

In accordance with the instructions given me at the last meeting I have obtained estimates from other binders than the firm now employed to do the Library's work.

Parsons & Nicholson charge for Folios	Q	O	D
	2.50	1.50	1.65
Rau offers to bind for	2.00	1.50	.75 .45
Lever " " " "	1.75	1.25	.80 .60
Lippincott & Co " " " "	2.10	1.57½	.90 .60

All the above for either half calf or half morocco, at our option, except J.B. Lippincott & Co whose prices for morocco are 10% lower than the above.

These prices are from 1/2 to 23% less than those of Parsons & Nicholson, the principal difference being in the folios, of which we bind comparatively few. Leaving them out for the present, the comparison would be as follows:

Spinning Parsons & Nicholson's prices at par or 100	
Rau's prices are	92½
Lever's " "	95
Lippincott's " "	96

a difference of from 4 to 10%. The difference is the quality of the work, owing to the ^{by Post.} use of tan boards, which more lacks of the best materials & workmanship, is probably 25% over Lewis & Lippincott's.

The moving of books to the Ridgway Branch is now completed, with the exception of the newspapers. The total number of volumes transferred is 67,813, to which must be added the private library of D. K. H.