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IT thus appears, from Miss Maxwell's investigation, that, of the fifty-three titles printed at the Kelmscott Press, fifty-two are now known to have found permanent homes in New England. Of the fifty-three, Harvard reports the possession of forty-seven. Colby College now has twenty-one.

It so happens that there have been several opportunities during the past two months, when we might have acquired, in New York or London auction-rooms, additional Kelmscott titles, sometimes at bargain prices. Late in January, for instance, a copy of *Some German Woodcuts of the Fifteenth Century* (No. 49 in Miss Maxwell's list) was offered at a New York auction. Both our German Department and our Department of Fine Arts were interested in this book. The Colby Library accordingly entered a bid of twenty dollars, but the book was sold for twenty-one. If only there were twice as many Colby Library Associates as there are, we could then do better. New recruits are welcome.

The report on New England holdings may be summarized as follows:

Harvard University	47	Yale University	6
COLBY COLLEGE	21	Connecticut College	3
Brown University	13	Amherst College	2
Dartmouth College	10	Haverhill Public Library	2
Smith College	10	Radcliffe College	2
Wellesley College	10	Lowell Public Library	1
Williams (Chapin)	10	U. of New Hampshire	1
Thomas B. Mosher estat	e 7	Mt. Holyoke College	1

[&]quot;A Kelmscott is a Kelmscott and that is all there is to consider."—London *Times Literary Supplement*, July 3, 1943, p. 324.