

# Personnel

WITH the retirement of Charles W. Smith as librarian of the University of Washington on September 1, the Pacific Northwest loses another of its library pioneers. Mr. Smith came to the university as assistant librarian on his graduation from the University of Illinois Library School in 1905. He is this year completing forty-two years of continuous service to the university. In 1913 he was made associate librarian and



Charles W. Smith

associate professor of library economy. In 1926 he was given a full professorship and in 1929 after the retirement of the late W. E. Henry he was appointed librarian.

The board of regents has approved the appointment of Mr. Smith as professor and librarian emeritus and bibliographic consultant.

Few men have had so long and so intimate an association with the development of a great research library as has Mr. Smith. When he came to Washington in 1905 the library contained approximately twenty thousand volumes. On his retirement he leaves a well-rounded collection of more than six hundred thousand volumes. By every instinct a bibliographer and a scholar, Mr. Smith has

played a vital role in the development of the university library and the services it renders. In 1923 he was sent to Europe by the university on a buying trip, which resulted in the completion of important sets and the acquisition of over nineteen thousand separate items.

A charter member of the Pacific Northwest Library Association, Mr. Smith holds the unique record of having served as chairman of the committee on bibliography continuously since its inception, except for the year he was president of the association. Under his leadership the committee on bibliography has brought to successful completion a number of cooperative ventures, the last of which was the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center. It was largely due to Charles Smith's vision and enthusiasm that a workable plan for a bibliographic center was perfected and a \$35,000 grant was secured from the Carnegie Corporation of New York. From this grant in 1940 the committee on bibliography under Mr. Smith's leadership and direction has developed a functioning project, soundly managed and soundly financed, which is playing an important role in the furtherance of scholarship in the Pacific Northwest.

Mr. Smith has found time for active membership in a number of organizations including the American Historical Society and the Bibliographic Society of America. He has contributed frequently to scholarly publications, and his *Checklist of Books and Pamphlets Relating to the History of the Pacific Northwest*, the second edition of which has long been out-of-print, is still considered the basic reference tool in this field.

Forty-two years of unstinted, untiring service of the sort given the University of Washington by Charles W. Smith is incalculable and cannot be measured. The university community appreciates his contribution, however, and has long held him in high esteem. He is affectionately known as "Booky" Smith by his colleagues on the campus. It is worthy of note that Mr. Smith has selected and trained his successor, Harry C. Bauer, who becomes director of libraries on September 1. Librarians in the Pacific North-

west congratulate Charles W. Smith on his splendid record of achievement and hope that they will have his friendly counsel for years to come.—*John S. Richards.*

DR. William M. Randall, for a dozen or more years a member of the faculty of the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago, on June 1, 1947, became director of libraries of the University of Georgia, succeeding Ralph H. Parker.

Dr. Randall returns to the ranks of uni-



*Dr. William M. Randall*

versity library administrators with a rich and distinctive experience as librarian, teacher, editor, author, library consultant, and member of the armed services. He began his connection with libraries as student assistant and senior classifier at the University of Michigan Library from 1920 to 1925. During the period he received the degrees of A.B. (1922) and A.M. (1924) from the university. From Michigan he went to Hartford, Conn., where he became instructor in phonetics and general linguistics, Kennedy School of Missions, and curator of the Ananikian Collection of Arabic Manuscripts of the Hartford Seminary Foundation. He received his doctorate, *summa cum laude*, from the seminary in 1929.

From January to June 1928 Dr. Randall was associated with William Warner Bishop, J. C. M. Hanson, and Charles Martel in

initiating the recataloging of the Vatican Library in Rome. In October of 1929 he joined the staff of the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago as associate professor.

At Chicago Dr. Randall served in various capacities, his principal activities as teacher being in the fields of classification and cataloging and college library administration. He became the first editor of the *Library Quarterly* in 1931, which position he held until he entered the United States Army in 1942. He was made professor in 1931 and served as assistant dean of students of the university, 1938-42.

From 1929 to 1931 Dr. Randall was employed by the Carnegie Corporation of New York as consultant for the Advisory Group on College Libraries, of which Dr. Bishop was chairman. In that capacity he visited the libraries of two hundred or more liberal arts colleges and gained firsthand information concerning the status and administration of that type of library. *The College Library* (1932) and *Principles of College Library Administration* (with F. L. D. Goodrich, 1936), grew out of that experience and his study of college administration in general. In 1939 he directed the institute of the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago devoted to the consideration of the problems of acquiring and cataloging materials and edited the volume of papers presented at the institute under the title, *The Acquisition and Cataloging of Books* (1940).

During his stay at the University of Chicago Dr. Randall was a student of the Middle East and spent considerable time visiting the libraries of that region. Prior to the war, he also engaged in the study of cryptography and, at the beginning of the war, was requested by the Army to enter the service because of his knowledge of Arabic and of the Middle Eastern countries. He entered the Army in 1942 as a major and served as follows: 1942, liaison officer, Air Transport Command, R.A.F., in Cairo; later in charge of Political and Economic Intelligence, G-2, U.S. Army Forces, Middle East (until June 1943); attached to Joint Intelligence Agency, Middle East (War Intelligence), Cairo, June 1943-April 1944; attached to Intelligence, North African Division, Air Transport Command, Casablanca, Morocco, April 1944-April

1945; North Atlantic Division, April-October 1945.

