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Cornell University has announced the establishment of the Collection of Regional History, to be devoted to the preservation of upstate New York cultural source materials. The collection will supplement the book collection of the university library and will include newspapers and magazines, documents, farm and business records, diaries and family journals, and educational and religious papers. Whitney R. Cross is the curator. The undertaking has been encouraged by a grant of eighteen thousand dollars from the Rockefeller Foundation.

The four thousand-volume library of Arlington Hall Junior College, whose plant was taken over for war purposes, has been purchased at auction by Fairleigh Dickinson Junior College, of Rutherford, N.J.

The Mark Twain Collection of more than a thousand books and manuscripts, assembled by the late Willard S. Morse, has been presented to the Yale University Library by Judge and Mrs. Walter F. Frear.

Yale University Library has received as a gift from George Dudley Seymour a collection of more than twenty-five thousand books and manuscripts from the Hillhouse Mansion, New Haven. The books include a railway library and collections on art, logic, English, and French literature. The manuscripts include account books from nearly every generation of the Hillhouse family from 1755 to date.

The children of Dr. Samuel W. Lambert have presented to the Yale University Library his collection of the works of Izaak Walton and Charles Cotton, including all of the early and most of the

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later editions of *The Compleat Angler*.

The original manuscript of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem, "The Village Blacksmith," has been presented to the Library of Congress by Frank J. Hogan, of Washington, D.C.

Lebanon Valley College, Helen E. Myers, librarian, has acquired the famous Heilman Library of some three thousand volumes. It is a heterogeneous collection noted chiefly for its early American imprints.

In an administrative reorganization at the University of Maryland, Carl W. Hintz, librarian, the dental, medical, and pharmacy libraries have been placed under centralized supervision and brought more directly under the control of the university librarian. Thelma Wiles, Michigan '35, formerly in charge of the dental-pharmacy libraries, has been appointed to the new position.

South

With the completion of the new library building at the University of South Carolina, the old building was given over entirely to South Caroliniana. R. L. Meriwether, of the department of history, is curator of this collection.

A section of the Cyrus Hall McCormick Library of Washington & Lee University has been assigned to the Technical Library of the Army School of Special Studies, which has leased a part of the university's physical equipment. Members of the Army School also have access to the entire book collection of the university.

the Field

LeRoy C. Merritt, librarian, State Teachers College, Farmville, Va., assisted in the preparation of a statement on "Government Publishing in Wartime." This statement was presented to Elmer Davis of the Office of War Information to protect the interest of libraries, scholars, and the public during a period of restricted distribution of federal documents.

The first number of the Collis P. Huntington Memorial Library (Hampton Institute) *Notes* appeared in November. It is mimeographed and contains news about books, advice on how to use the library, and much general information of value to students and faculty. David Jolly is librarian.

At the October meeting of the Kentucky Library Association action was taken to bring up to date the *Check List of Kentucky Newspapers Contained in Kentucky Libraries*. The original list was compiled in 1933.

Southwest Through friends of the late Thomas Wood Stevens, director of dramatics at the University of Arizona, the university library, Frederick Cromwell, acting librarian, has received a collection of drama and associated literature comprising one thousand volumes. Half of this number came from Mr. Stevens' library and the remainder from authors, actors, and other friends throughout the country.

Texas Christian University Library, Bertie H. Mothershead, librarian, has been presented an excellent collection of music, the gift of James R. Curtis. The

collection ranges from jazz to classical.

The listening room of the Baylor University Library, Robert W. Severance, librarian, has been open at night and on Sundays to enlisted men in neighboring Army camps. The use of the record collections and equipment by service men has been heavy.

A memorial collection of American literature, with emphasis on American folklore, has been started in the University of Arkansas Library by friends and former students of Professor George E. Hastings, who died in November 1942.

Middle West The papers of the Historical Records Survey of Missouri have been deposited in the library of the University of Missouri. The collection, which fills two hundred filing cases, includes county court records, church, county, and city historical material, and the results of various other projects undertaken by the survey.

The Simpson College Library of Indianola, Iowa, Inis I. Smith, librarian, has received a gift of one thousand dollars from William Buxton, Jr., for the purchase of books in the field of fine arts.

MacAlester College has opened a new library building costing \$140,000. William P. Tucker, a former librarian of the state of Washington, is the newly appointed librarian.

