

# News from the Field

## *Acquisitions, Gifts, Collections*

An unusually extensive collection of books illustrated and decorated by Rex Whistler has just been acquired by the University of California Library at Los Angeles. The seventy-four items comprise three quarters of the printed books and pamphlets decorated by the English artist, who was noted for his ability to capture the humor and color of the Georgians and Victorians in his illustrations for British publications. The untimely death of Rex Whistler during the war cut short the career of an artist who accomplished much and who would have certainly received even greater recognition had he survived the conflict. The collection contains all except three of the more desirable books listed by his brother Laurence in the Check-List published in 1948. Most of the items are in fine condition, and practically all are in their original dust wrappers.

The Library has also received a collection (193 items in 311 volumes) of the books published in the nineteenth century by the English publisher, William Pickering. The collection supplements the famous Sadleir Collection of nineteenth Century Fiction in an interesting way; for most of the publications of Pickering were editions of classical and English authors, finely printed and well edited, many of them for the first time, representing the best of literary and historical writings, from Chaucer to Edward Fitzgerald. Included are such rare and important items as the first Pickering publication, the Diamond Classic edition of Horace, 1820; Stothard's *Alphabet*, 1830, a large paper proof copy in wrappers; all of the Wreath Editions in fine copies; Blake's *Songs of Innocence*, 1839; as well as the seldom seen and much sought for Euclid *Elements*, 1847, printed in three brilliant colors, in addition to black, with symbols and diagrams throughout, "used instead of letters for the greater ease of learners." There is also a large paper edition of Lowndes' *Bibliographer's Manual*, 1834, bound in full leather, with a letter from the compiler to the publisher laid in. Pickering did more than any other single man to raise the standard of book production—of subject matter, typography, and binding—during the first half of the nineteenth century,

and this collection excellently illustrates his important contribution to English publishing.

The University of Pennsylvania Library recently acquired the official papers of Samuel Jackson Randall (1829-1890). Randall was a Democratic Representative to Congress from Philadelphia, from 1862 until his death. He was a leader of the Democratic minority during the Grant, Hayes, and Garfield-Arthur administrations and was Speaker of the House for the counting of the ballots of the Hayes-Tilden election. As a Pennsylvanian, he stood for a protective tariff which blocked further rise in his own party.

Also included are biographies of the other major figures of the period; Blaine, Reed, Carlisle, and Garfield have all been well done. Yet beyond the *DAB* article little is known about Randall. These papers, which arrived in fourteen large cases, cover the years 1844 to 1890 and deal primarily with his activities as a professional politician, although there is some personal material as well. At present the collection is being arranged and will soon be available for use.

The unpublished manuscripts of the great philosopher, mathematician, scientist, and historian, Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz (1646-1716), preserved in Hanover, Germany, will soon be available to scholars in this country. The University of Pennsylvania has received a grant-in-aid from the Rockefeller Foundation for the reproduction on microfilm of this invaluable treasure. The film will be deposited at the Library of the University, and interested scholars will be able to use there both this manuscript material and the most complete collection of printed works of and on Leibniz, in the possession of Dr. Paul Schrecker, professor of philosophy at the University. More than one hundred thousand handwritten pages will thus become accessible to the historians of philosophy, science, religion, diplomacy, international law, and many other fields. At the same time, a safeguard will be provided against future loss and deterioration of this irreplaceable monument. The State Library in Hanover, which Leibniz directed during forty years of his life, has kindly cooperated in this project.

Fondren Library of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, received one of the

first sets of microcards of the ten geophysical journals which were sponsored by the Society of Exploration Geophysicists and published by the Microcard Foundation. These cards are but part of the library which the Dallas Geophysical Society is helping build up at SMU. The project of microcarding these journals was conceived by Dr. Milton Dobrin of Magnolia Petroleum Company, author of *Introduction to Geophysical Prospecting*, while consulting with SMU librarians about needed library items. He interested the Dallas Geophysical Society and the Society of Exploration Geophysicists and finally carried the project through to completion.