Upon leaving the service, Dr. Randall became manager of the Library Division of Snead & Company, with headquarters at Orange, Va., and in August 1946 became vice president of the Angus Snead Macdonald Corporation.—*Louis R. Wilson.*

**E**LMER MÖRI GRIEDER, who became librarian of West Virginia University on July 1, is a native of Iowa and a graduate of the University of Dubuque. From 1930 to 1935 he taught at the La Porte City High School and at the University of Dubuque summer school.



*Elmer Möri Grieder*

In 1936, after receiving a library degree from Columbia and working in the New York Public Library as a temporary assistant in the economics division, he went to the Detroit Public Library as a junior assistant. Thence, in February 1938, he came to Harvard as assistant librarian in the Graduate School of Public Administration. He returned to this position in January 1946 after nearly three years of service in the Army, chiefly in New Guinea and the Philippines. From October 1946 until he resigned to go to West Virginia, he worked as assistant to the director of the Harvard University Library, concerning himself particularly with plans for the new

undergraduate library which is now under construction.

He has served as president of the Harvard Library Club and has been an active member of S.L.A. and A.L.A. Some idea of his accomplishments is suggested by articles he contributed to *Special Libraries*, *Harvard University Library Notes*, and *Papers & Proceedings* of the National Association of State Libraries.

The Library of the Harvard Graduate School of Public Administration (Littauer Center) consisted of a few hundred volumes in seminar collections when Mr. Grieder came to Harvard, and the Littauer Building, which now houses it, was not opened until a year after his arrival. By the middle of 1947, the new library had grown to more than 130,000 volumes and pamphlets. Mr. Grieder helped to plan and directly supervised the building up of an institution which not only serves its own graduate school but also functions as a document center for the university as a whole. It should be noted that, while his title was "assistant librarian," there was never any librarian of the Graduate School of Public Administration, and Mr. Grieder was responsible directly to his faculty and to the director of the university library.—*Edwin E. Williams.*

**T**HE Board of Regents of the University of Washington has announced the appointment, effective Sept. 1, 1947, of Harry C. Bauer as director of libraries and professor of librarianship. Bauer succeeds Charles W. Smith, librarian, who is retiring after forty-two years continuous service on the faculty of the university.

Mr. Bauer, a graduate of the St. Louis Library School (1931), was born and reared in St. Louis. He attended the University of Missouri from 1921 to 1923 and later transferred to Washington University (St. Louis) where he received the A.B. degree in 1927 and the M.S. degree (physics) in 1929. It was here he was elected to Sigma Xi.

Bauer became interested in librarianship following a number of years as a part-time student assistant in the St. Louis Public Library during his high school days. His first professional appointment came in 1929 as an assistant in the applied science depart-

ment of that institution. In 1931 he moved to the University of Missouri Library where he was appointed chief of the circulation department.

A new field opened for Bauer with the important library development in the Tennessee Valley Authority when, in March 1934, he was invited to organize and administer the technical library system of that project. While with the T.V.A. Mr. Bauer collaborated with Mrs. Lucile Keck and Mrs. I. E. Dority in editing the second edition of



Harry C. Bauer

*Public Administration Libraries: A Manual of Practice*, published by Public Administration Service in 1941. He also served on the board of directors of Special Libraries Association from 1940 until April 1942 when he departed from the T.V.A. on military leave to accept a commission as a captain in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was also active in the credit union movement, serving as treasurer-manager of a T.V.A. credit union and as president of the Tennessee Credit Union League in 1941-42.

Harry Bauer's record in the Army Air Corps is a distinguished one. Upon completing courses at the officer's training school at Miami Beach, Fla., and the combat intelligence school at Harrisburg, Pa., he was assigned to the 98th Bombardment Group and sent to the Middle East. In 1943 he

was promoted to major and two years later in 1945, after thirty-three months continuous overseas service in this area, Africa, and Italy, he returned with his group to the United States. Major Bauer was awarded the Bronze Star, the Air Medal, and the Purple Heart. Now on inactive duty, he is a lieutenant colonel in the Reserve Corps.

At the University of Washington Bauer is also a member of the faculty of the school of librarianship, teaching courses in administration. He is active in civic affairs, being a member of the mayor's committee on salacious literature. This committee's report received considerable notice when it was published in the July 12, 1947, *Saturday Review of Literature*. He is a member of the Seattle Municipal League and the University Kiwanis Club. He is a contributor to professional periodicals, holds membership in the organizations of the library field, and was the president of the Puget Sound Chapter of the Special Libraries Association for 1946-47.

Mr. Bauer is interested in the furthering of the diffusion of knowledge. Toward this end he has devoted much of his time to winning the confidence of students and faculty and to other aspects of public relations which might result in much greater use of university library facilities than is now generally made in colleges and universities in this country. His appointment by the Board of Regents of the University of Washington is recognition of the high esteem in which Bauer is held in academic and library circles. The university is fortunate in securing one who not only has high standards and a fine record of achievement, but whose judgment, sense of proportion, and understanding of people—as demonstrated in his associations within and without the profession—will continue to bring credit to librarians.—*Robert L. Gitler.*

THE University of Missouri recently announced the appointment of Ralph Halstead Parker as librarian. Dr. Parker was director of libraries at the University of Georgia and takes to his new assignment a broad understanding of library objectives in higher education and a varied experience in library administration. Essentially a teacher at heart, his ability as a librarian



*Ralph Halstead Parker*

is peculiarly well-suited to the opportunities for library development at the University of Missouri. He replaces Benjamin E. Powell who is now librarian of Duke University.

