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Agricultural College.

Since September, 1898, up to date, there have been classified, accessioned, and placed upon shelves 1920 books.

History, 178.

Literature, 350.

Art, 55.

Useful Arts, 369.

Science, 262.

Philology, 20.

Sociology, 542.

Religion, 50.

Philosophy, 31.

General Works, 63.

For most of the books two cards have been written: one bearing the name of the author, the accession number, and the class number, with the title beneath; the second card bearing the title, the accession number, the classification number, and the name of the author beneath. These have been placed in the card cabinet in the study hall for the use of the student.

Most of the additions lately have been by gift from our general government, at request of the librarian to continue and complete sets already begun. Next to these the additions have come from binding periodicals and magazines. Some few gifts have also been made, the most valuable being Dante's Inferno, illustrated by Gustave Dore, given by the Professor of History, Mr. Engle.

Around the walls of the reading room are arranged slopes whereon are placed newspapers:

Agricultural, 95; county, 50. Literary, 35; Scientific and Technical, 45. Agricultural Magazines, 10; Dailies, 5.

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The cutting, placing, removing, and tying these devolve upon the librarian. She needs all of her minutes from 15 past 8 AM. to 5 P.M. to do it.

During the last two years there has been expended for the binding and purchasing of books \$1181.57. About one dozen books have been lost by students, and about half that number have been worn out.

The reading is all along the different courses taught in the College. After this regular reading comes fiction, travel, and biography.

I recommend that at an early date the library be placed in a fit and permanent situation. It has already in ten years been removed four times. There is more wear and tear in one remove than in years of use. In the stack room the light is poor, and the ventilation bad. One-third the space is useless because inaccessible. It is a walled up corridor, opposite a double stairway, as noisy a spot as could have been selected.

The card cabinet belongs to the Experiment Station. I recommend that it be returned ~~that it be returned~~ thereto, and that a large one be bought for the College that will accommodate cards for the next fifty years. I am told that the library belongs in the front part of the building. I recommend that the building be finished, and the library be placed within: finished with steel stacks that can be reached by hand from the floor, and that beauty, convenience, and strength may educate the eye of the student at the same time that ideas illumine his brain.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Sara Godwin Goodwin

Librarian.