Last April the Olivet Nazarene College Library, Kankakee, Illinois, purchased a large part of the library of what was Canterbury College, Danville, Indiana. It is expected that the processing of the new volumes will be completed during the academic year.

#### *Buildings*

Construction is in progress on a new library at North Central College, Naperville, Illinois, designed to house both the college library and the library of the Evangelical Theological Seminary. The building is expected to be occupied by the fall of 1954.

Preliminary plans for a new library building at Olivet Nazarene College Library, Kankakee, Illinois, have been drawn up and funds are now being raised with the hope that construction may start in the next two years.

Michigan State College, East Lansing, broke ground for its new library building on November 23.

#### *Miscellaneous*

"Man's Right to Knowledge and the Free Use Thereof" is the theme of the Columbia University Bicentennial to be celebrated in 1954. A traveling exhibit of twenty-six panels has been prepared and made available to libraries, and a booklet with commentary by Mark Van Doren and illustrated from the panels of a larger exhibit has been published.

The Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, held a special summer Workshop on "The Core of Education for Librarianship," August 10-14. The seventy participants, half of whom were library school faculty members, agreed unanimously that there is a common core in the education for li-

brarianship, and reached substantial agreement in the general areas of knowledge which the common core includes. A summary report of the deliberations will be made to all participants, and there is some possibility that it may receive general distribution.

In order to enable American scholars to learn more about the problems and developments of twentieth century Islam, and at the same time to provide opportunity for Moslem scholars to visit the United States and to discuss these problems with American scholars, the Library of Congress and Princeton University organized a conference last September. The gathering was known as the "Colloquium on Islamic Culture in Its Relation to the Contemporary World."

The 1953 "Books in Print," Index to the Publishers Trade List Annual, was edited this past summer in the library of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, by a new group headed by Herbert B. Anstaett, librarian, and by Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Cattell of the Science Press. The techniques used in this big publishing venture are described in an illustrated article in *Publishers' Weekly*, September 12, 1953. Both the project itself and the methods employed could have important implications for libraries.

Changes in several Texas institutions have affected undergraduate departments of library science. The Departments of Library Science at Stephen F. Austin State College, Nacogdoches, and at Texas Southern University, Houston, have been discontinued.

W. L. Williamson is writing his dissertation at the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago on William Frederick Poole and the library movement of the nineteenth century. Mr. Williamson will be grateful to anyone who will inform him of the whereabouts of any correspondence or other material useful for his purpose. He will particularly appreciate it if librarians with records extending back to 1894 will institute a search for Poole letters in their files.

#### *Publications*

Two new volumes of the 8th edition of *Gmelin's Handbook of Inorganic Chemistry*, edited by the Gmelin Institute, have been issued. *Sulfur*, System No. 9, Section A2, is a review and critical analysis of knowledge of the occurrence and technology of sulphur and sulphur compounds, of the col-

loidal chemistry of sulphur and of physiological phenomena caused by sulphur (1952, x, 450p., 76 graphs, \$35.30). *Sulfur*, System No. 9, Section B1, treats of the sulphur pyrites and oxides (1953, xi, 372p., 75 graphs, \$29.40). Published by the Verlag Chemie, GmbH., Weinheim/Bergstrasse, West Germany, these volumes are available in the United States through Walter J. Johnson, 125 E. 23rd Street, New York 3, and Stechert-Hafner, 31 E. 10th Street, New York 3.

William E. Harkins has prepared a *Bibliography of Slavic Folk Literature* (New York, King's Crown Press, 1953, 28p.).

Dartmouth College Library has issued Vol. 1, No. 1 (August, 1952) of *Recent Acquisitions* (semi-monthly, and monthly in July and August). This new list, which will contain news notes and lists of new titles, replaces "Dartmouth College Library News."

The Library of Congress has issued a *Checklist of Philippine Government Publications, 1950* (1953, 62p., 40¢, order from Card Division); 755 entries are included.