A native of Texas, Dr. Parker attended the University of Texas where he earned successively his bachelor's, master's, and doctor's degrees, majoring in the field of Latin American history. Subsequently in 1936-37 he attended the University of Chicago Graduate Library School on a fellowship which enabled him to follow a special program of study on college and university administrative problems. A student assistantship in the University of Texas Library established a career interest which led ultimately to his appointment in 1930 as loan librarian at his alma mater. Following his study at the University of Chicago, he was librarian of Pomona College, Claremont, Calif., and in 1940 he assumed the duties of director of libraries at the University of Georgia.

The A.L.A. survey of the University of Georgia Library system created opportunities which Dr. Parker made wise use of to effect a reorganization, sound in principle and appropriate in detail. He was particularly concerned with the consolidation of scattered resources and the development of a modern central catalog. Through the generosity of the general education board he was able to

provide for the reclassification and recataloging of the collection. In cooperation with college and university libraries in the Atlanta-Athens area, he took an active part in initiating the university center. While at the University of Georgia, Dr. Parker devoted much of his time to a study of library building requirements and to planning for the Ila Dunlap Little Memorial Library.

Soon after war was declared Dr. Parker entered military service and rose from the rank of private to that of captain. After completing officer's candidate school, he was assigned to the office of the Adjutant General in Washington because of his knowledge of International Business Machines acquired through his adaptation of the I.B.M. system to University of Georgia Library records.

Dr. Parker has been active in state and national library organizations, exerting his leadership in offices of state associations and through committee work in A.L.A. He has been a member of the A.L.A. Committee on Library Administration, 1936-37, the Board on Resources of American Libraries, 1940-47, and is chairman of the Committee on Library Equipment and Appliances. Until recently he was a member of the Tennessee Valley Library Council and was concerned with establishment of the Southeastern States Regional Library Survey.—*Wayne S. Yena-wine.*

**R**ICHARD H. LOGSDON, recently assistant director of the Veterans Administration Library Services, became assistant director in charge of technical services for the Libraries of Columbia University on September 1. Mr. Logdson has had an unusually successful career as a librarian and will contribute a large share to the success of the fine staff being assembled at Columbia.

Particularly interested in education, he has been able to combine library administration and teaching in several positions which he has held. After graduation from Western Reserve University in 1934 he went to Adams State Teachers College as librarian and instructor in library science. After taking time out to acquire a Ph.D. at the University of Chicago, he went to Madison College as librarian and associate professor in library science in 1939 just prior to completion of

the new Madison Memorial Library. In this position he was responsible for developing and expanding the services of the library and was particularly successful through participation in the work of faculty and student committees in achieving integration of the library program with the over-all program of the college. In addition to normal services, the library assumed responsibility during his administration for supervision of the regional audio-visual center sponsored by the state department of education. This center supplied films, records, and slides not only to the college but to schools in the area.

Four years later, in 1943, he was appointed head of the Library Service Department at the University of Kentucky. Taking military leave from this position in 1944, Logsdon's interest in education and training was wisely used by the U.S. Navy when he was attached to the Bureau of Naval Personnel Training Division during his period of active duty. In this capacity he assisted in the preparation of curricula for naval training schools and was a member of the board of review for training films and other training aids.

Following service in the Navy he became librarian of the U.S. Office of Education where he carried through a reorganization of the library as part of the commissioner's plan to improve the services of the Office of Education.

In February 1947 Logsdon came to the Veterans Administration as assistant director of library service. He has done outstanding work in helping to develop policies and procedures necessary to carry out the consolidation and development of library service in this organization.

Interested in the development of the profession of librarianship, he has been an active participant in important committee work of the various professional organizations. He has been chairman of the Publications Committee of A.C.R.L. since 1946; a member of the Board of Education for Librarianship of the A.L.A. since 1946; a member of the Fourth Activities Committee of A.L.A. since 1946; and president of the Library Education Division since June 1947.

Firmly convinced that good training coupled with sound administration supervision is the answer to successful library operation, Logs-



*Richard H. Logsdon*

don has displayed clear thinking, a knowledge of sound basic principles, and the ability to make full use of his great energy in the solution of problems.

The loss of his services to the Veterans Administration program is a serious one but it is expected that the addition of his abilities to the staff at Columbia will be a benefit to the profession as a whole.—*Francis R. St. John.*

**M**AURICE F. TAUBER, since 1944 assistant director of libraries in charge of technical services in the Columbia University Libraries, added his full strength to the faculty of library service beginning September 1. He came to Columbia with the understanding that, after a further period of practical experience, he would transfer full time to the school. In the meantime, he served the school in a part-time capacity first as assistant professor and since July 1, 1946, as associate professor.

It is seldom given to a librarian to conduct a survey and then have the opportunity to put his suggestions for improvement into effect, but that briefly has been the experience of Maurice Tauber with the Columbia University Libraries. With L. Quincy Mumford, he surveyed the technical operations of the university libraries in 1943-44. At the end



Maurice F. Tauber

of that year he came to the position he has just relinquished and has spent his time since then translating his proposals into action. His task in the new position, the scope of which he helped to define, was to coordinate all of the "technical services" (acquisitions, cataloging and classification, binding, and photography) and to smooth out and simplify the various operations in this sector.

