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PREFACE.

The publishing of this list of the newspapers in the Yale University Library had its origin in a grant for the purpose to the Library by the Connecticut Academy, at the instance chiefly of the professors of the Department of History, who had long realized the great addition it would make to the working value of the collection.

The list includes all the newspapers owned by the Library from the earliest issues down to those of July 1915,* as well as a large number of South American papers deposited by Professor Hiram Bingham, and a complete file of the New Haven Register, deposited by that paper. The vexed question of what constitutes a newspaper has been settled for this list by including all periodicals whose main design is the publishing of news of general interest, issued more or less regularly once a week or oftener. The principal exclusions for lack of general interest have been a very large number of weekly organs of special interests, such as anti-slavery, trade, socialism, secret societies, etc., far too many to enumerate.

As a working list rather than a bibliography was desired, it was decided that the task should be limited to the selection of the publications to be included, the making of a new collation of all the files before 1800, its consolidation with the existing records of the later files and the rearrangement and regrouping of the titles. When information as to the identities and connections of papers was not already at hand or easily accessible, no attempt was made to obtain it. Consequently there are undoubtedly a few cases of failure to show a change of title or the connection between a paper and its continuation under a new title, and a certain number of

* The only exceptions to this statement to be noted are a collection of 93 French papers of the year 1848, mostly single issues of ephemeral and socialistic publications; a collection of 88 single issues of New South Wales papers of 1875; and several hundred single issues of United States papers from all parts of the country on the occasion of the death of President Garfield.