In the Planning of a Library

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- THIS is the story of two small books. Rather, it is the story of what two small books did.

Rather more, it is the story of what two small books mean to the planning of the new Calvin Library.

Let me begin it here:

Dr. Karl Schottenloher, a distinguished German scholar who has just completed compiling seven huge volumes which gather together more than 50,000 titles of books and articles dealing with the Reformation in Germany — this is, I notice, becoming a long sentence. Let us start over: Dr. Schottenloher wrote in 1951 three of the most important, if unappreciated, characters argued that his figures were wrong. Libraries do not grow that fast. But he defended himself, and his figures are now commonly quoted. In fact, our own Library has doubled its size in the last eight years. The overburdened mind, like the overburdened body, has its limits. When the body is overburdened, it needs rest. When the mind is overburdened, it needs rest. And at this point we come to the second small book.

I hope you will wish to read of it, and its importance to the new Library in a following article.