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PREFACE.

The List of libraries was in type in October, 1901, when the receipt of advance sheets from the Report of the United States Commissioner of Education for 1899-1900, giving statistics of "Public, society and school libraries," and of the "Annual report, 1900," on Public libraries, issued by the University of the State of New York, brought to light a number of libraries in New York City of which the Committee had no previous knowledge, although every available source of information had been examined. Some two hundred additional circulars of inquiry were sent out, and as a result more than one hundred libraries were added. In several instances repeated calls for information were not responded to; these libraries are indicated in the List by an asterisk (*) preceding the name.

The Committee is indebted to its chairman for compiling the List of libraries, to Mr. Nelson for the "Historical sketch" and the other historical matter in the "Manual," and to Mr. Bostwick for the List of "Members" of the Club.

Thanks are due and are cordially tendered to all who have aided the Committee in the compilation of this record of library progress in New York City.

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March 3, 1902.

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Libraries of the City of New York

Academy of Medicine, New York. *See* New York Academy of Medicine.

* **Academy of Mount St. Vincent Library, Kingsbridge, New York City.** Miss Margaret M. Maher, Librarian. 1

HISTORY.—Founded 1846; school library; supported by the Academy; income for 1900, \$128.

REGULATIONS.—Open 300 days in the year; 22 hours each week for circulation and 50 hours for reference; privileges restricted.

RESOURCES.—7165 vols.

Academy of Sciences, New York. *See* New York Academy of Sciences.

Adelphi College Library, Clifton Place, cor. St. James Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. Miss Mabel Farr, Librarian. 2

HISTORY.—Founded 1869; supported from public money and gifts; income for 1900, \$325. Historical notice in "History of Brooklyn," published by the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle."

REGULATIONS.—Open session days, 8.30 A. M.—4 P. M.; reference and circulating; privileges extended only to pupils and teachers of Adelphi College and Adelphi Academy.

RESOURCES.—8530 vols.; a general collection.

* **NOTE.**—An asterisk indicates that the information given was procured elsewhere than directly from the Library named.

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Aguilar Free Library, 197 East Broadway, New York City. Miss Pauline Leipziger, Librarian; Dr. Henry Marcus Leipziger, Consulting Librarian. 3

HISTORY.—Founded 1886; support, public moneys; income for 1900, \$44,000. 3 Branches: 113 East 59th Street, founded 1886; 106 Avenue C, founded 1887; 174 East 110th Street, founded 1896. Librarian's office, 113 East 59th Street.

REGULATIONS.—Open 9 A.M.—9 P.M.; reference and circulating; privileges free.

RESOURCES.—76,779 vols. Main Library, 28,271 vols.: including *Biography*, 2613 vols.; *Musical scores*; complete file of *New York Herald*; *Hebrew*, 720 vols.; *Russian*, 1049 vols. Branches: 59th Street Branch, 22,178 vols., including *Hebraica*, 675 vols.; Avenue C Branch, 9,445 vols.; 110th Street Branch, 14,912 vols.; travelling libraries department, 9,445 vols.

* **All Saints Academy School of Manhattan, 1967 Madison Avenue, New York City.** Sister M. Quigley, in charge. 4

HISTORY.—Founded 1882.

REGULATIONS.—Open 180 days in the year; 5 hours each week for circulation; free to limited class.

RESOURCES.—620 vols.

American Bible Society Library, 5000 vols. Transferred to New York Public Library; Astor, Lenox, and Tilden Foundations, *q.v.*

* **American Chemical Society Library, 108 West 55th Street, New York City.** 5

HISTORY.—Founded 1876; supported by Society; income for 1900, \$500.

REGULATIONS.—Reference library; privileges free.

RESOURCES.—5000 vols.; entirely scientific.

American Ethnological Society Library. See American Museum of Natural History.

American Female Guardian Society, 29 East 29th Street, New York City. Miss J. L. Wood, Principal of "Home" School. 6

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HISTORY.—Founded 1872; 13 school libraries; mostly gifts. Historical notice in "Our Golden Jubilee," 1854.

