

# In Furtherance of a Common Cultural Interest

**A**BOUT OCTOBER 1 Carl M. White left New York on the first stage of his contemplated journey to China on behalf of library interests. His status while on tour is to be that of visiting professor in the field of library administration, and his stay is expected to extend until about July 1, 1945.

The purpose of the trip is to aid, in one sphere, in solidifying the friendship of the two countries, to afford China's valiant but war-weary intellectual leaders fresh contact with American thought, and, in particular, to aid in establishing closer working relations between groups and agencies interested in interchanging cultural materials and in related forms of cooperation.

Information about intellectual services which the two countries can render each other will be assembled and organized. This information will cover the present status of library cooperation between the two countries, as well as suggestions for new forms of cooperation. Some attempt will be made during the period in China to make available American library experience for possible use in postwar reconstruction of China's libraries, as well as to interpret the position of books and libraries in American higher education and in Western life in general.

Arrangements are being made by the Department of State, in connection with this trip, to ship to China some two hundred books consisting mainly of works published since China went to war and the "intellectual famine" there began. The

books fall into four main categories: (a) the administration of education, with special attention to higher education and the broader significance of education from the standpoint of social policy; (b) recent library literature, with emphasis primarily upon the significance of the library as an educational instrument; (c) the search for freedom and the expression of this aspiration in intellectual, social, and political forms; and (d) publications which, without regard to the three preceding categories, help supply a representative cross section of recent American thought.

The American Library Association is also sending a limited collection of books.

In order to aid in making available American experience in library matters, Dr. White is taking with him some slides. These slides show representative services, various service techniques, and representative equipment of different types of libraries.

The plan is to have the Embassy in Chungking, in cooperation with the Chinese Library Association, introduce Dr. White to the leading universities and libraries and to their personnel. Residence on four to six university campuses is planned for periods of two to four weeks. During this period of residence Dr. White will offer from four to six formal lectures on the general theme of college and university library administration but with some attention both to the larger social significance of colleges and universities and the wider role of books and libraries in the Western world.

# Appointments to College and University Library Positions

GUY R. LYLE became director of libraries at the Louisiana State University on October 1. He brings to his new position eight years of administrative experience as librarian of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina and five years as librarian of Antioch College in Ohio. His library school teaching includes a year as associate in library economy at the University of Illinois and summer sessions at Louisiana State University and the University of North Carolina.

Mr. Lyle is Canadian by birth, with his B.A. from the University of Alberta. Seven years as general library assistant in the Edmonton Public Library preceded his year of study at the Columbia University School of Library Service in 1927-28. He returned to the school in 1931 and obtained his M.S. in college library service, with his master's essay on the selection of civil engineering periodicals in the college engineering library.

Mr. Lyle has been a frequent contributor to professional periodicals and is the compiler of *A Classified List of Periodicals for the College Library*. He participated, with Louis R. Wilson and others, in surveys of the university libraries of Georgia and Florida, the findings of which were published by the American Library Association in 1939 and 1940. Mr. Lyle is a member of the Council of the A.L.A. and has just completed a two-year period as chairman of the Publications Committee of the A.C.R.L.

Jesse H. Shera, recently appointed chief of the preparations department, University of Chicago Libraries, started his library career as bibliographer for the Scripps

Foundation for Population Research, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. From 1928 to 1940 he provided reference service for the research staff of the foundation, built up and cataloged the collections, and pre-



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pared special bibliographies for the publications of the research staff. He ably assisted in developing one of the most important collections on censuses and population in the country.

In 1940 he went to Washington as supervisor of the Census Library Project at the Library of Congress. Here he did special bibliographic research for the Bureau of the Census and other governmental agencies in

demography, vital statistics, censuses, and related fields. From 1941 to 1944 he served as chief of the reference section, Cen-



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tral Information Division, Office of Strategic Services. As chief of the section he was responsible for the library; the documents unit, which received all confidential intelligence reports; and the census materials unit.

