

# Library Given \$150,000

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Carnegie Corporation  
Endows Librarian-  
ship Here

GIFT NOT SOLICITED

Presented in Recognition of  
Excellence of Oberlin's  
Large Library

The Carnegie Corporation of New York has just given to Oberlin College a gift of \$150,000 for the endowment of the librarianship of the Oberlin College Library.

**Reconize Excellence**

This gift, which was unsolicited, is in line with the policy of the Carnegie Corporation to encourage the development of library service; and is made in recognition of the past and present excellence of the Oberlin College Library. Julian S. Fowler, the present librarian, came to Oberlin in 1927. There are at present about 325,000 bound volumes in the library.

Oberlin College library is now the largest exclusively college library in the United States. It dates from the earliest beginning of the college, when Father Shipherd collected books on theological subjects.

In 1874 there were 10,000 volumes, and for the first time a full time librarian was deemed desirable. Now there are about 30 people employed in the library, besides students.

**Root Very Active**

Azariah S. Root was appointed librarian in 1887, and the library grew phenomenally. By 1892 there were 25,000 volumes. That number was doubled in 1900 and tripled by 1906. Professor Root had a most remarkable memory. When the number of books in the library passed 75,000, he was much perturbed, for from then on he had to consult the catalogue occasionally.