Among specific accomplishments by his staff he can look back upon the following: elimination of overlapping and waste motion in a number of library routines; simplification of cataloging and of the billing procedures for acquisitions and photography; greater centralization of acquisitions work; clearer separation of homogeneous duties for the purpose of utilizing staff members of different levels of preparation. These and related accomplishments contributed their part toward such striking changes in statistics as the following (figures are for 1944 and 1947 respectively): volumes cataloged, 38,008 to 58,442; orders placed, 11,232 to 26,787; exchanges received, 1,655 to 11,783; gifts received, 17,820 to 41,870; serials checked, 27,907 to 59,075; pamphlets bound, 8,353 to 12,671. Photographic income rose from \$8,799.48 to \$15,286.39.

In securing these results he has shown a steady sense of direction, the capacity to

tunnel through mountains of details, noiseless but vigorous powers of leadership, and antennae sensitive to the point of view of others.

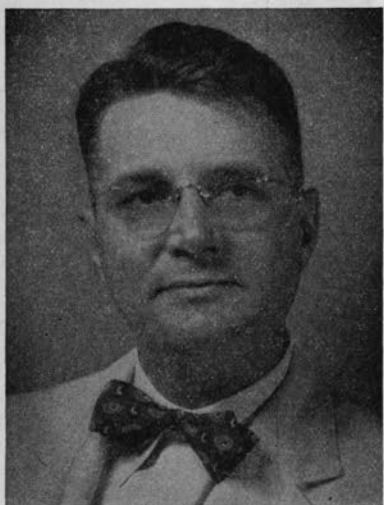
An indefatigable worker, Dr. Tauber has squeezed a variety of special assignments into his schedule. He has been a consultant on problems of the technical services at Vassar College Library, the University of Vermont Library, and the New York State Library. He is co-author with Louis Round Wilson of *The University Library* and, with Dr. Wilson, surveyed the University of South Carolina Library in 1946. He served on the committee appointed by the Librarian of Congress to study the principles of descriptive cataloging. Since September 1945 he has been an energetic managing editor of *College and Research Libraries*. He was recently elected vice president of the Division of Cataloging and Classification of the American Library Association. Beginning this month he will join Louis Round Wilson and Robert Bingham Downs in a survey of the Cornell University Libraries. With practical library experience to his credit in three universities and with his extensive experience in surveys, he can be said to have become one of our leading authorities in that important sphere of library work behind the scenes which at Columbia is referred to as the technical services.—Carl M. White.

ON September 15 Alfred Harris Rawlinson became librarian and head of the department of library science at the University of South Carolina. His new position brings him back to his adopted state after a year and a half as librarian of Centre College, Danville, Ky. Before going to Centre College, Mr. Rawlinson had been, at various times, reference librarian and cataloger in the Richland County Public Library, Columbia, S.C.; assistant professor in the Emory University Library School; regional librarian of the Murray, Ky., State Teachers College, and executive secretary of the Arkansas State Library Commission.

A missionary's son, Mr. Rawlinson grew up in China, where his father edited the *Chinese Recorder* and the *China Mission Year Book*. He holds an A.B. from Bucknell, a library degree from Emory, and an M.A. from the University of South Carolina. Dur-

ing the war years he was secretary of the Southeastern Library Association and he has held other offices in state library associations.

To his new position Mr. Rawlinson brings a thorough understanding of South Carolina, the university, and the university libraries. He finds them expanding more rapidly than at any previous period of their history and undergoing reorganization following the survey made by Wilson and Tauber in 1946. South Carolina librarians and the chess play-



*Alfred Harris Rawlinson*

ers of Columbia will welcome his return for opposite reasons. The librarians know and appreciate his good humor and friendliness, the chess players his cold, calculating ferocity. —*John VanMale.*

**C**HARLOTTE A. BAKER, one of the "old guard" of land-grant college librarians, died at Fort Collins, Colo., on June 22, 1947, five weeks after her eightieth birthday.

From the summer of 1900 when she became librarian of New Mexico Agricultural College to 1936 when she retired as librarian emeritus of Colorado State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, she was active not only in college work but in what she considered a real function of the land-grant college libraries, the promotion of libraries in the small towns typical of the rural areas.



*Charlotte A. Baker*

Miss Baker came to Colorado in the fall of 1893 for her health and entered the training class of the Denver Public Library in the fall of 1894. Later she worked in the cataloging department there. Then in the summer of 1900 she accepted a position as librarian of New Mexico Agricultural College, where as she expressed it:

As librarian I was supposed to manage the library and do anything else that seemed useful. I rang the bell for the change of classes, but forgot so often that the work was turned over to a student. Then I sold stationery for the community, ran a local mail distributing center, helped stage college entertainments, all for the munificent sum of fifty dollars a month.

In 1906 she returned to Colorado as assistant librarian of the Colorado State Agricultural College working under the brilliant Joseph F. Daniels, who later as head of the Public Library and Riverside Library School, Riverside, Calif., is so well-remembered by public librarians. In 1910 she became librarian and served in that position until she retired in 1936.

Important in the story of the development of land-grant college functions was the little-known survey made by a committee of the Agricultural Libraries Section of the A.L.A., and published by mimeographing at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Library in 1922.



Miss Baker was the chairman of this committee, of which the other active member in planning was Lucy May Lewis, librarian of Oregon State College. Overshadowed by the very thorough report by Charles H. Brown on libraries in the 1930 survey of land-grant colleges issued by the U.S. Office of Education, it nevertheless did set out for the first time some of the characteristics of the land-grant college library and some of the peculiarities of its organization and needs.

