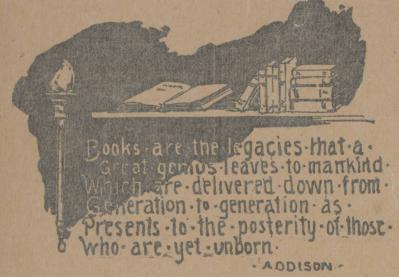
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## PUBLIC LIBRARY, ITS ARCHITECTURAL BEAUTIES AND



## CHICAGO LIBRARY SOON TO OPEN

Gem of Art, Fitted with Every Known Convenience, and Ready for Inspection Four Days Next Week, Will Be Dedicated on Oct. 9-Oost \$2,000,000.

"Let there be light."
This command was the first one given to be architects years ago by the Public Library. Trustees when they settled down to serious planning for a great free library, and its realization will be one of the most noticeable features of that grand institution now triumphantly completed, when it is thrown open for its first public inspection on Monday morning next.

morning next.

There certainly is light,

"Give us windows here, and here, and
here," said they, "and build us a library in-

glass in the Chicago Public Library.
This temple of light and letters and learning will be opened for exhibition to the public on Monday, and will remain open for four days, when it will again be closed until Dedication on Oct. 9.

The Board of Directors will hold a public eception or dedication on Oct. 9, as a feature of Chicago day, and the 750 officials of the city will be present, as far as is possible. Is many invited guests will be there, Mayor farrison will speak for the city and Presion will speak for the city and Presion will be delivered by Dr. Emil G. Hirsch. It is a hard task at any time to finish, in that seems to the public a reasonable time, great municipal institution, and in the ress, and not the least of these was justified in the very start. The piece of and upon which it was desired to place library at that time was a public park, a part of what was formerly the Fortarborn Military Reservation. When, in 3 the Indians removed from the west free of Lake Michigan and there was no ger any need for a reservation, the government sent Matthew Birchard as a special ment sent Matthew Birchard as a special without the properties of the classic authors: Livy, Horace, Virgil, Cicero, Plato, and Homer. A second arch of proportions not quite so lofty, yet of exceeding grace, crosses the stairway, forming the second landing. In this are recorded the names of the classic authors: Livy, Horace, Virgil, Cicero, Plato, and Homer. A second arch of proportions not quite so lofty, yet of exceeding grace, crosses the stairway, forming the second landing. In this are recorded the names of the classic authors: Livy, Horace, Virgil, Cicero, Plato, and Homer. A second arch of proportions not quite so lofty, yet of exceeding grace, crosses the stairway, forming the second landing. In this are recorded the names of favorite American writers: Long-follows.

Public ground, forever to remain vacant of buildings.

decided that they wanted this plat for the new building there was a great deal of opposition, especially on the part of the G. A. R. spot for a great memorial hall.

Quarters for the G. A. R. After much argument it was agreed with

The construction of this stairway is as graceful as it is original, and solves once for all the problem of the appropriate stairway separates into a "Y," and a second backward glance—the last chance to see the entrance—may reward the visitor with the

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

BOUNDER OF the circulating library.

On either side of this testimonial are these

A library implies an act of faith which generations still in darkness hid sign in their night in witness of the dawn.

VICTOR HUGO.

0------A good book is the precious life blood of another spirit, embalmed and treastured up, on purpose to a life beyond life, MILTON.

that we should dedicate that reason which was given us by God for the use

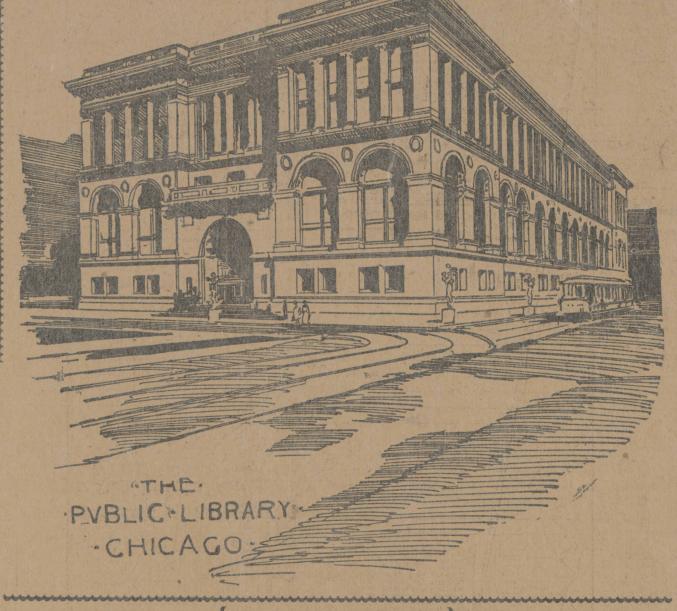
He that loveth a book will never want

Between these are grouped the names of hirty-two noteworthy English writers in

rim of the dome is printed this inscription:

Books are the legacies that a great genius leaves to mankind, which are delivered down from generation to gen-eration as presents to the posterity of

On the outer side of the arches at the sides of the room are the names of the following writers of the nations: Schiller, Goethe, Voltaire, Cornellie, Molière, Cervantes, Galton, Bunyon, Milton, Bacon, Shakspeare, Spenser, and Chaucer. Directly under the present dome is the long receiving designed.





hoice of books from the finding lists the iteratire of all lands and of all times looks

PERSIAN. They who by genius, and by power of

brain, The rank of man's enlighteners attain, Not even they emerge from this dark night, Eut tell their dreams, and fall asleep

He who from day to day recognizes what he has not yet, and from month to month does not forget what he has attained to, may be said indeed to love

GREEK. The advice which their friends have not the courage to give to Kings is found written in books.—Plutarch.

