

Princeton, Oct. 1, 1919.

TO THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF PRINCETON UNIVERSITY.

Sirs:—The Librarian begs to submit report for the year ending July 31, 1919.

I. GENERAL

The high cost of labor, the many changes arising from this, the large number of accessions, the absence of two of the most diligent, versatile and educated members of the staff in war work, and the many changes and adjustments required by the closing of the war regime and opening up again of regular work, made this year by far the most strenuous in twenty years.

Notwithstanding this the year was a good one for concrete accomplishment, thanks first to the fact that we were able to keep our competent and energetic Heads of Departments and second to an unexpected supply of student help. It is hard to speak too cordially of the interest and energy with which the staff responded to the reorganizing effort of the year, and it is perhaps not too much to say that the result has been the most significant advance in organization for permanent future use made in any years since 1890, except the year when, after going into the new building, the library was reclassified and catalogued.

The war service rendered by the Library and its personnel is of interest. Dr. Morse and Mr. Leach continued in the service throughout the year; Dr. Morse on Y. M. C. A. work in Italy and Mr. Leach, first, in military service and after the armistice in the American Library Association War Service. Several of the student helpers mentioned last year were on the firing line and some have done distinguished service.

Mr. Clemons, the former Reference Librarian, was in charge of the American Library Association service with the Siberian forces. His letters home have been edited at the request of the Library Association by Dr. Van Hoesen and are reckoned as the best contribu-