Dr. Shera received his education at Miami University, Yale, and the Graduate

Library School of the University of Chicago. He has contributed a number of provocative articles to library periodicals and has been especially interested in the origins and development of American libraries. His doctoral dissertation is concerned with the *Foundations of the Public Library Movement in New England*. He has been active in library organizations.

Professor John E. Buchard was appointed director of libraries at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on October 1. In this newly-created position he will have the responsibility of "a policy-making administrative officer analogous in position to that of a dean in the instructional organization." William N. Seaver, who has been librarian since 1925, remains in that position.

Professor Buchard has bachelor's and master's degrees in architectural engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has been an instructor in English and, as director of the Bemis Foundation since 1938, a full professor. He brings to his new task broad experience in both business and technology. Since July 1940 Professor Buchard has been engaged in war work, first as executive officer of the National Academy of Sciences and later as chief of one of the eighteen divisions of the National Defense Research Committee. Since last July he has been assistant chief of the Office of Field Service of the Office of Scientific Research and Development.

## Robert James Usher: 1880-1944

THAT GRAND old master-librarian, Walter M. Smith, of the University of Wisconsin, discovered about the beginning of this century two students of great promise and brought them into the library fold. One was Stephen Conrad Stuntz, of Monroe, who served with credit in the Library of Congress and in the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The other was Robert James Usher. Both are indelible in the memories of many colleagues. Both were born, as it seemed, for library work; and they were friends, so that each always had a good word for the other.

Robert Usher, born in South Wayne in 1880, received his A.B. at the University of Wisconsin in 1907 but held an assistantship in the library between 1904 and 1908. Mr. Smith was none too well pleased when Usher accepted a call as assistant reference librarian at the John Crerar Library in 1909, but, as Wisconsin prepared him, I think the Crerar may be said to have made him. There were several reasons for this. Usher quickly proved himself invaluable for exploring and combining data. Apart from his rapidly growing ability, fed by access to excellent collections, his quiet manner and his reliable skill won for him many warm friends among our readers. He ought not to have been tempted with an office in the University of California Library but accepted the place there as superintendent of circulation; then returned to the Crerar fold in 1917 and remained, as chief reference librarian, until 1927.

Mr. Usher's election as librarian of the Howard Memorial Library in New Orleans, in his forty-seventh year, was well deserved. He had long been qualified for administrative service. He indeed found

abundant opportunity for some years to meet emergencies and to remove ruts and snags left at the Howard library after the demise of William Beers (a law unto himself and others). Usher left Chicago, fortified by a marriage which proved most felicitous for both, as his wife, the former Ethel Wight, had held secretariats both at



the University of Michigan Library and at the Crerar and was able to cooperate with him in all his work.

Mr. Usher cleared up and modernized the Howard library. Then, in 1928, the Crerar librarianship became vacant. And now it may be told that the undersigned recommended the election of Usher, while

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## Gerald Gardner Wilder: 1879-1944

**G**ERALD GARDNER WILDER, librarian of Bowdoin College since 1915, died on June 28, 1944. In library work for nearly half a century, he was one of the elder statesmen in his profession. His colleagues in New England recognized his ability and



always welcomed his point of view. He learned his profession the hard way—by working at it. He spent no time imagining problems and elaborate, documented solutions for them. Problems, when they arose, were handled with dispatch based on a wide background of experience.

Mr. Wilder was born in Pembroke on Apr. 30, 1879, the son of Albion and Arabella Gardner Wilder. After finishing high school he taught for three years to earn money to pay his way through college. In

1899 he entered Bowdoin College and began his work in the library as a student assistant. At the end of two years he was forced to teach for a year, again for financial reasons. He graduated in 1904 and, at the request of Mr. Little, the librarian, remained in the library to help out during a difficult period. As an undergraduate he had done special research in astronomy and, with the idea of entering government service, he had taken a civil service examination. But the library still needed him, so he stayed on. In 1906 he was appointed assistant librarian.