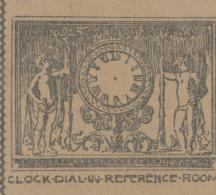
EGYPTIAN. I will make thee to love literature, thy mother. I will make its beauties pass before thee. Proverb of Tueuu-

HEBREW.

And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, read this, I pray thee.—Isalah, 29, 12.

O, sweet voice; much welcome sound Of mother tongue in foreign land.

again.-Omar Khayyam.



Where Books Are Received. On the entresol floor below, on the corner f Michigan avenue and Washington street, are two rooms, 52x40 feet each, in which all

Carpet of Noiseless Cork. This vast apartment is amply lighted by vindows on every side, each 7x23 feet. It s 33 feet high, 140 feet long, and 55 feet





be in fron cases, and will carry the volumes cks to the delivery desk. Very desk is a handsome the retention of their books of reference. The most popular reference works will be

Study for Careful Work. Passing through the repository for refrence books and the complete public card nounts a generous open fireplace. A mahog-ny desk and a rich Persian rug are the most toticeable articles of furniture. The secretary's room on the other side is similarly arranged, and has the massive afes of the board in addition.

st corner, are the rooms set apart for directors, in which the meetings of the ard will be held. The wainscoting is of English oak and the walls are of deep. The great table in the center of the din room and the capacious chairs are of oak. Rich rugs adorn the rooms. The space set apart for the Grand Army nen is 17,000 square feet, and is approached through the Randolph street entrance. Crossing the Greek Doric portice the sight-

Files of "The Tribune."

The lobby to which this vestibule leads is forty feet square and opens on either side rooms, the bound newspaper rooms, and the reading-rooms for the blind. These last are purposely placed on the ground floor, so that those afflicted shall not be obliged to climb there is a most complete lot of newspaper files, the Chicago papers all extending back without a break to 1872, and the files of The Taibune going back unbroken to 1861.

The walls of the lobby are of green velned Vermont marble. The ceiling is decorated in Greek stucco work, and the floor is of ceramic mosaic tiling. The main hallway from this entrance has its walls in several series of three panels each between the pilasters supporting the girders of the ceiling. A narrow strip of pink Knoxville mar-Entrance to Memorial Hall.

The broad landing is a fine work of marble mosaic and leads to the G. A. R. lobby, a room of imposing construction. Its walls are of pink Knoxville marble, and over the the four seasons will be found to the four seasons and seasons of the four seasons of the

kept here and will be accessible without ap- library of the world in every resp

For Books Each Year \$35,000. It has been decided to spend in the annual burchase of books \$35,000. London is the mly one of the great library cities which is

notice; and when the library grows so large that more room is needed there is unused ground space upon which stackrooms may be built for 1,000,000 more.

Books and Periodicals. The twenty-fifth annual report shows the following data regarding books and peri-

PERIODICALS.

Grand total..... 2,661,490 In the following table is shown the classi-fication of the entire accessions of the twen-

Practical arts (including			
patents)	285	235	12,081
Political and social science	210	200	5,428
Language and literature	72	60	3,750
Mental and moral science.	77	72	2,978
Ancient classics	10	14	3,750 2,978 1,263 5,824 581
Medicine	29	22	0,824
Law	11	7	784
Periodicals and newspa-			.02
pers	1.042	1.024	27,330
Government documents			
and state papers	451	451	14,120
Bibliography	94	93	2,116
Dictionaries and encyclo- pædias	45	41	0.104
English procee fistion	1 050	202	3,124
Juvenile literature	1 792	403	8,840
German Hterature	116	+78	20,489
French literature	127	113	9.680
Italian literature	5	4	920
Spanish literature	3	8	520
Portuguese literature	/		28
Dutch literature	4	*****	1,426
Polish literature	4	-11	3,815
Russian literature	18	18	1,039
Scandinavian literature	15	*23	4.655
Japanese and Chinese lit-		West Street	2,000
erature Hungarian literature			129
Hungarian literature			1
Welsh literature			- 4
Books for the blind	4	4	590
Total	7 171	8,538	220,736
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Work on the structure, which begun five, years ago, July 23, 1892, with the letting of the foundation contract, will be completed at a cost of \$2,000,000 and perhaps less. Two

For reproductions of some of the most striking and artistic decorative effects in the new Public Library see the half tone supplement of "The Sun-