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These various works now classified and catalogued form the basis of what is hoped and expected to become in course of years the best and most complete library of its kind in the civilized world. It is shelved in the elegant fire-proof building of the library of Columbia College, in the city of New York, where it is accessible at all times for study and reference. Thus far the treasures have been largely presents from the founders of the Society and their friends, although a considerable number of the most rare and valuable tomes in the collection have been secured by purchase. The acknowledgment of the gifts has been attempted in the pages of this catalogue, and has been rendered complete so far as the data can be discovered in the early records of the collection. Any omissions of which the Library Committee are advised will be corrected in the next edition of the catalogue. Henceforward all entries

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The classification of the collection has been conducted with special reference to the needs and convenience of the readers and investigators who are seeking information concerning the Huguenots, their emigrations and various settlements, and their extraordinary influence upon the commerce and the religious and social life of the countries which afforded them a refuge from religious persecution. When time is precious it is desirable that a particular book, or books on a particular subject, may be obtained in the quickest as well as the easiest manner. While this library is necessarily a special collection, many of the books bear indirectly on Huguenot history, and are thus rendered more useful and accessible if placed in a class quite distinct from Huguenot literature.

Under each class the books are arranged alphabetically by the author's name, with the exception of individual biography and genealogy. Anonymous books, if the author is unknown, are entered under the title. No attempt has been made to classify the pamphlets, which are arranged alphabetically by the author's name. The author index represents the entire library, including books, pamphlets and manuscripts.

The number at the right of each entry in the catalogue corresponds to the number gilded on the back of the book. To send for a particular book it is necessary to use this number only. The scheme of classification is given as follows, with the number of volumes at the present time in each class: