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INTRODUCTORY



IN THE report which it submitted at the Kaaterskill conference in 1913 the Committee on Library Administration made the following statement: "Very likely a few of the largest libraries utilize all available labor-saving devices to the utmost. Your committee is, however, of the opinion that the medium size and smaller libraries might reduce the cost of administration through the more general use of mechanical appliances. We recommend that at a coming meeting of the Association there be held an exhibition of all available competing labor-saving devices adapted to library use."

In accordance with this recommendation such an exhibition has been arranged in connection with the Washington conference. Every effort has been made to include in the display as many as possible of the most important types of labor-savers; to include, so far as possible, several of the best representatives of each type; to provide for the needs of small and poorly supported libraries as well as for the requirements of large institutions. In none of these particulars has it been possible to achieve the full measure of success that was desired, but the committee hopes that the result of its undertaking may be a source of sufficient profit to members of the Association to justify the very great amount of time and effort which has been expended. Very little can be gained from a hasty inspection of the exhibit. From a careful study of the assembled devices and equipment the committee believes a great deal can be gained, in knowledge of new devices and suggestion of new ideas,

which may help to lower the cost and increase the efficiency of library administration.

The committee has been so fortunate as to secure Mr. C. Seymour Thompson, Assistant Librarian of the District of Columbia Public Library, to take charge of this exhibit. Mr. Thompson has devoted arduous and intelligent endeavor to the work of making the exhibit as comprehensive and at the same time as helpfully selective as possible. Mr. Thompson has compiled the following catalog and is therefore responsible for any opinions expressed therein.

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Monday	2-10 p. m.
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Thursday	10 a. m.-10 p. m.
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Among the best known of the non-listing machines, for use where it is not necessary to preserve a record of each item in the calculation, is the COMPTOMETER, made by the FELT & TARRANT MANUFACTURING COMPANY. Without levers or handle or electrical connection the Comptometer will add, multiply, subtract and divide in any sequence. The latest models, which will be demonstrated in this exhibit, are equipped with controlled key devices which "completely eliminate the possibility of error from a fumbled or misoperated key." At the sides of each key are interference guards, to prevent the operator from accidentally depressing a neighboring key.