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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS,  
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The undersigned herewith submits his annual report, summarizing the progress of the Library and the business of the copyright department during the calendar year closing December 31, 1894.

The estimated aggregate of the book collections of the Library in the scattered departments in which they are now stored amounts to 710,470 volumes and about 225,000 pamphlets.

The copyright business exhibits a further increase, notwithstanding the general depression which continues to check commercial and mechanical enterprise, and the increase is in part attributable to the steady, though not rapid, extension of the international copyright arrangements, of which publishers and authors in foreign countries are availing themselves. This increase, however, is much more in the direction of musical publications and works of the graphic arts than of literature.

The aggregate number of copyrights entered in the year 1894 was 62,762, including all classes of publications, as against 58,956 entered in 1893, showing an increase of 3,806 entries. The aggregate of copyright fees received and paid into the Treasury was \$49,401.75, being an increase of \$2,673 over the year preceding.

The following table exhibits the number and classification of entries of copyright:

<i>Number of copyright articles entered in 1894.</i>	
Books .....	18,652
Periodicals .....	12,149
Musical compositions .....	18,460
Dramatic compositions.....	465
Photographs.....	5,110
Engravings.....	1,894
Lithographs .....	1,012
Chromos.....	1,520
Prints and cuts .....	821
Designs and drawings .....	312
Paintings.....	256
Maps.....	1,922
Charts.....	189
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>62,762</b>

The copyright publications deposited were approximately as follows:

*Number of copyright articles received in 1894.*

Books .....	14,437
Periodicals .....	10,385
Musical compositions .....	15,038
Dramatic compositions .....	221
Photographs .....	5,311
Engravings .....	1,161
Lithographs .....	681
Chromos .....	122
Prints and cuts .....	312
Designs and drawings .....	136
Maps .....	1,166
Charts .....	205
Total .....	49,208

As the copyright law requires the deposit of two copies of each publication entered to complete the copyright, the actual number of articles (including duplicates) added to the Library during the year approximated 98,416 copyright publications.

The weekly catalogue of copyright publications actually deposited in the Library, required by law to be printed and circulated by the Treasury Department, has been promptly compiled and furnished, the copy usually being in the hands of the printer within two days of the expiration of each week embraced in the issue.

THE TONER COLLECTION.

There have been added to the collection of books presented to the United States by Dr. J. M. Toner 362 books and pamphlets during the year, besides considerable accessions to the manuscript collection of copies of the letters and papers of George Washington.

The commodious and beautiful new building for the permanent accommodation of the Library has rapidly advanced toward completion during the past year, as shown in the detailed report to Congress by the Chief of Engineers in charge of the construction of the building.

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