Miss Baker's administrative ability, together with her sense of values, made the library of Colorado "Aggies" one of the well-known smaller land-grant collections, but she will be long remembered by both faculty and students more for the vitality of her personal contacts with people. Yet it is for the promotion of the small libraries of Colorado, and the training of librarians for those collections, that she will be longest remembered. These activities were reflected in her service as secretary of the Colorado State Library Commission from 1913 to 1919, as editor of *Occasional Leaflets* and the *Colorado Libraries* for the Colorado Library Association from 1913 to 1922, and as principal of the summer library school of the Colorado State Agricultural College from 1918 through 1932.

In 1940 Miss Baker was awarded one of the first of the "Distinguished Service" awards of the Colorado Library Association for her work in the promotion of public libraries. At the request of friends and former students the Library of Colorado A. & M. College is establishing a Charlotte A. Baker Memorial Collection to be made up of the type of book that she would have delighted to introduce to students who were just coming to know the joys of reading.—  
*James G. Hodgson.*

**H**AROLD LANCOUR has become assistant director of the University of Illinois Library School, replacing Lewis F. Stieg. He began his new duties Sept. 1, 1947.

Mr. Lancour has had a varied experience since his graduation from Columbia library school in 1936. His introduction to library work was gained in the University of Washington Library. After serving in several posts in the New York Public Library Reference Division, he spent several months

in the Tremont Branch Library. His professional career since that time has all been in one institution, but one in which there is a unique combination of college, public, and special library functions. In 1937 he went to the Cooper Union as head of the museum library, at that time one of five separate libraries in that institution. In 1940 he became head librarian and was given the task



*Harold Lancour*

of reorganizing and consolidating the whole library system. The library Mr. Lancour leaves to his successor is a lively and vital organization of several departmental libraries under a strong central organization. The increased professional services provided by the reorganized library called for increased staff and financial support. Since 1939 the Cooper Union Library staff has grown from five librarians with a budget of \$29,000 to eleven professional librarians, all with faculty status, twenty-two clericals, and an operating budget of \$75,000.

While Mr. Lancour's professional interests are in the practical problems of administration, most of his leisure-time activities are bibliographical. His first published bibliography on early immigrant passenger lists went through two editions in one year, and his checklist of American art auction catalogs is the standard work in this field. The acquisitive instincts of the collector are ex-

ressed in his shelf of examples of fine printing of the sixteenth century. As an active member of the Grolier Club of New York and the American Antiquarian Society, he has found congenial associations for these interests.

Mr. Lancour was one of the founders of the Engineering School Libraries Section of the Association of College and Reference Libraries and chairman of the section from 1941 to 1946. He is now its representative on the A.C.R.L. Board of Directors. In the American Association for Engineering Education he helped originate, and since 1941, has served on its national committee on libraries.

During the war Mr. Lancour was an instructor in the now famous school for Army librarians which operated during 1944 and 1945 in Paris and later in Oberammergau. With LeRoy C. Merritt at the University of California and Herbert Goldhor at the University of Illinois, he is the third of the faculty of that school to become actively engaged in education for librarianship.

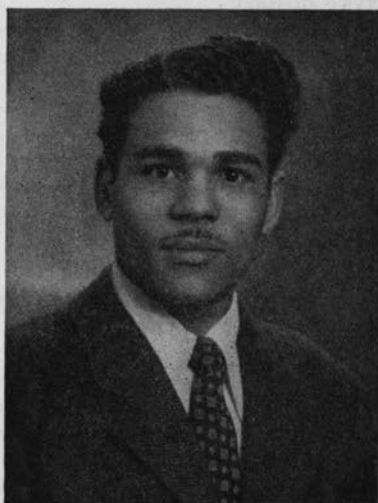
Mr. Lancour secured his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Columbia School of Library Service and has just completed the work for his doctor's degree in education at Columbia Teachers College.—*B.C.H.*

**J**UAN SUÁREZ-MORALES, formerly assistant librarian in charge of circulation at the University of Puerto Rico in Rio Piedras, assumed the librarianship of the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts in Mayagüez, P.R., on Aug. 1, 1947.

Mr. Suárez has risen rapidly in the profession since he began his career as a student assistant in the University of Puerto Rico Library in 1943. Upon his graduation with an A.B. degree in 1944, he served as a library assistant in the circulation department of the university library for a year, after which he was given a *stipendium* for a year's study in the Syracuse University School of Library

Science. In 1946 he was appointed assistant librarian in charge of circulation at the University of Puerto Rico.

Mr. Suárez will bring to his new post an intimate knowledge of the needs of Puerto Rican students from a service standpoint. His ability to apply this knowledge has been demonstrated on innumerable occasions in the solution of difficult problems presented to the public service department of a bilingual, half Latin American, half North American university library. In addition to his administrative competence, Mr. Suárez maintains an active interest in the broad social problems of the island, not the least of which is the institution



*Juan Suárez-Morales*

of an efficient library system which will reach every *bohío* in the hills. Puerto Rican librarianship as a whole has been immeasurably strengthened by this appointment of Juan Suárez-Morales.—*Lawrence S. Thompson*

## Appointments

Janet Agnew, librarian of Sweet Briar College, has been appointed to the librarianship of Bryn Mawr College. During the past summer she has been a member of the library school faculty at North Carolina.