The Pocket Library of Great Art, developed with Harry N. Abrams, publisher of art books, contains an attractive first series of titles: Degas, El Greco, Toulouse-Lautrec, Cezanne, Dufy, Van Gogh, the French Impressionists, Rembrandt, Botticelli, Matisse, Renoir, and Utrillo (New York, Pocket Books, 1953). Each volume, with representative colored illustrations, is priced at 50¢.

*Bookman's Guide to Americana*, by J. Norman Heard (Washington, D.C., The Scarecrow Press, 1953, 496p., \$8.50) is designed as a reference tool for determining prevailing book prices of out-of-print titles relating to the American scene. The 6,666 titles included are taken from more than 200 catalogs circulated by 71 bookdealers located in every region and a majority of the states. The quotations are transcribed from catalogs issued between September, 1951 and May, 1953.

*The United States and Europe: A Bibliographical Survey of Thought Expressed in American and British Writings of 1951-1952*, by Helen F. Conover, has been issued by the Library of Congress, European Affairs Division, Reference Department (1953, 255p., \$1.75, order from Card Division). The publication includes 800 entries.

Roscoe M. Pierson, librarian, College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky., has prepared *A Preliminary Checklist of Lexington, Ky. Imprints, 1821-1850* (Charlottesville, Bibliographical Society of the University of Virginia, 1953, 154p., \$2 to nonmembers, \$1 to members of society).

The National Archives has issued Nos. 56-59 of its "Preliminary Archives." No. 56 is "Records of the Office of War Information," compiled by H. Stephen Helton; No. 57, "Records of the Federal Writers' Project, Works Projects Administration, 1935-1944," compiled by Katherine H. Davidson; No. 58, "Records of the United States Court of Claims," compiled by Gaiselle Kerner; No. 59, "Records of Certain Committees of the Senate Investigating the Disposal of Surplus Property, 1945-1948," compiled by G. P. Perros and T. L. Prince.

David C. Weber is the compiler of *The Research Services of the Harvard College Library* (Guide to the Harvard Libraries, No. 3, 1953, 39p.). The manual explains the facilities and services available to researchers at Harvard.

P. D. Record is editor of *Index to Theses Accepted for Higher Degrees in the Universities of Great Britain and Ireland*, Vol. 1, 1950-51 (London, Aslib, 1953, 157p.; 25s., 21s. to members).

M. Ruth MacDonald has prepared an excellent summary of "Cataloging at the Armed Forces Medical Library, 1945-1952," in the June, 1953, issue of the *Journal of Cataloging and Classification*. In this same issue Alex Ladenson reports on "A Study of the Performance Record of the LC Card Division."

Lucien Romier's *A History of France*, translated and completed by A. L. Rowse (1953, 487p., \$6.50), is published by St. Martin's Press, 103 Park Ave., New York 17. Romier's book was previously published in France as *L'Ancienne France*, but stopped short of 1789. He left a typescript continuing to 1885 when he died in 1944. Professor Rowse has added this part in his translation, and included a supplement of his own.

*Review and Reflection: A Half-Century of Labor Relations*, by Cyrus S. Ching is a new publication of B. C. Forbes and Sons (New York, 1953, 204p., \$3.95).

*Postwar Foreign Newspapers: A Union List* is published by The Library of Congress (1953, 231p., \$1.60, order from Card Divi-

sion). Latin American newspapers are excluded since it is expected that the Pan American Union Library will include them in a list. Russian titles are included.

The Baker Library of the Graduate School of Business Administration, Harvard University, has issued the first number of its *Archives Bibliography* (June, 1953, 18p.). Robert W. Lovett, archivist, is the compiler of this list of publications by and about Baker Library.

Southern Illinois University Libraries, Carbondale, has issued a revised edition of *Books for Living*. Faculty members and library staff have selected the 1039 titles which have been placed on open shelves for undergraduate use (30¢, preferably in stamps).