On July 16, 1908, he married Kathleen Eliot Hobart of Pembroke. Since 1912 he had served as clerk of the college faculty. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the American Library Association, the Maine Library Association, of which he was a former president, and the New England Historical-Genealogical Society. In 1929 he was awarded an honorary M.A. by the college, on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his commencement. He was an active supporter of the Congregational Church, having at one time been the superintendent of its Sunday school. He served as clerk of the First Parish Church since 1918 and as clerk of the parish since 1919.

Mr. Wilder was possessive when it came to the library. He was proud of the building, proud of its wealth of material, jealous for the library's well-being. It was his life. The results of his labors will never be erased. They stand as a living monument to the man.

His colleagues always found a sympathetic ear directed to their needs. Students were received with the utmost courtesy and their needs were patiently attended to. Because of its location and its valuable collection of books, many visitors came to use the

resources of the library. Such visitors were always impressed by the cordial reception they received from Mr. Wilder, the painstaking efforts he made to satisfy their every need, his interest in the work they were doing. His colleagues, his friends, his business acquaintances, and the visiting scholars all have lost a kindly and warm friend in his passing.

For many years the demands of the library and of the college were so great that Mr. Wilder had little time for outside interests. However, about fifteen years ago he designed and had built a lovely summer home at Garnett's Head, on beautiful

Cobscook Bay. Soon he was spending two months each summer there, keeping up his road, limbing trees, opening up new vistas, or exploring the bay in his motorboat. He devoted more time to collecting material on the history of Pembroke and to working on the genealogy of his family and the old Pembroke families. These two latter activities he carried on during the winter in Brunswick. Those of us who knew him best regret that he could not have lived to enjoy a well-earned retirement, spent in the scenes of his boyhood, and pursuing his historical and genealogical interests.

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## Robert James Usher

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Usher, when called to Chicago for a conference, recommended me. Neither of us was an applicant. It also may be said now that if Usher had not been incontinently modest about himself, he probably would have been chosen. So he remained in New Orleans, at Tulane University, and developed the plans for the Tulane library (The Howard Tilton Memorial), where he enjoyed five years of activity with the unqualified approval of all his colleagues, the university authorities, and the public.

Robert Usher never was robust, and he probably permitted his conscientious demands upon himself to prevail over his personal care. I never knew the time when he was not hard at work on something or

other. His interests in rural pursuits, his preference for historical research, exploring unknown fields, and his delving into problems concerning the early exploration of Louisiana, resulted in several interesting papers and identified him with his Louisiana group. This group, in return, elected him, in 1930, president of the Louisiana Library Association and, in 1940, to the presidency of the Southwestern Library Association. His published observations on reference libraries were the result of seeing an ideal and being guided by it. Every urge in his mind and all efforts in his work were directed toward constructive accomplishment for the welfare of life and learning.

J. CHRISTIAN BAY

# Douglas Crawford McMurtrie:

## 1888-1944

DOUGLAS CRAWFORD MCMURTRIE had an unusual combination of abilities as a typographer, bibliographer, and historian. His contributions, numbering over five hundred separately-printed writings, covered the fields of printing practice, type design and type founding, and bibliography and bibliographical practice, as well as a variety of related subjects. Although most



of these were small pamphlets, none of them lack typographic merit. *The Golden Book* (1927), and the later edition entitled more briefly *The Book* (1937), have served to stimulate the interest of many amateurs and students in the story of printing and book-making. As a lecturer he was popular at

meetings of printers, bibliographers, and librarians, and was often looked to for criticism and guidance in their work. It is to be regretted that he was unable to complete his ambitious work, *A History of Printing in the United States*, of which only Volume II (1936), covering the Middle and South Atlantic States, has been published.

A less well-known interest of Mr. McMurtrie was the work he did in the care and treatment of cripples, especially children. He wrote extensively on this subject and was for some years editor of the *American Journal of Care for Cripples*. During the first World War he was director of the Red Cross Institute for Crippled and Disabled Men.

