

9). Our greatest treasure, only acquired per cable last week, is a collection of 5,200 sutras, which our collaborator Mr. I.V. Gillis succeeded in obtaining from the priests of a Buddhist temple outside Peking in the hills; 3,200 of these dating from the Yüan Dynasty period (A.D. 1280-1368). No other Library of the whole universe has such a collection.

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Aside from the identification of new works, done at present by Miss Swann and Mr. C.B. Kwei, M.A., whom I engaged last year in June, the former librarian of the Chinese Department of Columbia University, Miss Swann is going carefully over all the index cards of our Library, correcting mistakes in phonetic translation, etc.

Many inquiries in reference to many subjects were made during the past year from all kinds of sources, not alone from universities, private persons, large business concerns, etc. in Canada and the United States, but also from Europe. To instance, information was requested re Chinese tunnels, the history of spectacles, history of paper, history of paper money, about certain plants, diseases of the eye, prescriptions for sclerosis, etc., etc. At present we are working in the interest of the Harvard Observatory, resp. for Prof. Dr. Shapley, on the history of meteors, Leonids, etc. as mentioned in historical and astronomical works and Gazetteers.

McGill University professors have applied for research work in the following: 1) Prof. emeritus Dr. Frank D. Adams wishes information in reference to geology, etc, for his contemplated History of Geology of the Universe up to A.D. 800. 2) Prof. R. Del French, Highway and Municipal Engineering, contemplates the writing