Plans are materializing for the compilation of union catalogs of the libraries of the University of Detroit, Michigan State College, University of Michigan, Wayne University, the Detroit Public Library, and Michigan State Library. One copy of the catalog will be incorporated in the present University of Michigan union

catalog. The other, composed of a copy of the printed Library of Congress Catalog cards and a supplementary file, will be located in the Detroit Public Library. These catalogs will serve as indexes to the reference resources of the contributing libraries and as a basis for cooperative purchases.

The Junior Members Section of the Kansas Library Association has issued a *Directory of Kansas Librarians, 1942*. In addition to its alphabetical and geographical list of over seven hundred librarians, it contains the new constitution of the association and a list of the 1942-43 officers. Copies are available at fifty cents each from Reverend B. E. Moll, librarian, St. Benedict's College, Atchinson, Kan.

Milwaukee-Downer College, Maude Mitchell, librarian, has been made the residuary legatee to receive a large portion of the estate of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. E. White, of Milwaukee. The college library will receive from this estate a sum sufficient to double that now spent annually for books.

The Atchison (Kansas) *Champion*, 1858-76, is being filmed under the sponsorship of the Kansas State Historical Society. Positive copies will cost about two hundred dollars. Those interested should direct their inquiries to N. H. Miller, Research Director, Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka.

The University of Missouri Library and the State Historical Society of Missouri are cooperating in the establishment of a manuscripts division for the collection and preservation of source materials of the Missouri River and Great Plains region. Attention will be focused for the most part on farm and business records, letters, diaries, family journals,

and manuscript records of educational and religious institutions. The program has been made possible by a grant from the Humanities Division of the Rockefeller Foundation.

West

The research materials collected by the Oregon Writers Project on Oregon history have been deposited in the Oregon State Library.

The literature department of the Los Angeles Public Library, Althea H. Warren, librarian, has started a file of quotations and slogans of World War II. These utterances of military and civilian leaders are taken from such sources as newspapers, magazines, and the radio. The file will carry the author's name, the date, and the source.

The *Use of a Technical Library* is being distributed by the School of Engineering and Industrial Arts of Oregon State College as number six of its Circular Series. This study of the engineering and technology reference room of Oregon State College Library was made last year and offered by William E. Jorgensen as his Master's thesis. Mr. Jorgensen was engineering librarian until recently, when he was commissioned a lieutenant (jg) in the Navy.

The University of California Library, Harold L. Leupp, librarian, has acquired the personal libraries of two former professors in the university. They are the European medieval history collection of the late Professor James Westfall Thompson and the library of the late Professor W. S. Kuno. The Kuno collection pertains to the political, social, and economic history of Japan, and for the most part is in the Japanese language.

Personnel

Harry Bauer, librarian of the T.V.A. Technical Library, Knoxville, Tenn., has been commissioned a captain in the Army Air Corps and is now on duty in the Middle East.

J. Isaac Copeland, formerly librarian of Furman University, is now acting librarian of Presbyterian College, Clinton, S.C.

Eva Wrigley, in recent years assistant librarian of Furman University, has been appointed librarian.

Lewis C. Branscomb, until recently librarian of Mercer University, has been appointed librarian of the University of South Carolina.

Robert B. Smith, of the Library of Congress staff, has been appointed director of the Hispanic Foundation to serve in the absence of Lewis Hanke, who has undertaken a special assignment for the Division of American Republics, Department of State.

Sidney Kramer has been appointed to the staff of the Library of Congress as resident fellow in war bibliography. Kramer began his service in October. He will survey the resources of American libraries in general and the Library of Congress in particular, in the field of materials important to the conduct of the war and the settlement of the peace.

M. Joseph McCosker, director of the Atwater-Kent Museum in Philadelphia, has been appointed consultant on exhibits in the Library of Congress. A new Advisory Committee on Exhibits in the library has, likewise, been created and is made up of Mr. McCosker and his assistant and ten members of the regular staff of the Library of Congress.

Janet Agnew, formerly assistant profes-

sor in the Library School of Louisiana State University, has been appointed librarian of Sweet Briar College to succeed Doris Lomer, retired.