American Theological Library Association has issued its "Summary of Proceedings, Seventh Annual Conference, June 11-12, 1953." Copies may be obtained from Miss Esther D. George, Secretary, Bonebrake Theological Seminary, 1810 Harvard Blvd., Dayton 6, Ohio.

The Law School of New York University has published an impressive research tool in the field of Anglo-American law and its related subjects in the social sciences, which should eliminate many of the wasted hours spent in legal research. Compiled and edited over a period of five years by its law librarian, Julius J. Marke, and entitled *A Catalogue of the Law Collection at New York University with Selected Annotations* (New York, The Law Center Foundation of New York University, 1953, 1372 p., \$22.50), its purpose is to guide the researcher in the selection of sources of legal information. This is accomplished by classifying the literature of the law under pertinent subject headings and adding annotations describing and critically evaluating the contents thereof. Approximately 45,000 titles are so treated representing about 120,000 books of the working collection of a leading law library. The catalogue is divided into 11 sections under the following headings: Sources of the Law; History of Law and Its Institutions; Public and Private Law; (arranged by subject) Comparative Law; Jurisprudence and Philosophy of Law; Political and Economic Theory; Trials; Biography; Law and Literature; Periodicals and Other

Serial Publications; Reference Material. A carefully prepared subject index of more than 4000 headings, as well as an alphabetical index of all the books classified under subjects, add to the research value of this tool.

The second edition of *Newspapers on Microfilm*, compiled under the direction of George A. Schwegmann, Jr., has been published by the Library of Congress (1953, 126 p., \$2.25, order from Card Division). Both American and foreign newspapers are included.

*The Miracle of Language*, by Charlton Laird, is a new publication of The World Publishing Company (Cleveland, 1953, 308 p., \$4.00). Whether he is discussing "Linguistic Ellis Island" or "The Bugs and Imps in our Language," Professor Laird uses a straightforward style which makes this study of language very readable.

Research librarians will be interested in a new publication issued by the Oxford University Press. This is *Radioactive Isotopes, an Introduction to their Preparation, Measurement, and Use*, by W. J. Whitehouse and J. L. Putman (Oxford, at the Clarendon Press, 1953, 424 p., \$10.00).

*Tudor Poetry and Prose*, selected from early editions and manuscripts and edited by J. William Hebel, Hoyt H. Hudson, F. R. Johnson, A. W. Green, and Robert Hoopes, has been published by Appleton-Century-Crofts (New York, 1953, 1375 p., \$7.50). This volume includes the material on 16th century English writers that was in Hebel and Hudson's *Poetry of the English Renaissance* (Crofts, 1929), and Hebel, Hudson, Johnson, and Green's *Prose of the English Renaissance* (Appleton-Century-Crofts, 1952). Supplementary notes to the *Poetry* part have been included, as well as editions and works of critical commentary issued since 1929.

Of particular interest to reference librarians is the article entitled *Counselor Librarianship* by William H. O. Scott which appeared in the September 1953 issue of the *Illinois Library Association Record* (v. 7, p. 3-8). It describes the library instruction and advisement program at the Chicago Undergraduate Division Library of the University of Illinois.

# Personnel

HOWARD H. PECKHAM, the newly appointed director of the William L. Clements Library of American History at the University of Michigan, is returning to a library that he



Howard H. Peckham

he knows intimately. From 1936 to 1944 he was curator of manuscripts at Clements and closely associated with Randolph Adams and Colton Storm. In 1945 he left Clements to become director of the Indiana Historical Bureau, a state agency responsible for the promotion of his-

torical research and the publication of documentary and other materials relating to the history of Indiana. In addition to his duties in the Bureau, Mr. Peckham in 1945 also became secretary of the Indiana Historical Society, thus continuing a cooperative relationship which has given distinction to Indiana historical work. The Society possesses in the William Henry Smith Memorial Library an excellent collection of primary materials on the history of the state and the old Northwest. The offices of the Bureau and the Smith Library are located in the State Library at Indianapolis, where Mr. Peckham had access both to the historical collections of the State Library and to the counsel of Mr. Harold Brigham, the State Librarian, with whom he collaborated often in practical matters of library administration and policy.

