

Finally, the nucleus of the collection made by Dean Denham and Librarian Eaton is so important and significant that its omission from a consolidated library would lessen the service; when united with our collections and amalgamated into a single collection, it increases the service to business men and nation many times over what would be the result of segregation. It avoids disastrous competition to unite efforts for a common aid.

It will interest you to know that the Trustees of the Boston Public Library have become so convinced of the soundness of the modern trend toward specialization in library work, and of the existing resources of the consolidated collections of the Harvard Business Library and The Business Historical Society, that they are planning to place their collection relating to business of nearly 200,000 volumes with our collections in the Baker Building. When it is opened next fall there will be nearly 400,000 volumes and nearly a million items of ephemera, original records, and similar data, brought together in fire-proof quarters, under the care of an experienced and specialized technical staff. This material will be made available as fast as cataloguing may progress.

An illustration of the importance of specialized concentration upon business subjects is shown by the enormously increased expense involved in adequate cataloguing for use by business men. A trained librarian of the ordinary general library is not discontented if he has one card for each book. He feels entirely satisfied if he has two cards, one by author and the other by subject, for each book. Some of our books