Mrs. Carroll Bishop is acting librarian of the Arkansas State Teachers College in the absence of Mrs. Constance Mitchell who has been appointed acting secretary and librarian of the Arkansas State Library Commission.

Eleanor Ross, assistant in the catalog department, Oregon State College, has resigned to become assistant librarian in charge of reference work with documents in the National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Eugene H. Wilson, of Iowa State College, has been appointed director of internal processes in the United States Department of Agriculture in Washington. Robert W. Orr, formerly reference librarian of Iowa State College, has succeeded Wilson as assistant librarian.

Sara M. Price, a graduate of Syracuse University, has been appointed librarian of the business library of Temple University.

Elizabeth Windsor has been appointed librarian of Coe College, Cedar Rapids, to succeed Betty Pritchett, who retired in October after serving as librarian since 1921. Miss Windsor was formerly reference librarian at Coe.

J. Periam Danton, librarian of Temple University, is on leave of absence as lieutenant (jg) in the United States Naval Reserve. Danton, librarian of the Sullivan Memorial Library since 1936, left on December 19 for the Naval Air Training Station at Quonset Point, R.I.

Louis M. Nourse, librarian of the Kansas City, Mo., Public Library since 1939, has been appointed assistant librarian

of the St. Louis Public Library, of which Charles H. Compton is librarian. Nourse assumed his new duties in December.

Dorothy Wells, formerly documents librarian at Fort Hays, Kansas State Teachers College, has been appointed librarian of the Bureau of Government Research, University of California at Los Angeles. She has been succeeded by Margaret van Ackeren.

George B. Utley, librarian of the Newberry Library since 1922, retired on September 1, 1942, and was succeeded by Stanley M. Pargellis, formerly of the history department of Yale University.

Wendell W. Smiley, formerly librarian of Georgia Teachers College, Collegeboro, is now librarian of Mercer University, Macon, Ga.

Charles H. Stone, until recently assistant librarian and director of library science at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va., is now librarian of the Georgia Teachers College.

Ralph H. Parker, director of libraries of the University of Georgia, has been granted a leave of absence for military service and is serving with the Army Quartermaster Corps. Wayne S. Yenawine has been named acting director.

New Committee of Reference Librarians Section

A NEW COMMITTEE of the Reference Librarians Section of the A.C.R.L. has now been organized to consider and promote the compilation of needed reference tools and the publication of writings and studies in the field of reference work. The committee is composed of: Harold Russell, reference librarian, University of Minnesota, chairman; Mrs. Brainard Cheney, reference librarian, Vanderbilt University Library; Fanny Alice Coldren, reference librarian, University of California; Margaret Hutchins, School of Library Service, Columbia University; Dorothy Sinclair, senior assistant, general reference department, Enoch Pratt Free

Library; Margaret L. Stapleton, senior assistant, reference department, Detroit Public Library; and Clara Van Sant, reference librarian, Tacoma Public Library.

The committee will welcome advice and suggestions from librarians everywhere. The effectiveness of its work will depend to a large extent upon the diligence of library workers in bringing their felt needs to its attention. Communications should be sent to the chairman of the committee or one of its members.

MARY N. BARTON, *Chairman*
Reference Librarians Section

Engineering School Libraries Section

THE ENGINEERING SCHOOL LIBRARIES SECTION of A.C.R.L. was formally accepted by the Association at the Milwaukee Conference of the American Library Association. The officers are: Harold Lancour, librarian, Cooper Union, *chairman*; and Brother Aurelian Thomas, director of libraries, Manhattan College, *secretary*.

Members of the executive committee are:

William N. Seaver, librarian, Massachusetts Institute of Technology;

Hilda J. Alseth, librarian, College of Engineering, University of Illinois; and

Marvin A. Miller, librarian, University of Arkansas.

The new section has completed its organization and has drawn up a constitution which describes its objects as follows:

To promote library service and librarianship in engineering schools, to encourage mutual cooperation with other organizations

in the field of engineering education, and to carry out a program of activities designed to advance the standards of library service in engineering schools.

Two projects to be undertaken by the section have been outlined and agreed upon. The first is a compilation of a checklist of more than five hundred copies of scientific periodicals received from Axis-occupied countries since the outbreak of the war. The other is the establishment of standard engineering library procedure. A news sheet is being edited by the chairman of the section and distributed among the membership. A system of exchanging books, periodicals, and films is being worked out.