Of the many accomplishments of Mr. Peckham in Indiana, only a few can be listed. From 1945 to 1953, the membership in the Historical Society grew from 1344 to 2018. He was responsible for revitalizing the committee work of the Society and the Junior Historical Society, for organizing semi-annual meetings held throughout the state, for appointing county historians charged with the preservation of local records, and for supporting the historical institutes organized by Ross F. Lockridge. He enlisted the support of private interests and was thus able to strengthen greatly the Smith Library by a plan of acquisition that stressed original

French and English accounts and Indiana imprints. The publication program of the Historical Bureau during recent years reflects his influence. Among many publications, special notice attaches to the beautiful *Journals and Indian Paintings of George Winter*, which won the award of the American Association of State and Local History, and to R. C. Buley's *The Old Northwest*, which won a Pulitzer award. Mr. Peckham found time himself to write five books: *A Brief History of Indiana* (with Donald F. Carmony), 1946; *Invitation to Book Collecting* (with Colton Storm), 1947; *Pontiac and the Indian Uprising*, 1947; *Letters from Fighting Hoosiers*, 1948; and *William Henry Harrison, Young Tippecanoe*, 1951. His "Historical Almanacs" were a feature each December in the *Indiana Historical Bulletin*. It is hoped that the bibliographical survey of Indiana imprints, on which he is presently engaged with Dr. C. K. Byrd, may soon be completed and published.

Having been born in Michigan and educated at the University of Michigan it is logical and inevitable that Mr. Peckham should be recalled to Clements, particularly in view of his accomplishments as administrator, librarian, and historian. Indiana has lost an able man but, it must be frankly acknowledged, Indiana was fortunate in having the loan of him for eight years.—Robert A. Miller.

HELEN M. WORDEN has been appointed assistant librarian in charge of service at the University of California. In this post she succeeds Jean H. McFarland, who has resigned to be married.

A native of California, Mrs. Worden is a graduate of the University, having received her A.B. in history, in 1937, and a certificate from the School of Librarianship the following year. She started her career with UC in 1938 as bibliographer in the order department, later serving at the periodical desk, and in the reference department. In 1942 she was awarded an M.A. from the School of Librarianship. During 1943-44 she was on leave-of-absence to set up archives for AAF Intelligence, Historical Division, in Washington, D.C., and on her return rejoined the reference department, two years later becoming a

member of the newly organized Social Sciences Reference Service.

In 1948 the periodical, newspaper, bindery preparation and mending divisions of the library were consolidated into the serials department, and Mrs. Worden was appointed as head. The department's growth has paralleled the continued rapid expansion and development of the library. In her position as head of the serials department she was responsible for the consolidation of the library's serial records. All current information regarding holdings and receipts of 18,000 serials was transferred to Herring-Hall-Marvin rotary files. A newspaper microfilming program is being carried on which has thus far produced 1600 reels of microfilm.

Mrs. Worden has also carried out several important assignments for the library administration during the past several years, including chairmanship of the library's Rush Procedure Committee and serving as secretary of the Academic Senate Library Committee's Special Committee on Newspapers, and its Special Committee on Current Serials. She also prepared a comprehensive working paper on binding which has been used as a basis for discussions of binding problems on the several campuses of the University of California.

As assistant librarian, Mrs. Worden will be in charge of the library's public service departments as well as most of its branch libraries.

LESLIE I. POSTE was appointed director of the School of Librarianship at the University of Denver on September 1, 1953.

Starting his career in library service as a page, Prof. Poste was on the staff of the Detroit Public Library for ten years. He received his B.A. degree from Wayne University, and in 1942 received the B.S. degree from the School of Library Service, Columbia University. During 1942-43, until his induction into the



Leslie I. Poste

armed services, he was acting librarian of Columbia College Library, Columbia University. Active in professional associations, he

is a life member of ALA and a life fellow of the Library Association.

