lor Fraser for the use of students. The advanced students and faculty knew of this small collection of books, but the nucleus of a library was a myth to the majority of the students.

When the removal of the entire University from the old building to the new one took place, in 1872, the mythical nucleus was arranged on shelves in room No. 4, which is now the university reception room. The use of this room was given to the senior classes. Further than adding to their pride, the members of the class gained little else from the advantage. The library experience of the students of this time was mostly confined to the city library and the libraries of the professors.

It was not until September, 1877, that the books were transferred to a room which had been fitted up with alcoves for the books and tables for the readers. The library was now for the first time thrown open to all the students. Here the library started out in a library fashion, although upon a ludicrously small scale. It was in the west room of the south wing, on the first floor, No. 14—the room now used by the English Department. There were then 2,519 volumes. The room was open from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M. The librarian was occupied with his classes, so the first year

the room was under the care of four monitors, one student for each hour. But the next year it was found desirable to have one person to take charge of the room, to keep order, and to issue books. Carrie M. Watson was selected to assist Prof. Miller in this matter. Students could use this room as a reading room. They had access to the shelves, and they were permitted to draw one volume at a time for home use. The book could not be kept longer than three weeks without renewal. This was the beginning of the present practice.

The library remained in this one room until there were 8,035 volumes. It became so crowded that it was necessary to move to the north end of the main building, where more rooms and better facilities could be obtained. One room, at the extreme north end of the main building, on the first floor, was filled with alcoves to hold the library proper. Part of the corridor was closed off and shelved for the better arrangement of the public documents. A third room, No. 9, which seemed adapted for the purpose in its direct light from the east and its cheerfulness, was set aside for the general reading room. It was connected with the book room, but the de-

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