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## FOREWORD

The present index to the *Library Journal*, 1876-1897, covering its first twenty-two volumes, is the outcome of a pleasantly persistent demand on the part of the library profession for an index to what they are pleased to call a cyclopædia of library administration. It does not claim to be a perfect or a model index. The minute indexes of the *Library Journal*, in the twenty-two volumes 1876 to 1897, have occupied not less than 320 three-column nonpareil pages, and to have amalgamated these into one index would have made a volume quite beyond the limits of cost for a general index to the *Library Journal*. A list of pseudonyms and anonyms disclosed in the columns of the *Journal*, or of the bibliographies entered, or of the references to individual libraries in the departments, would in each case be almost a volume in itself, and therefore no specific indexes to the several departments have been attempted. This work is primarily a topical index, with author references, to the papers, descriptive articles, communications, reviews, and editorial comments during the first twenty-two volumes of the *Library Journal*. Departments are indexed only by their place in each issue of the *Journal*, and specific references to their contents must be sought in the indexes to individual volumes.

Within these limitations, however, it is hoped that the index will be useful to the members of the library profession, and to all interested in libraries and library development, as, for instance, architects, publishers, and journalists. In these twenty-two years the *Library Journal* has indeed become practically a cyclopædia of library information, as well as a record of library progress, and there are few subjects bearing upon libraries which have not been treated or touched upon in its columns.

The index will to some extent supply the lack of earlier volumes of the *Journal* to those libraries which do not possess complete sets — now almost impossible of collection. It will furnish an easy means of ascertaining what subjects are completely covered in the volumes which are to be found on the shelves of any one library, and on what subjects reference must be had to earlier volumes in other libraries; while it affords also a chronological record, in that its volumes coincide with calendar years, as follows:

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In printing, the method adopted for the "A. L. A. List of Subject Headings" has been followed, giving on the right-hand side of the page opportunity both for indexing on the same scale the latter volumes of the *Journal*, and for making reference to other sources of library information. That column will be useful also for corrections and omissions, and it is particularly requested that librarians making such corrections or noting omissions within the scope of this index will kindly send brief report of the same to the office of the *Library Journal*, that these corrections may be recorded on the revised copy for use in case the index should ever be republished or extended.

This index is chiefly the work of Mr. F. J. Teggart, who had kept for years, for his private use, a general index to the *Journal*, brought up to date as successive volumes appeared, and who voluntarily put this material at the service of the users of the *Journal*. The work has been entirely a labor of love and of professional interest with Mr. Teggart, and the thanks of the users of the index should go chiefly to him. It has been carried through the latest volume by Miss Helen E. Haines, managing editor of the *Journal*, who has also revised the copy and

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the proof. Both compilers deprecate having their work compared with the ideal library standard of indexing, in view of the limitations necessarily imposed upon them in their work. It is hoped, however, both by them and by the editor of the *Library Journal*, that, however imperfect the work may be, tested by such standards, it will prove acceptable, within the confine of its limitations, to the users of the *Library Journal*, and to those interested in libraries.

The story of the origin of the *Library Journal* has been told briefly in "A Twenty Years' Retrospect" in the number for January, 1896, and the discussion in succeeding numbers. The consultation between Mr. Leypoldt, Mr. Dewey, and the present writer, which led to the starting of the *Library Journal*, had more far-reaching consequences, because it led also to the first meeting of the American Library Association, and to how much that has led every user of this index should have reason to know. It was prophesied at the start that there would not be enough library material to fill more than four numbers a year, if so many; but the growing bulk of the volumes year by year has shown how mistaken was this prophecy. The successive volumes of the *Journal* have in fact a special interest in showing the remarkable development, since 1876, of the library profession almost into one of the "learned professions." The editor takes this occasion to thank the library profession for its support of the *Library Journal* — a support that has been always generous in sympathetic appreciation, if necessarily limited on the pecuniary side — and to hope that the continuance and increase of support may make possible in the future a library journal worthy of the calling which it seeks to represent.

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