Introduction.

The Museum of Anatolia College had its humble beginning in the early days of the College, in the 1880s, when Dr. C. C. Tracy started collecting specimens of fossils from the Sokman’s grave near Amasia. Students began to get interested in collecting, Mr. Vakessian of Yozgad being among them first. By 1890 a case was filled with all sorts of objects. The first show case, in walnut, with table and stand parts, was presented by the class of 1891; two upright cases in walnut, with the Lasso motto “We are brothers” in English and in Armenian, were presented by the class of 1895. A simple case with drawers, started by Dr. Edward Riggs, and a large glass case to hold stuffed animals, were the remaining ornaments of the first museum room, room No. 3, opening into the upper hall of the old Seminary building. Mr. Chester Tracy, during his stay as tutor (1893-1896), contributed his skill and labor in stuffing a lot of birds and quadrupeds of this country.

The much cherished ideal of the writer of these lines—to have a special museum building—was accomplished when by the indefatigable zeal of Dr. Tracy a Library Museum