Dear Friends,

As you may recall, we promised to report to you things of interest through regular newsletters. During the last year or so, many interesting things have taken place in the library, as well as on the campus; unfortunately the red-tape accompanying these changes has prevented us from undertaking more pleasant tasks such as reporting to you. We know, however, that you will understand and forgive our not having written sooner.

The A. M. Todd Rare Book Room was dedicated on Honors Day, 1957, as a token of tribute to Mr. Todd and his family who have been most generous to the library. Approximately one hundred people attended the reception and open house for the occasion. Most of the rare items given to the library by the Todd family, as well as others, are now housed in that room. As a rule, small libraries cannot afford the luxury of purchasing rare books, desirable as they are. Therefore, we are particularly appreciative of the generosity shown by the Todds and others.

You may be interested in knowing that in the past four years we have acquired more books than in the previous decade. As a result of this rapid growth, we are now feeling the pressure of lack of space. The stack sections of the library, originally built to house 72,000 volumes, are already holding many more than that number. Part of the periodicals collection is now housed in the basement of Bowen Hall for storage. To make room for new acquisitions, which number a little over 4,000 volumes per year, we have begun to investigate the possibility of expanding the library building. The Board of Trustees and the Administration are earnestly seeking a solution to this problem. We shall report the progress of this at a later date.

Meanwhile, the College continues to make every effort to strengthen our library facilities and their use. In particular, we are anxious to expand study facilities for student use in the library and to provide more and better reference and research facilities to the members of our college family; the library staff is trying to work out an acquisition system with the faculty to lessen the latter's burden without reducing their power over the final selections.
One of the most encouraging things that happened in the last year or so was the fact that the number of fine gift books, as well as the number of individuals who gave, increased 100% over the previous year. While the library does not rely primarily upon these gifts to meet the needs of the College, every gift does help to strengthen our collection and enables us to use the money we have for other purchases. For this we are grateful to all who are the donors and to those who are instrumental in securing gifts. At the risk of omission, here is a list of the Friends of the Library who have donated books and/or other materials to the library during the period July 1, 1957 - June 30, 1958:*

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Once again, we cordially invite you to come and visit the library whenever you can. If you have been on the campus recently and have some suggestions or ideas which might improve the operation of our library, please let us have them. Best wishes for a pleasant holiday season and a successful year!

Sincerely,
Wen Chao Chen
Librarian