Ernest L. Hettich has been appointed di-

rector of libraries of New York University. He has been acting director since 1945 in addition to his duties as full professor in the Washington Square College classics department.

Albert C. Gerould, deputy librarian of the

United Nations, has been named librarian of Clark University at Worcester, Mass.

David K. Berninghausen, director of the Phillips Library of Birmingham-Southern College, has been appointed librarian of the Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art in New York City.

Recent administrative appointments at the University of Denver include Carl W. Hamilton as librarian of the College of Business Administration, Mrs. Frances Hickey Schallow as librarian of the College of Law, Lyle Morey as head of the catalog department, Jane Gould as head of the purchasing department, Jane Pope as head of the serials department, and Margaret Hayes as chief of the service division.

Lee C. Brown, executive secretary and librarian of the American Merchant Marine Library Association, is now librarian of the Pennsylvania Military College at Chester.

William S. Budington has been appointed librarian of the Engineering Library of Columbia University. Since leaving the service he has received a degree in engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Barbara Hubbard, library staff member of Cornell University, is now chief of the readers' division of the Mt. Holyoke College Library.

Edith A. Wright, formerly reference librarian of the American Library in Paris, has become order and periodical librarian of the New Jersey College for Women.

Elizabeth Ives, of the Middlebury College Library, has been appointed assistant librarian of Elmira College.

Janet Dickson, order-catalog librarian of the Providence Public Library, has been appointed head cataloger of the State University of Iowa.

Lillian B. Goodhart, of the cataloging staff of the Yale University Law School Library, is now chief of the cataloging department of the New Jersey College for Women Library.

Dixon Wecter, chairman of the research group at the Huntington Library, has been appointed literary editor of the Mark Twain estate. The Mark Twain collection has been transferred from Harvard to Huntington on a long-term loan.

Evelyn Elliott, head of the catalog department at Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia, has become head of circulation of

the University of Washington Library at Seattle.

Louise Darling, recently returned from Army library service in the Pacific, has been made librarian of the newly-organized Biomedical Library of the University of California at Los Angeles.

Neal Harlow, formerly of the Bancroft Library of the University of California at Berkeley, is heading the new Department of Special Collections of the University of California Library at Los Angeles.

Dorothy B. Hammell, Brooklyn College Library, has been appointed librarian of the Education Library of the University of Southern California.

Emma Linton Holman, formerly of the extension division of the Virginia State Library, has been named librarian of Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, Va.

Henry E. Coleman, Jr., librarian of the George Avery Bunting Library, Washington College, Chestertown, Md., has been appointed librarian of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.

Donald C. Davidson has succeeded Katharine F. Ball as librarian of Santa Barbara College of the University of California.

The University of California at Berkeley has made the following appointments to administrative and specialist positions: Vincent H. Duckles as head of the Music Branch Library; Elizabeth Huff as head of the East Asiatic Library; Frances B. Jenkins as head of the newly-established science reference service; Myra B. Kolitsch as head of the library school library; Thomas B. Murray as stack supervisor; and Marion B. Allen, in charge of public relations.

Sidney B. Smith, who has been in residence at Chicago for the doctorate, has been appointed director of libraries at the University of Vermont.

Morrison C. Haviland, until recently acting head of the reserve book room of the University of California at Berkeley, has been appointed general assistant to the director of the Harvard College Library.

The University of California at Los Angeles has appointed Dumtry Krassovsky as bibliographic consultant in Slavic materials and Georgia Catey as librarian of the geology and physics libraries.

John Dulka, assistant reference librarian of

of the Milwaukee Public Library, has been appointed reference librarian at Milwaukee State Teachers College.

Edith Schumacher, head cataloger of the Pratt Institute Library, Brooklyn, has been appointed assistant librarian in charge of technical processes of the New York State Maritime Academy at Fort Schuyler.

Anne Coogan, formerly of the reference department of the Grosvenor Library, is now head reference and circulation librarian at Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh.

Bernard R. Berelson, assistant professor of library science at the University of Chicago, has been appointed dean of the Graduate Library School at the university. Frances Henne, at present an assistant professor, has been named associate dean and dean of students.

Olga M. Peterson, chief, Public Relations Office, A.L.A. Headquarters, has been appointed librarian of the University of St. Thomas, Houston, Tex., as of October the first.

## Retirements

Granville Meixell, who has been librarian of the Applied Science Libraries and later the Engineering Library of Columbia University since 1925 has retired.

Mrs. Elsie Howard Pine, assistant professor of library science and former acting librarian of Kansas State Teachers College at

Emporia, has retired after twenty-five years of service.

Abbie McFarland has retired as librarian of Mary Baldwin College at Staunton, Va.

Dr. E. C. L. Miller, director of libraries, and Florence McRae, librarian of the Medical College of Virginia, retired on January 1.

## Personnel Changes in Foreign Libraries

### POLAND

Polish libraries have suffered intensely, perhaps more than those of any other European nation, even Germany, as a result of the war. Quite aside from confiscation, plundering, and total destruction of many Polish libraries, the personnel situation was seriously aggravated by the fact that no less than 145 Polish librarians lost their lives during the war. As complete a list as possible was published in *Bibliotekarz*, XII (1945), 2-3, and XIII (1946), 137-39, 233. Dr. Adam Lewak, director of the university library in Warsaw who kindly supplied this information, states that of the 145 dead librarians, no less than 71 were executed. In 1939 there were some 1300 librarians and archivists in Poland.

