

APPENDIX III

CHINESE AND OTHER EAST ASIATIC BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, 1926-27

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During the past year unusual opportunity was afforded to secure new works for the East Asiatic collection in the Library of Congress because of a trip to Japan made by the writer as a delegate of the United States Government to the third Pan-Pacific Science Congress held at Tokyo, Japan, in October and November, 1926. Some time was spent in Japan before and after this Congress and then Korea and China were also visited for a few weeks. As a result of this fortunate circumstance it was possible to add a large number of worthwhile Chinese books to the already large collection in the Library of Congress.

Of the year's acquisitions of Orientalia, the Chinese (which far outnumber all the others) totaled 232 works in 4,893 volumes. In other languages the additions numbered as follows: Japanese, 33 works in 214 volumes; Korean, 103 works in 557 volumes (37 rubbings were also received); Tibetan, 48 books and one manuscript; one work each in Manchu, Mongol-Chinese, and Mongol-Manchu-Chinese (triglot). Thirty small volumes of Nashi pictographic manuscripts were acquired. No annamite books were secured this year.

In all 18 official gazetteers were acquired during the past fiscal year—1 provincial, 3 prefectural, and 14 district gazetteers. This brings the total number of official gazetteers in the Library of Congress up to 1,383 and there are also 118 duplicate copies.

Although only a few official gazetteers were secured, several of them were of unusual interest because they were old editions which have now become very rare, even in the Orient. For example, *Chung hsiu Ssu shui hsien chih* compiled by Chizo Yün-hsiu. This work, in 12