Mr. McMurtrie was born July 20, 1888, in Belmar, N.J. He attended Horace Mann School in New York City and Hill School in Pottstown, Pa. He then went to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and specialized in electrical engineering. While there he was typographical designer of the yearbook and the correspondent for three Boston daily newspapers. Interest in typography soon won out over training as an engineer. He came to New York to set himself up as a free-lance designer and producer of printing. For a time he was in charge of the printing office at Columbia University.

Mr. McMurtrie considered the ideal location for a printing press to be in the country, yet close enough to a large city to have access to customers and materials. In 1921 he helped design and build a printing plant at Greenwich, Conn. This was acquired by the Condé Nast Press, which employed Mr. McMurtrie as general manager for several years. In 1925 he moved to Chi-

icago, where he took the position of typographer for the Cuneo Press and the following year he became director of typography for the Ludlow Typograph Company, which position he held up to his death. Through his suggestions the Continental Type Founders Association was organized as a means of bringing many of the best European type faces to the United States. He himself designed and had cut a number of faces, the best known of these being McMurtrie Title, Vanity Fair Capitals, and Ultra-Modern. Between 1925 and 1926 he edited *Ars Typographica*, a "little magazine" of the printing world. Since 1934 he edited the *Bulletin of the Chicago Historical Society*.

As chairman of the Invention of Printing Anniversary Committee of the International Association of Printing House Craftsmen, 1939-40, Mr. McMurtrie contributed greatly to the history of printing and to the appreciation of the graphic arts. His *Wings for Words* (1940), written in collaboration with Don Farron, was a popular account of the story of Johann Gutenberg and his invention of printing. He published *The Gutenberg Documents* (1941), with translations of the texts in English,

and completed as editor *The Invention of Printing: a Bibliography* (1942).

Before he could write his inclusive history of printing in the United States, much original research had to be undertaken. This led to many shorter studies, such as *The First Printing in Georgia* (1927), *The Beginnings of Printing in Arizona* (1932), and *Montana Imprints, 1864-1880* (1937); and separate pamphlets on forty-seven of the forty-eight states have been issued. In 1936 the aid of the W.P.A. was offered and he became editor of the project known as the American Imprints Inventory. The American Bibliographical Society, financed by a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation, has continued this important project for publishing a bibliography of American imprints before 1877. Some thirty-seven publications have so far been issued toward its completion.

Systematically and with enormous energy, Mr. McMurtrie explored the history of printing. He died suddenly on Sept. 29, 1944, at the height of his career. Librarians and bibliographers for a number of generations will be indebted to him for his achievements.

CHARLES M. ADAMS

## Illinois Scholarships and Assistantships, 1945-46

SEVERAL scholarships and assistantships will be available for graduate students in library science at the University of Illinois for the academic year 1945-46. Candidates must hold an A.B. degree from an accredited college and a degree or certificate for the first year of professional study in librarianship from an accredited library school.

The Katharine L. Sharp Scholarship, maintained from the income of an endowment fund established by the alumni association, provides a stipend of \$300 for the year and exemption from tuition fees. Applications for this scholarship should be filed no later than Feb. 15, 1945.

University scholarships carry a stipend of \$350 and exemption from the payment of the usual tuition. They are open only to candidates who are not over thirty years of age at the time when the appointment is to be made. Applications must be filed no later than Feb. 1, 1944.

Assistantships in various departments of the university library and in some departmental libraries will also be available to graduate students. Applications should be filed as soon as possible and no later than May 1, 1945. Appointments will be announced on June 1.



## General

### "A Guide to Comparative Literature and Intercultural Relations"

designed to help the teaching program in these fields is being prepared under the joint sponsorship of the American Library Association, the Association of American Colleges, and the National Council of Teachers of English. Specialists from scholarly and professional organizations have been invited to select, edit, and annotate materials. The report will be useful as a guide to the materials found in American college libraries as well as in institutions throughout the world. Arthur E. Christy, of Columbia University, the chairman, says the guide will become an essential tool in the postwar educational reconstruction period.