Prof. Poste, who served overseas for fifty months, is writing his doctoral dissertation on *Army Archival and Library Activities Overseas During World War II*. While overseas, during which time he rose from private to first lieutenant, he served as librarian of the Army Information-Education Staff School in Europe, libraries specialist officer for Military Government Wuerttemberg/Baden in Germany, and director of the U.S. Information Centers in Land Hesse. His service also included time with the Guidance Section of the Armed Forces Institute in England, and he was Deputy Public Relations Officer for Military Government Wuerttemberg/Baden.

In Hesse, during 1946-47, he established and developed six U.S. Information Centers which were circulating more than a quarter of a million volumes annually to Germans, at the time of his return to the United States. While in Heidelberg and Stuttgart, he supervised the re-activation of the University of Heidelberg Library, first of the university libraries in the American Zone of Occupation to reopen after the war. His *Books Go Home From the Wars* (*Library Journal*, December 1, 1948) describes the restitution of books and other library materials looted by the Nazis.

Upon the completion of his residence work in 1949 at the Graduate Library School, Mr. Poste became head of the Department of Library Science at the University of Kentucky. During his administration, the fall-spring enrollment, including both extension and a 75 per cent increase on the campus, more than tripled. In 1953, upon its twenty-first birthday, the school graduated the largest number of librarians in its history.

Still in his mid-thirties, Prof. Poste brings a maturity of outlook and a philosophy of library service gained from his wealth of experience to his new position as director of the School of Librarianship at the University of Denver. He is endowed with the vision, talent, warmth of personality, and inspiring leadership which necessarily combine to bring any objective to fruition. His successes in library education at the University of Kentucky provide a sound foundation for the challenges he will face at the University of Denver.—  
*Paul Kruse.*

JOHN EMMETT BURKE became director of Library Services at East Texas State Teachers College, Commerce, Texas on September 15, 1953. In addition to heading the Department of Library Science, Burke will help coordinate and promote library services on the campus.



John Emmett Burke

To this new position, Burke brings both a wide range of academic training and a variety of library experience. During the year 1952-53 he devoted himself full time to work on his

Ph.D. at George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tennessee, with a major in educational administration and a minor in library science. His dissertation links these two fields of study since it deals with the promotion of school libraries by Southern state departments of education. A background of a B.A. in the liberal arts, a B.S. in biology, an M.A. in the humanities, and the B.L.S. from the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago help complete his pattern of training.

Administrative library experience in university, college, junior college, and secondary school libraries has given Burke a clear concept of organizational problems on various educational levels. This scope of administrative library experience has been broadened by library positions in four states—Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, and Tennessee. From 1949 to 1952, Burke was head librarian of the George Peabody College for Teachers Library in Nashville, and at the same time served as assistant professor of Library Science in the Peabody Library School.

Burke has written extensively for professional periodicals. His articles on librarianship and preparation for librarianship have appeared in *C&RL*, *Library Journal*, *Special Libraries*, *The American City, School and Society*, and the *Peabody Journal of Education*.

Burke is married to the former Lois Evelyn Perkins, a music librarian holding master's degrees in music and library science. The Burkes are the parents of two boys.—*Lawrence S. Thompson*.

GLADYS M. BROWNELL, formerly assistant librarian at Bard College, began her new duties as librarian of Skidmore College on September 1st. She succeeds Helen M. Brown, recently appointed librarian of Wellesley.