More than half of the directors of accredited engineering school libraries in this country have joined the new organization. Any member of A.C.R.L. affiliated with or interested in the work of engineering libraries is eligible for membership.

Nominations for A.C.R.L. Officers, 1943-44

President

Shaw, Charles B., librarian, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa.

Vice President (one to be elected)

Helm, Margie M., librarian, Western Kentucky State Teachers College, Bowling Green.

Kuhlman, A. F., director, Joint University Libraries, Nashville, Tenn.

Lyle, Guy R., librarian, Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

Rice, Paul North, chief, reference department, New York Public Library, New York City.

Ver Nooy, Winifred, reference librarian, University of Chicago.

General Director (one to be elected)

Ellsworth, Ralph E., director of libraries, University of Colorado, Boulder.

Keith, Effie A., acting librarian, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

McCarthy, Stephen A., director, University of Nebraska Libraries, Lincoln.

Tremaine, Marie, associate head, reference division, Public Library of Toronto, Toronto, Ont., Canada.

Treasurer (one to be elected)

Cooper, Vera S., librarian, De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind.

Mason, John Russell, librarian, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Representative on A.L.A. Council, 1942-46 (both to be continued in office)

Danton, J. Periam, librarian, Temple University, Philadelphia.

McCombs, Charles F., superintendent, main reading room, New York Public Library, New York City.

Representative on A.L.A. Council, 1943-47 (one to be elected)

Backus, Joyce, librarian, San Jose College, San Jose, Calif.

Gifford, Florence M., head, reference division, Cleveland Public Library, Cleveland.

Gosnell, Charles F., librarian, Queens College, Flushing, N.Y.

McAllister, Samuel W., associate director, University of Michigan Library, Ann Arbor.

Van Wormer, Grace, acting director, State University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City.

Agricultural Libraries Section

Chairman: Day, Emily L., librarian, Beltsville Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Beltsville, Md.

Secretary: Krueger, Ruth C., circulation librarian, Oregon State College, Corvallis.
(Election already held)

College Libraries Section

Chairman: Richards, Elizabeth M., librarian, Flora Stone Mather College, Cleveland.

Secretary: Reb, Christine, librarian, Baker University, Baldwin, Kan.

Engineering School Libraries Section

Chairman: Lancour, Harold, librarian, Cooper Union, New York City.

Steele, Nell, librarian, Armour College of Engineering, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago.

Secretary: Brother Aurelian Thomas, director of libraries, Manhattan College, New York City.

Miller, Marvin A., librarian, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

(To be continued in office in 1943-44)

Junior College Libraries Section

Chairman: Clay, Mary, librarian, Northeast Junior College, Monroe, La.

Secretary: Brown, Jasper L., librarian, Highland Park, Mich.

Smith, G. David, Herzl Junior College, Chicago.

Reference Librarians Section

Chairman: Barton, Mary N., Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore.

Secretary: Dalton, Jack, Alderman Library, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

(To be continued in office in 1943-44)

Libraries of Teacher-Training Institutions Section

Chairman: Tichenor, Miss Barcus, librarian, Ball State Teachers College, Muncie, Ind.

Secretary: Weicking, Emma, librarian, Mankato State Teachers College, Mankato, Minn.

University Libraries Section

Chairman: Beals, Ralph A., University of Chicago Library, Chicago.

Secretary: Hintz, Carl W., University of Maryland Library, College Park.

By request of the A.C.R.L. Board of Directors, voting on these nominees is deferred until the first election after the war emergency.

Section Nominating Committees

Agricultural Libraries Section

Wilson, Eugene H., chairman (U.S. Department of Agriculture Library, Washington, D.C.)

Currell, Sarah C.

Payson, Lois B.

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Krueger, Hanna Elsa, chairman (acting librarian, Carroll College, Waukesha, Wis.)
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Engineering School Libraries Section

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Baker, Maysel O'H.
Hughes, Mr.

Reference Librarians Section

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Black, Dorothy M.
Leonard, Ruth S.

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Clausen, Malvina
Palmer, Grace

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Ellsworth, Ralph E.
Russell, John Richmond

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Floyd, Mary
Johnson, B. Lamar
McCombs, Charles F.
Miller, Robert A.