

TO: Miss Adams
FROM: Miss Burnett
SUBJECT: A. B. A. Library, 12 E. 36 St., New York, 16, N.Y.
Librarian: Gertrude E. Fitzgerald

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As you requested, I have investigated the subject coverage of the A. B. A. Library.

Miss Fitzgerald says that so far as she is aware none of the old stuff in their library has been thrown away, since space is not at present a problem, but she does not know how long this will be true. I at once urged upon her the archivist approach and warned about disposing of material of historic value.

The A. B. A. library was established in 1911. The old library that I remembered they acquired was the "Del Mar Library", belonging to the monetary expert of that name. This was absorbed into the regular collection for the most part. However, there is a considerable collection of uncataloged material on the currency question, covering the period 1810 to 1913, that might well contain something of interest for us. This is arranged in pamphlet boxes by date so far as possible, though many of the sheets bear no dates or other identification marks as to source, etc. The boxes are at present located on shelves in the vicinity of other cataloged books on monetary subjects.

Miss Fitzgerald says that students or research workers would be welcome to go through the material, though she would not always be able to give much assistance in reference work. Her first concern of course is the A. B. A. membership.

From the descriptive notes on the A. B. A. Library, in Special Libraries Resources, I culled the following re fields covered, that might be of interest to our Committee.

Money, Credit & Banking

Covers money, silver, gold, bimetallism, inflation & deflation, etc.

Large collection of uncataloged pamphlets on the currency question from 1810 to 1913.

Bank Supervision & Examination

Annual report of Comptroller of the Currency, 1865 to date.

Reports of all State Banking Departments that published them from 1900 to date.

Economics

Over 3,000 volumes on economics and social theory in the private library of the Association's economist are available to the library.

Bank Research

Library is the sole owner and lender of A. B. A. Graduate School of Banking theses.

State Banking Association Reports.

Public Finance

Annual Report of Secretary of the Treasury, 1790 to date.

" " " Commissioner of Internal Revenue, 1904 to date.

Size of Collection

16,000 volumes. 88 vertical file drawers.

Reference Service

Established to serve all departments and the members of the American Bankers Association. Open to others for information only.