### Krakau

Dr. Karol Piotrowicz, former director of the Library of the Polish Academy of Sciences died in Russia in 1940. Mrs. Suszytowa became director in 1945.

Dr. Marian Kukiel, formerly director of Prince Czartoryski's Library, has been in England since 1940. The present director is Dr. Karol Buczek.

### Posen

Dr. Andrzej Woytkowski, former director of Count Raczyński's Library, is now a professor and director of the university library in the University of Lublin. He was succeeded by Dr. Marian Rymarkiewicz. The library was partially destroyed by fire in 1944 and 1945.

### Łódź

A new university library is being organized under the directorship of Dr. Adam Łysakowski.

### Toruń

Dr. Z. Mocarski, who died in 1941, has been succeeded by Janina Przybyłowa as director of the Nicholas Copernicus Municipal Library.

### Breslau

Dr. Josef Deutsch surrendered the directorship of the Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek after the transfer of Silesia to Poland. The library itself was almost totally destroyed by fire during the last months of the war. In its stead a municipal library under the directorship of Dr. Antoni Knot is being established.

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## News from

### *Conferences and Curricula*

In June the Carnegie Corporation of New York granted \$250,000 for an experimental five-year program to develop four university study centers concerned with Latin America. The project will be developed jointly by the University of North Carolina, the University of Texas, Tulane, and Vanderbilt. The program is designed to make available comprehensive examinations of Latin America to teachers, businessmen, and government officials as well as to students. Each center will offer a fuller curriculum on Latin American subjects than has been possible in the past. Broader facilities for graduate work and an expansion of literary resources will be features of the program.

The McGregor Room in the Alderman Library of the University of Virginia served as a meeting place for four evening seminars in contemporary poetry and prose, sponsored by the school of English. William Butler Yeats, James Joyce, T. S. Eliot, and W. H. Auden were the subjects of the meetings. The McGregor Room also serves as the meeting place of the Bibliographical Society, centering in the University of Virginia and the Charlottesville community, but open to others who may be interested. The Washington Library Association sponsored a meeting concerned with the problems of public library administration at the twelfth annual institute on government held at the University of Washington in Seattle. "Library Service to Business and Government" and "The Bookmobile and Its Place in Library Extension" were the topics reviewed.

The first postwar regional library conference of representatives of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia will be held October 9-11 in Baltimore. The general theme will be "The Education of This Generation."

During June 4, 5, and 6 an in-service library institute was held on the campus of Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia. The program was sponsored jointly by the Kansas Library Association and the Kansas

State Teachers College Library School. Representatives from practically every section of the state attended. After a general session the institute was divided into two discussion groups: one, concerned with young people's reading and school library problems, the other with library extension on a state-wide basis and with public relations as affecting the service of public libraries.

In May, at the invitation of the Colorado Library Association, twenty-five librarians met in Denver to discuss the possibility of forming a Mountain-Plains Library Association. Those attending the meeting represented eight neighboring states. Three of the states represented now participate in the Pacific Northwest Library Association or the Southwest Library Association, so it was the librarians of the five remaining states who had more than an academic interest in combining into a regional group. It was decided that the first regional conference would meet in 1948. With assurance of support from interested librarians, a three-day meeting is planned and an attendance of two or three hundred expected. Ralph T. Esterquest, University of Denver Libraries, has been appointed chairman of the Mountain-Plains Library Conference Planning Committee.

The thirty-fourth annual Conference of Eastern College Librarians will meet at Columbia University on Saturday, Nov. 29, 1947.

### *Gifts and Collections*

The Western Historical Manuscripts Collection of the University of Missouri recently acquired the Senatorial and Vice Presidential Papers of Harry S. Truman covering the years 1934-45. Other recent acquisitions include the papers of Ralph E. Lozier, congressman from Missouri, 1918-35, and the memoirs of Thomas E. Breckenridge, a companion of John C. Fremont on two of his expeditions. The debates and proceedings of the Missouri Constitutional Convention held in Jefferson City, Mo., during December and January 1845-46 have also been acquired.

The Alderman Library of the University

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of Virginia has recently received a collection of manuscripts, notebooks, scrapbooks, and miscellaneous papers belonging to the late Senator William Cabell Bruce. As a charter day gift, Dr. and Mrs. John W. Price, Jr., of Louisville, Ky., presented the College of William and Mary with a collection of papers and correspondence formerly preserved at the Skipwith family seat, "Prestwould," Mecklenburg County, Va. The collection contains approximately 6500 pieces covering the years 1762-1890. Included in the gift was a series of approximately sixty letters exchanged between William and Peyton Short during the period, 1781-1824.

In May, Columbia University acquired the world's outstanding collection of Spinoza's works and associated material. This collection, which represents the combined lifework of two noted Spinoza scholars, was integrated by Mr. Oko in 1935 after the death of Mr. Gebhardt, who was the foremost German scholar on Spinoza. Mr. Oko, who was born in Russia and educated in Berlin, came to the United States at the age of twenty. He began his collection when he was fifteen. He died in this country in 1944 while approaching completion of a definitive bibliography on Spinoza. The gift to Columbia includes one volume signed by Spinoza which was a part of the philosopher's personal library. The signature may be the only one extant. The collection also includes seventeen of the seventeenth-century editions of Spinoza's works. An original manuscript of a work on Spinoza by Sir Frederick Pollock, noted British scholar, is one of the items.