## East

The late Edward T. Newell bequeathed to Yale University Library his collection of about 2300 Babylonian tablets of which four hundred pieces have just been received.

The Yale University Library has received the Stuart W. Jackson collection of Lincolniana, containing approximately two thousand pieces. The collection, which consists of books, pamphlets, programs, manuscript items, medals, sheet music, badges, and portraits of Lincoln, contains many rare items.

Cornell University has appropriated one thousand dollars for the purchase or production of films for use in connection with a course on human growth and development. This film-making project is part of a large program inaugurated by nine institutions engaged in teacher training in upstate New York. Mutual lending of films among member institutions will be arranged, and each institution, through the ownership of a few reels, will have available for its use several times the number it owns.

The Reading Clinic of the School of Education at the Pennsylvania State College will conduct in January 1945 a seminar on reading disabilities and in June 1945 a conference on reading instruction. Announcements and detailed information about these opportunities may be secured by addressing Betty J. Haugh, reading clinic secretary.

The Rush Rhees Library at the University of Rochester has received on deposit the papers of George Washington Patterson, who was active in New York and national political affairs through the middle of the nineteenth century. There are 530 items, including letters from Thurlow Weed and William Henry Seward. The collection was placed in the library by Mrs. Frank W. Crandall, of Westfield, N.Y., granddaughter of Mr. Patterson.

A survey of the entire research field in Washington, giving a detailed description of the resources and services of 190 governmental and nongovernmental establishments, has just been published by the Library of Congress under the title *Library and Reference Facilities in the Area of the District of Columbia*. It is intended primarily to make the many reference facilities of Washington more readily available to libraries and other research agencies throughout the country. Copies of the publication are available upon request to the Publication Office of the Library of Congress, Washington 25, D.C.

*The Library of Congress . . . and You* has been issued by the Personnel Office Recruitment Section of the Library of Congress. It is designed for its employees but contains much information outsiders will find interesting. It contains a lively, illustrated description of the organization of the

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library, explains the responsibilities and privileges of the staff, and gives some brief historical information.

Through the cooperation of the Army Ordnance Association, the Library of Congress has been able to make a film copy of the association's journal, *Army Ordnance*, now in its twenty-fifth year of publication. The complete file from v. 1, 1920, to v. 26, June 1944, on ten reels of microfilm, is now available for forty dollars a set. Orders should be sent to the Photoduplication Service, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D.C.

The Library of Congress has disclosed plans for the publication of a new quarterly which will serve as a guide to books published each year in the United States; it is to be prepared as part of the inter-American program of the Department of State. The preparation of the "United States Quarterly Book List" represents this country's effort to abide by the Buenos Aires resolution of 1936 that a bulletin containing bibliographical notices of recently published books of a scientific, historical, literary, or artistic nature be published quarterly in each of the American republics and that copies be sent to each of the other American republics for distribution to libraries, cultural institutions, and newspapers. Dr. Joseph P. Blickensderfer, professor of English and dean of University College, University of Oklahoma, has been appointed editor of the new quarterly.

*Middle West* Dr. Francis English, director of the Western Historical Manuscripts Collection of the University of Missouri Library, has issued bulletin number two describing briefly the significant collec-

tions received during the first year of its organization. A recent deposit includes the bulk of the correspondence and reports of the committee chairmen of the Constitutional Convention of Missouri, which has just completed its revision.

*West* The Library of Claremont Colleges, Willis H. Kerr, librarian, has received a bequest of \$26,000 from the estate of the late Jacob C. Harper, of La Jolla, Calif., to be invested as a permanent book fund.

The Claremont Colleges Library has acquired the collection of source materials—official W.R.A. reports, correspondence, camp newspapers, clippings, etc.—used by Carey McWilliams in preparing his recent book on the Japanese and race prejudice.