RESOURCES.—About 3000 vols., mostly supplementary readers, histories, geographies, and other school books.

American Geographical Society, 15 W. 81st Street, New York City. George C. Huribut, Librarian. 7

HISTORY.—Founded 1852; income for 1900, \$1500. Historical notice in "Public Libraries in the U. S. A." (Wash., 1876), p. 356, 939-941.

REGULATIONS.—Open 10 A. M.—5 P. M.; reference only; privileges obtained by joining the Society.

RESOURCES.—About 30,000 vols. and 6000 pamphlets; consisting of geographical works, *Voyages, Travels, and Transactions and Bulletins of Geographical Societies, Atlases* of seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and *Charts*, principally of United States Government.

* **American Hebrew Library, Whitestone, Long Island, N. Y. Harry Levin, in charge. 8**

HISTORY.—Founded 1898; free to the public; association library; supported by State aid and gifts; income for 1900, \$143.94.

REGULATIONS.—Open 240 days in the year; 8 hours each week for reference and circulation.

RESOURCES.—334 vols.

American Institute Library, 19 and 21 West 44th Street, New York City. George Whitefield, Jr., Clerk. 9

HISTORY.—Founded 1820; association library; supported by the Institute; expenditures for 1900, \$1562.80. Historical notice in "Public Libraries in the U. S. A." (Wash., 1876), p. 938-939.

REGULATIONS.—Open 9 A. M.—6 P. M.; membership to Institute and Library \$10 initiation fee and \$5 a year.

RESOURCES.—14,278 vols.; for many years its purchases have been confined to works on *Agriculture, Chemistry, and the Industrial Arts.*

American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Room 1004, 26 Cortlandt Street, New York City. Miss Josephine T. Bragg, Librarian. 10

HISTORY.—Founded 1884; society library; supported by the Institute.

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American Institute of Electrical Engineers (*continued*).

REGULATIONS.—Open 9 A. M.—6 P. M.; free to the public for reference only on application to the librarian. Historical notices in "New York Times (Saturday Review)," November 9, 1901; "Electrical World and Engineer," May 25, 1901; and "The Engineer" (London), April 19, 1901.

RESOURCES.—8000 vols. and 1400 pamphlets; works on *Electricity* exclusively.

* American Jewish Historical Society, 736 Lexington Avenue, New York City. 11

Organized June 5, 1892; "its object is the collection, preservation, and publication of material having reference to the history of the Jews on the American continent." The Society owns a number of books, manuscripts, and portraits.

American Museum of Natural History, 77th Street and Central Park West, New York City. Anthony Woodward, Ph.D., Librarian. 12

HISTORY.—Founded 1869; free to the public; supported by endowments. The American Ethnological Library is now, virtually, a part of this Library. It has been deposited with it for about a year, and will be incorporated with it. It is included in this report.

REGULATIONS.—Open 9 A. M.—5 P. M., for reference only.

RESOURCES.—53,000 vols. of scientific works. Specialties: *Scientific Periodicals*; the D. G. Elliott Library of *Ornithology*; the J. C. Jay Library of *Conchology*, 1273 vols., and the Frederick A. Constable Library of *Conchology* of 250 vols.; the J. Carson Brevoort Library of *Herpetology*, *Ichthyology*, and *Marine Zoology*; the H. Edwards Library of *Entomology*; the Jules Marcou Library of *Geology*, *Palaontology*, and *Mineralogy*; the Hon. H. J. Jewett Library of *Early Voyages and Travels*; and the Halstead Library of *Recent Voyages and Travels*; 638 *Geological Maps* of North and South America; Library of the American Ethnological Society, founded in 1844, 750 vols. and about 300 pamphlets. For history of this library, see "Public Libraries in the U. S. A." (Wash., 1876), p. 355-356. The Library of the Ecumenical Council, held in New York in 1900, consisting of 3166 vols., 31 maps, and numerous pamphlets, has been permanently deposited here. This is a General Missionary Library, consisting of works about missions, as well as those written by missionaries, and is to be kept separate from the general library.