

Report on the Accessions and Activities of the Gest
Chinese Research Library from May 1st 1928 to May 1st 1929

On May 1st a.c., the following number of works had been identified, classified, catalogued, doubly card-indexed, labeled and inscribed, and placed on the shelves in their proper classification sequences:

1,325 main works, consisting of approximately 55,000 volumes (ts'ê), embracing all four classes of literature, i.e. (A). Classics; (B) History; (C) Philosophy; (D) Belles-lettres. The Library is especially strong in Dictionaries, History, Catalogues, medical works, encyclopedias and general collections of belles-lettres.

Lately we have acquired another famous private Chinese Library, consisting of about 10,000 volumes; valuable works will be continually added.

Rare and old editions.

1 Sung edition of the prose and poetry writings of Han Yü (768-824), with commentary by Chu Hsi (1130-1200), printed in A.D. 1227.

2 Yüan editions: 1) Poetry and Prose works of Tu Fu (712-770), one of China's most famous poets, printed A.D. 1291
2) The T'ung Chih, i.e. History of China from the remotest times to the end of the T'ang Dynasty (A.D. 907), by Chêng Ch'iao, printed A.D. 1322, in 200 vol. Only 50 copies were issued of this edition.

520 bona fide Ming editions (our Library has a greater number of these Ming works than all the Chinese libraries of the United States and Europe combined).