The Colorado State College of Education at Greeley has inaugurated a required humanities course for all freshmen. It meets ten hours a week the entire year and aims to acquaint all students with the development of the civilizing forces in human life from Greek times to the present. The work of the course is centered in the humanities reading room of the library, where books of particular value to the course are available. The book collection is supplemented by many audio-visual aids drawn from the library's collection. Much of the actual class time of students is spent in study.

Activities are under way to raise funds for continuing the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center when its original grant from the Carnegie Corporation expires on Apr. 1, 1945. The original grant of \$35,000 was made to the Pacific Northwest Library Association in 1940 to establish basic facilities for a bibliographic center for the region including British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and

Washington. Its main objectives were a union catalog and a survey of the resources of the Pacific Northwest libraries, both of which have been achieved. The union catalog now contains three million cards from the Library of Congress, John Crerar Library of Chicago, and thirty principal libraries of the Pacific Northwest. Inter-library loan service to 135 libraries was reported in 1944. Joint purchase agreements have been reached with 96 libraries and cooperation along other lines agreed upon.

*Personnel* John T. Skelton, formerly head of the reference and circulation department of the University of Missouri Library, has been made assistant librarian, Kansas City Public Library.

Edward A. Wight, acting director of the library school of the George Peabody College for Teachers, has been appointed assistant librarian of the Newark Public Library.

Dorothy M. Fenton, formerly reference librarian at Lawrence College, Appleton, Wis., has been made librarian of Dakota Wesleyan University at Mitchell, S.D. Andrew J. Eaton, of the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago, has succeeded her as reference librarian.

With the return of James G. Hodgson to Colorado State College after a year in residence at the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago, Laura Makepeace, who was acting librarian during his absence, was made assistant librarian.

Mrs. Ellanora Kramer has been appointed assistant librarian and cataloger of Whittier College, Whittier, Calif., Wilma Bennett, librarian.

Mabel Gillis, state librarian of California, was awarded an honorary degree of

doctor of laws by Mills College on June 4, 1944.

Eunice Speer, of San Jose State College, has been appointed assistant librarian and instructor of library science at Illinois State Normal University, Normal, Ill.

Lulu Ruth Reed left Baylor University more than a year ago to become librarian of Catawba College, Salisbury, N.C.

Harold W. Bentley, associate director of the Columbia University Press in charge of University Bookstores, has been appointed director-librarian of the Benjamin Franklin Library in Mexico City. He succeeds Rudolph Gjelsness, who is returning to his position as director of the library school of the University of Michigan.

Helen A. Dooley, librarian of Southwestern College in Kansas, has resigned to accept a position as assistant librarian of the New Mexico State Teachers College.

Leona Robl began work as assistant librarian in charge of circulation and reference of the Fort Hays, Kan., State College on September 1.

Lucy E. Fay, who retired recently from the faculty of the School of Library Service, Columbia University, has been appointed acting librarian of Temple University, Philadelphia. She assumed her duties in September and will serve until J. Periam Danton returns from military duty. Emily M. Danton, who has served as acting librarian of Temple University since September 1943, has resigned and is now living in Sewanee, Tenn.

Rudolf Hirsch, director of the Philadelphia Bibliographical Center and Union Library Catalogue, has been accepted for overseas duty with the O.W.I. and reported for training on June 26.

Janet Judd has succeeded Mrs. Eva Fisher as librarian of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky.

# A.C.R.L. Activities, 1943-44

THE DIVISION has not met since Feb. 1, 1943, so all of the necessary business has been transacted by mail. These notes will review briefly the matters that have been before the board of directors and will summarize reports from sections and committees.

The membership of the division on Sept. 1, 1944, was 2140, an increase of 60 members over 1943. The total count for 1944 should exceed the membership high of 2215 established in 1941.

The board of directors approved a conference in print, and a committee with Errett Weir McDiarmid as chairman has been appointed to organize it. The papers from this conference will appear in an early number of *College and Research Libraries*.