The University of Southern California recently acquired the George Barr McCutcheon collection of James Whitcomb Riley. A nearly complete Riley collection is furnished by the 170 items.

Northwestern University Library has received a valuable collection of fourteen incunabula from the Royal Library in Copenhagen. The work of thirteen different printing presses is represented. The oldest book in the collection, *Scriptores historiae Augustae*, was printed by Philippus de Lavagna

in Milan in 1475. Other titles included are Antoninus Florentinus's *Confessionale*, 1490; the *Biblia Latina*, Venezia, 1489; Cicero and Plinius II's *Epistulae Selectae*, 1500; and Henricus de Gorichemus's *Conclusiones super IV libros sententiarum*, c. 1488.

With the establishment of a School of Medicine on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California, plans have been made to build a biomedical library which will serve the new school and the graduate life sciences fields. The library will eventually be located in its own building which will be centrally located in the biomedical group and in proximity to the campus's general library. The new buildings are expected to be completed in 1950. Until that time the biomedical library will be housed in a temporary building on the campus. Louise Darling has been appointed to the biomedical librarianship.

A department of special collections has been established in the Library of the University of California at Los Angeles. This collection will be administered by Neal Harlow and will embrace rare books, manuscripts, archives, maps, music, and photography.

**Surveys** A survey of the Cornell University Libraries will be made this month by a staff composed of Louis R. Wilson, chairman, Robert B. Downs, and Maurice F. Tauber. The survey has been approved by the Board of Trustees of Cornell at the request of Stephen A. McCarthy, director of libraries.

**Microfilms** The American Council of Learned Societies announced earlier this year that work has been completed on more than half of the files of the nineteenth-century Negro newspapers being microfilmed by the Committee on Negro Studies of the American Council of Learned Societies. Positive microcopies of the films are now available for purchase by libraries and educational institutions. Order lists and information on the Negro Microfilm Series may be obtained from the Committee, 1219 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

The United States Department of State has issued *Making the Peace Treaties, 1941-1947*, which is a history of the making of the peace beginning with the Atlantic Charter, the Yalta and Potsdam Conferences, and culminating in the drafting of peace treaties with Italy, Bulgaria, Hungary, Rumania, and Finland. Clara L. Guthrie and Dorothy M. Cooper, of the University of Washington Library, have prepared a three-page annotated bibliography concerning atomic energy and its implications entitled "The Age of the Atom."

The Milwaukee Public Library, Richard E. Krug, librarian, has issued a *Procedure Manual*, which is to serve as an introduction to the library, as a training aid, as a guide to practice, and as a basis for uniform procedures in all departments and neighborhood libraries. The manual is well-organized, written in a clear style, and contains a detailed index.

"The Contribution of the Library to the Improvement of Instruction" is the title of a paper by William Stanley Hoole, director of libraries, University of Alabama, in *The Southern Association Quarterly*, vol. 9, p. 367-69, May 1947.

The United States Office of Education has issued a mimeographed publication, "Directory, Colleges and Universities Offering Graduate Courses Leading to Master's and Doctor's Degrees, 1940-1945." The number of degrees granted in the various institutions is included.

*Slidefilms and Motion Pictures—To Help Instructors* is the title of a new catalog listing selected visual teaching aids produced and distributed by the School Service Department of the Jam Handy Organization. Free copies of this catalog may be obtained by writing to the Jam Handy Organization, 2821 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit 11.

The Reference Department, Northwestern University Library, continues to publish in mimeographed form several useful bibliographies. One of these is "Recent Educational Literature; A Selected List of Recent Books and Articles in Periodicals Which Discuss Educational Aims and Curricular De-

velopments in American Colleges and Universities." Compiled by Eleanor F. Lewis, reference librarian at Northwestern, these annotated lists furnish an interesting bibliographical source for teachers, librarians, and laymen. A similar list is currently compiled by M. Helen Perkins, of the reference department, under the title, "Science Course in Higher Education." The Library of the University of Texas publishes a well-designed periodical titled *The Library Chronicle* edited by Joseph Jones, of the English department.

The Huntington Library, which in May received on a long-term loan Mark Twain materials from the Samuel L. Clemens estate, has published "Mark Twain: An Exhibition Selected Mainly from the Papers Belonging to the Samuel L. Clemens Estate." The hand list was prepared by Edwin H. Carpenter, Jr., with an introduction by Dixon Wecter, literary editor of the Mark Twain estate. The hand list, thirty-three pages in length, sells for 50¢.

The Princeton University Library has issued *College and University Library Statistics, 1919-20 to 1943-44*. The compilation is based upon lists which were started by James T. Gerould when he was at Minnesota and later at Princeton. Margaret C. Shields contributes a useful analysis of the statistics and considers such matters as the growth of book stocks on a geographical basis and the age and size of institutions in relation to their book stocks. Books and budgets as they relate to university population are also discussed.

Extra copies of the July supplement of *College and Research Libraries*, entitled *Essays in Honor of Charles Harvey Brown*, are available through the A.L.A. Headquarters Office, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago 11. The cost is \$1 per copy.

The July 1947 issue of the *Bulletin of the American Institute of Architects* contains a section on "The Library Building." Besides brief articles by C. B. Joeckel, A. S. MacDonald, and J. P. Jones, excerpts from comments and articles are included. A ten-page bibliography is appended.