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Report of the Librarian for 1944

1. The general information given in last year's Annual Report will not be given here except in the following condensed form:
2. Size of Library (including Departmental Libraries); approximately 80,000 vols.
Classification (for the time being): Dewey Decimal and Library of Congress
Cataloguing: Anglo-American code, with minor modifications
Catalogues: Main Author typed card catalogue in Main Library Reading Room
Manuscript duplicate of above in Main Library Cataloguing Room
Classified (Dewey) card catalogue in Main Library Cataloguing Room
Typed Author card catalogue in some Departments

Students have open access to almost all parts of the Main Library, and nearly all books may be borrowed for home reading.

Hours: 9 to 5 Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9 to 5, 6 to 9 Tuesday, Thursday
9 to 12 Saturday

3. General Report. The congestion in the Library has naturally increased with time and the result is a greatly lowered efficiency of library service. Too much time is spent on the continual shifting of material in the attempt to keep the library in a classified order. And even this attempt is failing: apart from the

ordinary books in everyday use, the library classification is breaking down. This congestion is not confined to the General Library: the Departments of Chemistry, Engineering and Physics have too little storage space for books.

4. Accessions

1942	9,650	
1943	4,441	
1944	4,382	(books and periodicals 3832 pamphlets 550)

The principal bequests have been:

From H.M.Ellis esq. of Sydney

A fine, early Burmese text on 32 palm leaves	
Leonardo Bruni	La prima guerra di Carthaginiensi 1545
A. Phillip	Voyage du gouverneur Phillip a Botany-Bay Paris, 1791
H.M.Ellis	The Beef shorthorn in Australia 1932
Norman Lindsay	Three original ink drawings for 'Bulletin' cartoons
J. D. Lang	View of the origin of the Polynesian nation 1834
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T. J. Byrnes	Sketches and impressions 1902
G. H. Reid	An essay on N.S.W. 1874

From Lady Blair

Lady Blair very generously allowed us to take from the late Chancellor's collection some early law books and any official material missing from the Library's sets. This enabled us to complete many files of old official publications.

From Mrs W. A. E. Shand

A valuable collection of books on English history, of French literature, and of classical texts.

From the Rev. A. M. MacKillop, B.A., B.D.

Five volumes of classical scholarship not in the Classics section of the Library.

From the Queensland H.Q. of the Australian Army

A large collection of pamphlets on historical and political problems of the Pacific and of the Balkan States.

5. Cataloguing. The whole of the Library is now catalogued, with the exception of U.S. Federal publications since 1867. The process of cataloguing has however now far exceeded the typing of cards and untyped cards are accumulating to such an extent that temporary typing assistance will soon have to be procured to clear the accumulation.

6. Classification. The sections of Psychology, Mathematics and Chemistry, and the Darnell Art Collection, are now classified by the Library of Congress scheme. We are indebted to Miss Raybould of the Department of Mathematics for the by no means easy task of reclassifying the Mathematics collection.

7. Staff. Mrs F. O'N. Brennan, a New Zealand university librarian, served for a time on the Library staff and did some very useful cataloguing work. Mr. Beavis, the Cadet Assistant, left to join the Navy. Miss A. Darvall, B.A. and Miss N. Crowe are now the Library cataloguers; and Miss Kelly, a shorthand-typist, is in charge of the fourteen hundred scientific journals received by the University.

8. Statistics. The amounts of the book funds for the various sections of the library for the year were the same as those for 1944. It is to be hoped that the wholly inadequate book grant for English and modern languages will soon be increased. The present sum of £72 does not allow us even to keep up to date a collection which is itself below the minimum standard for a university. We carry on at present on loans from Sydney and Melbourne.

9. Binding. The impossibility of having books bound during the war is having a serious effect on the Library stock. Books whose life could have been lengthened by prompt rebinding have had to remain on the shelves and be worn beyond hope of repair. Many in consequence have had to be withdrawn from circulation.

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The end of the war will find us with a stock seriously lacking many of the most used volumes and with an accumulation of worn volumes needing immediate rebinding. A special grant will then be needed (1) to replace withdrawn books, and (2) to rebind the books that have accumulated in the past five years.

10. Displays. The Library continues to hold regularly small displays of material of topical interest.

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