It was necessary to drop a proposed plan for the exchange of books between American and Brazilian libraries. An estimate of the interest in such a project was secured and it appeared to be general enough to warrant another attempt at a similar exchange later on.

The board agreed to participate in the activities of a Joint Committee on a Book Campaign for Devastated and Other Libraries in War Areas. Carl M. White, of Columbia University, will represent A.C.R.L. on this committee, which is sponsored by the Council of National Library Associations.

A committee has been appointed to consider general recommendations concerning restrictions on interlibrary loans during Christmas seasons. Lorena Baker, of the University of Texas Library, is chairman of this committee.

Four ninety-six page issues of *College and Research Libraries* were authorized by the board for 1944. It was also agreed to

finance the preparation and publication of college and university statistics for the fiscal year 1943-44.

## Sections

The activity of the sections was planned with a view to holding to previous organizational gains and accomplishments rather than to further venture and development. Newsletters were sent out by the Agricultural Libraries and Reference Librarians sections. A newsletter and questionnaire were sent to members of the Engineering School Libraries Section. These communications kept the membership informed about section affairs and brought suggestions to the officers relative to future programs. The Engineering School Libraries Section, for example, asked its members for a list of services the section might render during the next year or so: whether there were bibliographies which might be compiled; articles which should be written; how membership might be increased; and whether regional meetings should be held during the war period when A.C.R.L. conferences are suspended.

The Libraries of Teacher-Training Institutions Section has a committee at work on extension courses in the training of teacher librarians. The Reference Tools Committee of the Reference Librarians Section has been continued. Ten projects were selected by the committee for immediate attention and others will be added, though most of them must wait for normal times for completion. This section elected as new officers for 1944-45, Herbert F. Ricard, Queens Borough Public Library, chairman, and Elizabeth Bond, Minneapolis Public Library, secretary.

The officers of the Junior College Li-

libraries Section are planning to issue a newsletter next year. A directory of the Engineering School Libraries Section has been issued under the direction of Brother Aurelian Thomas, who is serving as acting chairman as well as secretary of the section during the absence of Harold Lancour, who is on military leave.

#### *Committees*

*The A.C.R.L. Committee on Wartime Activities.* The major work of this committee is shown in three publications on "College Training and the War," issued in *Libraries and the War*, for Jan. 19, 1943, July 10, 1943, and Nov. 20, 1943. This series ceased when grants from the Carnegie Corporation for wartime activities were discontinued. Notes on wartime activities in college and university libraries are now appearing in the *Library Journal*. A comprehensive review of these activities was prepared by Phillips Temple, a member of the committee, and published in *College and Research Libraries* for December 1943.

The most important work of the committee during 1943-44 concerned negotiations with the Army and Navy for allotments covering library costs in connection with the Army and Navy specialized training programs. These negotiations formed the basis of a very helpful report which was sent to librarians of colleges and universities with service contacts. A complete report on the contributions to the war effort of college, university, and research libraries will have to wait, however, until after the war. William H. Carlson, of the University of Washington, has been appointed chairman of a subcommittee which is giving special attention to postwar planning. This committee is under the general direction of the A.L.A. Committee on Postwar Planning and the A.C.R.L. Committee on Wartime Activities, Charles H. Brown of Iowa State College, chairman.

*Committee on College and University Library Buildings.* Chairman Ralph E. Ellsworth reports that his committee has answered a number of inquiries during the year, ranging from specific questions concerning architects to more detailed analyses of library problems. The chairman is himself at work developing plans for the new library building of the State University of Iowa.

During the coming year the committee will work closely with Julian P. Boyd, of Princeton University, who has organized a series of meetings of librarians of universities planning buildings in the immediate postwar period. The purpose of these meetings will be to exchange ideas and information which might result in economies in planning and also in improved buildings and services in the libraries about to be erected.

