage and Customs.			1,144.50
Rent		119,360.44	
Less : Income from Subletting.		80,364.15	38,996.29
Taxes and Insurance			12,771.57
Heat, Light and Water			17,974.10
Stationery and Printing			24,821.40
Postage, Telegrams and Telephone			9,415.03
Repairs and Alterations.			8,452.40
Furniture and Equipment.			7,193.35
Miscellaneous Operating Expenses			15,063.84
Loss on Realisation of Securities			7,093.30
Deficit in connection with the publication of "Ex Libris"			21,990.85
Excess of Income over Expenditure.			262,496.14
		Frs.	815,922.87

FUND ACCOUNTS

For the year ended December 31, 1925.

	<i>Three-Year Fund.</i>	Dollars.	Equivalent at Frs. 20 to \$1.
<i>Income.</i>			
Donations received up to December 31, 1925		18,883.00	377,660.00
<i>Expenditure.</i>			
Amount utilised to defray the general expenses of the Library for the year 1925.		12,961.00	259,220.00
Balance as at December 31, 1925		<u>5,922.00</u>	<u>118,440.00</u>

Reference Service Fund.

Balance of Fund as at January 1, 1925 . . . 3,683.42 73,668.40

Income.

From Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial \$ 12,500.00
 From Subscriptions to Survey and Bulletin. 1,519.46
14,019.46

Expenditure during the year ending

December 31, 1925 . . . 11,956.43 2,063.03 41,260.60
5,746.45 114,929.00

Reserve Fund.

Francs.

Balance of Fund as at January 1, 1925 348,980.00

Deduct :—

Transfer to Income and Expenditure Account, under authority of Treasurer. 91,180.00
257,800.00

Added during the year ended December 31, 1925 :—

Patrons Frs. 5,000.00
 Life Members 6,000.00
 Annual Members, Initial Fees 5,300.00 16,300.00
274,100.00

Balance as at December 31, 1925 Frs. 274,100.00

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