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## PREFACE

Upon returning to Los Angeles, after an absence covering a period of years, it seemed to the writer that the library facilities of the city and county had increased to such an extent that a brief survey or sketch might meet a demand for certain information.

Accordingly "Libraries of Los Angeles and Vicinity" came into existence in much the same way that Boston's Special Libraries was written some five years ago although this volume was compiled during the rush of the opening of college year.

Perhaps "Some Libraries of Los Angeles and Vicinity" might be a better caption for certain restrictions have been necessary in the selection of material included herewith.

From the public libraries of the county five have been chosen, more or less arbitrarily perhaps, and from the total number of high school libraries not more than a half of those in Los Angeles are sketched.

Unfortunately no mention has been made in the text of the Monk Library of Arizoniana at the Southwest Museum where Miss Cora Hatch is librarian. This collection of 14,000 volumes, dealing exclusively of literature of Arizona, is open from 1 to 5 daily at 4699 Marmion Way.

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It has not been possible to include all of the private collections. W. A. Clark, Jr., founder of the Philharmonic Orchestra, has a splendid collection in his West Adams Street home; Henry W. O'Melveny, the well known attorney, has a small library of rare volumes; S. T. Clover, Editor of "The Saturday Night," has a working collection of unusual books in his Arcadia home; L. E. Behymer, at his West Adams Street residence, has built up a wonderful collection relating to the drama; I am told that Judd Rush, the lawyer, has made a special hobby of collecting; and I. B. Dockweiler and associates have gathered together a splendid collection of legal works in their offices.

The Los Angeles newspapers all maintain a morgue or depository for all sorts of information. This vertical file data, covering world wide subjects, is a vast mine of information on all topics and, in addition, each paper usually has a small compact working collection.

In various organizations, such as the Chamber of Commerce and other associations for the betterment of the city, there are collections of varying sizes for statistical and other uses which will probably in time develop into collections of considerable size.

New situations are arising almost daily. As this volume goes to press one reads that a comprehensive plan for installing a system of libraries and reading rooms in the Baptist churches in the Los Angeles District has been outlined. And again, that a gigantic community library for the Hollywood moving picture industry will soon be under way.

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Because of the very general nature of some collections, a few libraries have been purposely omitted including the Y. M. C. A. library; the collection at the Soldiers Home in Sawtelle; the L. A. Railroad library of Division Two; the Santa Fe Coast Lines Hospital library, the Neighborhood Settlement Library and the Los Angeles Free Methodist Seminary library.

The library of the Historical Society of Southern California, in the Los Angeles Museum of History, Science and Art in Exposition Park, is to form the historical portion of the Museum's library. The collection of the Southern California Academy of Natural Sciences, of which Dr. F. C. Clark is president, is also being merged with the museum library. According to the announcement of Director William A. Bryan arrangements have just been completed to make this material available to the public daily during museum hours.

The material from which these descriptions were taken is believed to be authentic and accurate but naturally the volume will not be perfect. It ought, however, to pave the way for a thorough and complete indexing of the city and county library resources within the next year or so. As a pioneer work there will be errors and omissions in "Libraries of Los Angeles and Vicinity." But if these are called to the attention of the editor he will gladly acknowledge the material and file for future use.

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### ALHAMBRA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The ordinance for a public library in Alhambra was passed September 4th, 1906. Five library trustees were appointed on November 13th and in December they met and organized with A. C. Weeks as president and L. D. Van Arnham as secretary. A room in the high school building was furnished for temporary use.

On April 27, 1907 \$10,000 was voted at the bond election for library purposes; \$6000 for a site and \$4000 for equipment. The price of a building was to be raised by popular subscription. Nothing more was done about the library building for several years and in 1910 the library was moved from the high school to a one story brick building which had been erected and rented for the use of the library for a year. At the end of that time it was planned to erect a permanent building on the lot owned by the library. In December 1910 occurred the death of the Librarian, Miss Hafford. Miss Nell M. Welter took charge of the library until the appointment of Mrs. Mary Pierce Smith.

In 1911, Miss Agnes McMillan was appointed as-