*Periodicals Exchange Union.* The name of this committee has been changed to the Duplicate Exchange Union, and the procedures for exchanging materials revised. Donald E. Thompson, the chairman, sent a questionnaire to all members of the union in May calling attention to the changes in procedure. There are now seventy member libraries and several more are expected to join soon. According to replies received from a questionnaire sent out early in the year, the union is making itself indispensable.

#### *Proposed Amendments*

*Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.* The two proposed amendments to the constitution relating (1) to life members of the A.L.A. who wish to become life members of A.C.R.L.; and (2) to membership on the A.C.R.L. Board of Directors of its senior representatives on the A.L.A. Council, will be presented at the next annual meeting. The committee, which is headed by Samuel W. McAllister, University of Michigan, did not meet during the year.

*Finance*

The following is a report of the expenditures of the division for 1943 as submitted in the annual report of Mrs. Vera S. Cooper, treasurer:

|   | <i>Income</i> | <i>Actual</i>               |
|---|---------------|-----------------------------|
|   | <i>Budget</i> | <i>Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1943</i> |
| Balance, Jan. 1, 1943 .....                 | \$2118.78     | \$2118.78                   |
| Allotment from A.L.A. ....                  | 1500.00       | 1767.75                     |
| Additional section choices .....            |               | 2.00                        |
|   | <hr/>         | <hr/>                       |
|   | \$3618.78     | \$3888.53                   |
| <i>Expenditures</i>                         |               |                             |
| <i>College and Research Libraries</i> ..... | \$1125.00     | \$1125.00                   |
| Sectional expenses                          | 400.00        |                             |
| Agricultural .. ( 50.00)                    |               | 6.59                        |
| College libraries .. ( 50.00)               |               |                             |
| Engineering school .. ( 60.00)              |               |                             |
| Junior college. ( 30.00)                    |               | 12.13                       |
| Reference .... ( 50.00)                     |               | 35.28                       |
| Teacher-training institutions .. ( 30.00)   |               |                             |
| University ... ( 50.00)                     |               |                             |
| Committee expenses .....                    | 300.00        |                             |
| Periodical exchange .....                   |               | 6.14                        |
| Officers' expenses                          | 300.00        |                             |
| President .... ( 75.00)                     |               | 12.15                       |
| Secretary .... (150.00)                     |               | 119.20                      |
| Treasurer ... ( 75.00)                      |               | 4.67                        |
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|   | \$2125.00     | \$1321.16                   |
| Unallocated balance .....                   | \$1493.78     |                             |
| Contribution to American Standards          |               |                             |

Assn. for publishing *American Standard Reference Data and Arrangement of Periodicals* .....

15.00    1336.16

Balance on hand .. \$2552.37

The budget for 1944 has been approved by mail vote of the board and is outlined as follows:

|   | <i>Income</i> | <i>1944 Budget</i> |
|---|---------------|--------------------|
| Balance, Jan. 1, 1944 ....                    |               | \$2552.37          |
| A.L.A. allotment, Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 1943 ..... |               | 81.10              |
| Estimated allotment, A.L.A., 1944 .....       | 1500.00       |                    |
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| Total .....                                   |               | \$4133.47          |

| <i>Expenditures</i>                         |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| <i>College and Research Libraries</i> ..... | \$1200.00 |           |
| Section expenses .....                      | 330.00    |           |
| Agricultural libraries .. ( 50.00)          |           |           |
| College libraries .. ( 50.00)               |           |           |
| Engineering school libraries .. ( 50.00)    |           |           |
| Junior college libraries.. ( 50.00)         |           |           |
| Reference librarians ... ( 50.00)           |           |           |
| Teacher-training institutions .. ( 30.00)   |           |           |
| University libraries .... ( 50.00)          |           |           |
| Committee expenses .....                    | 265.00    |           |
| President's office .....                    | 35.00     |           |
| Secretary's office .....                    | 150.00    |           |
| Treasurer's office .....                    | 20.00     |           |
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| Total .....                                 |           | \$2000.00 |

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A.C.R.L., 1941-44