

THE P'U-PAN COLLECTION, A SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

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Consisting of approximately 45,000 volumes or ts'ê, stitched-bound in the traditional style, the P'u-pan Collection is rich in publications dealing with Chinese classics as well as individual literary works written by scholars, especially those from the Kwangtung Province, during the Manchu Dynasty. A survey reveals nearly 2,000 works in the latter category. Another impressive item is its collection of gazetteers or local histories of different editions for most of the 86 districts in its former owner's home province of Kwangtung.

In the collection, there are over 300 titles which may be classed as rare books, as it is described in Dr. Yi-t'ung Wang's article: The P'u-pan Chinese Library at the University of British Columbia, as attached.

Two other important features of the collection which Dr. Wang has not mentioned are its fine collections of 120 collectanea or ts'ung shu, and 95 titles in bibliography.

As for subjects, the statistics of a survey as tabulated herebelow will give us a general picture of its coverage:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Title</u>
Collectanea	120
Reference works	26
Philosophy	82
Religion	21
Archaeology	99
History	177
Geography	274
Fine Arts	191
Language	340
Literature	1,786
Medicine	15
Bibliography	95