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The Librarian respectfully submits herewith his annual report, embracing a summary of the increase of the Library and the business of the copyright office during the calendar year closing December 31, 1895.

His estimate of the aggregate number of volumes in the Library in the various apartments in which they are still widely scattered is 731,441 volumes, besides about 230,000 pamphlets. The increase over the year preceding is 20,971 volumes.

The large copyright business of the Library has continued to increase, notwithstanding the continued commercial and industrial depression. This increase is due in part to the gradual additions made to the foreign publications entered for copyright under the act of 1891, providing for international copyright. The privilege of American copyright now extends to the citizens or subjects of nine foreign Governments, namely, Great Britain and her dependencies, France, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Switzerland, and Denmark.

The new entries of copyright during the year 1895 were 67,572 of all varieties of publications, being an increase of 4,810 entries over the year preceding. The amount of fees on account of copyright received and paid into the Treasury was \$52,282.55, being an increase of \$2,880.80 over the receipts of the calendar year 1894.

The table following shows the number and designation of each class of publications entered for copyright during the past year:

*Number of copyright articles entered in 1895.*

Books (including all publications entered as such).....	20,311
Periodicals .....	12,155
Musical compositions .....	18,563
Dramatic compositions.....	827
Photographs .....	4,572