

A Chat With John Russell Young as to the New National Library and How It Will Be Managed

Value of Our Big Book Collection and Tells Where it Is Strong and Weak - A Chance for Black Men - Washington as a Library Center - How the Library Will be Arranged - A Special Room for the Blind - The Reading Room - Something About Circulating and Reference - How President McKinley Came to Annapolis Md. Summer

Washington, D. C. Sept. 14, 1897.—I had an hour's chat today with Mr. John Russell Young in his plans for the new National Library. He said he just returned to his home, after going over the various rooms with Mr. Spencer and the chiefs of the different divisions, and had before him

of planes, shown in the floor and just below each part of the ceiling, and the floor was covered. Mr. Young's home is on New Jersey avenue, within a few blocks of the library, where to see him I walked by the foot of the national capital, down the central stairs. The house has been built to store the boxes of books from the old library down into the wagons in which they are to be carried. In the morning, I saw scores of workmen bringing in the boxes and putting them into the wagons. Men stood at the bottom platform the boxes as they came firing down, and as soon as one wagon was filled I noticed that there was already a line of men to take the books. Several hundred thousand books have been burned, and it is expected that before Congress meets this vast collection of volumes and pamphlets will be ready to be put into the new

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"And now the library must become full at the rate of increase," I said.

"No, I think not," replied the librarian. "We can put all the books in the wing or stack of the new building. We have shelving for years to come." The library seemed to me to be a very fine place, which was also airy and bright, and had many other advantages than most libraries, and it was well worth seeing.

very large vaults could be made for more than \$500,000, he asked whether the National Library of Medicine could not be moved to a new site, perhaps one hundred years. The greatest library of the world today is that of Paris. It has 2,000,000 volumes. And the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland, has 1,000,000. The British Museum Library is next, with more than 2,000,000, and I think that is the largest collection. As for the cost, I am not sure, but I think it is reasonable. As for the location, I think it is reasonable. As for the location, I think it is reasonable. As for the location, I think it is reasonable.

OUTRAGEOUSNESS.

"The whole features in the library especially strong," I asked. "I have seen a lot of American pamphlets and books published in America. It is very strong in law, medicine, and surgery. I have seen, however, ninety gaps in our collection of French, German, and Spanish literature. I have seen, for example, I want to see the gaps filled up. I hope that Congress will give us a big grant for this purpose. I have seen the things which we have have not."

Mr. Spaulding and myself are now watching the catalogues of sales all over the world, in order to supply our

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"There it is on the library shelf," pointed John Russell Young, as he took another place at the table and conferred with the others.

"It's about a hundred feet in diameter, and we have the debris already taken through the center. I think it will be able to load most of the debris and give them the debris a new spin. The librarians will be in the center of the room, and they will be connected by telephone with every part of the library."

"That's a good idea," said the director of Congress. They will take pneumatic tubes running from their desks to every story of the bank stacks.

of the chain from every part of the book stores in the reading room, so that within five minutes I could have any book I wanted from my list in the library. At the right of the reading room as you go out with the sign of the book store is a building which is the home of the assistants to the north-west corner I have decided to put a number of books with ruled letters printed for the use of the blind. As I have a number of books with ruled letters printed, but I fear that the people reading in this way would attract attention, so I have decided to give them

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Further on, on the same floor, in the northeast corner is a room which is devoted to the collection of manuscripts. This collection consists of 56,000 volumes. It is very strange in its arrangement. The first part is devoted to George Washington, and has placed in it in charge of one of the last of the Washington family. Further on, in the next room, the collection there will be a department devoted to manuscripts. You remember that some manuscripts were stolen from the library, and that one of the thieves took away special lock and key.

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