Miss Brownell, a native of New York State, is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and the Columbia University School of Library Service. Her professional experience includes eight years as a general assistant in the Wells College Library, six years of cataloging at Swarthmore, and two years as a senior cataloger at the free Public Library of Worcester, Massachusetts. She went to Bard as assistant librarian in the summer of 1947 and, during her six years there, served for a year and a half as acting librarian. Her extensive knowledge of administrative and technical library processes is fortified by her incurable love of books and her wide acquaintance with both the standard and the less well-known publications in the several fields of learning. Reading, particularly in literature and the social sciences, and music—she is a competent amateur pianist—are her two chief hobbies; and these, plus her lively concern with political and social developments and her genuine interest in young people and their educational problems, combine to form a good augury for her success at Skidmore.—*Lillian B. Goodhart*.

JOSEPH NATHANIEL WHITTEN became librarian and professor of bibliography at Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art in September, 1953, succeeding David Berninghausen. Mr.



Joseph N. Whitten

Whitten comes to his new position from teaching at the University of Kentucky (1950-53), and summer sessions at Georgia Teachers College, the University of Texas, and the University of North Carolina. His special interests have been in reference

work, audio-visual materials, college library administration, and cataloging. He formerly served as assistant librarian at Bethany College in West Virginia and as librarian and

director of audio-visual education at Lycoming College in Pennsylvania. He holds a B.A. degree from Mississippi College, a B.S. in L.S. from George Peabody College, and an M.S. from the School of Library Service at Columbia University. He is presently a candidate for the Ed.D. degree at New York University.

His dissertation topic is "The Interrelation of College Administration and College Library Administration with Particular Reference to Teaching and Curricular Development." Its preparation has required visits to liberal arts colleges in the East and Southeast, and he has made the most of these visits to increase his knowledge and understanding of college libraries. His students at the University of Kentucky benefited from this enrichment of his own background, as will his associates at Cooper Union.

Although he has a keen enjoyment of the musical and theatrical, as well as the professional advantages, which New Yorkers enjoy, Mr. Whitten, who was born in Mississippi, still has strong ties in Jackson. Whether he acquired his skill as a chef in the South or the East matters not at all to the many guests who have eaten his cornbread and other delicacies. He is, too, a gracious host.

Mr. Whitten is a member of the Association of American Library Schools as well as of ALA and ACRL. He served during 1952-53 as chairman of the Junior Members Round Table of the Kentucky Library Association, and edited the Directory of Kentucky Librarians.

In his teaching at the University of Kentucky, Mr. Whitten demonstrated his marked adaptability. He taught extension courses for teacher librarians in which the students felt his understanding of the problems of the small school, and the need for simplified but accurate organization of library materials. At the same time he was able to direct the preparation of theses dealing with more complicated problems of librarianship in a manner which won the respect of graduate students in residence at the university. He will be missed in Kentucky.—*Laura Katherine Martin.*

DONALD O. ROD returned to his native Iowa on September 1st, to succeed Marybelle McClelland as librarian at the Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls. This college is

one of three institutions of higher learning under the direction of the Iowa State Board of Education and the only teachers college in the state.



*Donald O. Rod*

Luther in 1938, Mr. Rod entered the University of Michigan, obtaining his A.B. in L.S. in 1940. After graduation he returned to Luther as assistant librarian, later becoming associate librarian. In 1943 he was appointed librarian at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois.

At Augustana, Mr. Rod made the Denkmann Memorial Library so useful to faculty members and students that he was successful in securing a number of satisfying increases in the library budget. Under his able direction the book acquisitions program went steadily forward. Largely due to his efforts, Augustana secured the Spencer Collection of rare items in 1949, thus greatly strengthening the library's holdings in English and American literature and history.

The stature of the library was an important factor in Augustana's obtaining a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa in 1949. Included in the many notable accomplishments to Mr. Rod's credit while librarian at Augustana are the modernization of the main reading room and a general improvement in the administrative routines and procedures of the library. He also found time to edit several volumes in a series of scholarly monographs entitled the "Augustana Library Publications," the first one of which was issued in 1898.

Mr. Rod has completed his course and residence requirements for the Ph.D. degree from the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago, where he held a university fellowship in 1948. In 1947 he was awarded a travel fellowship by the International Relations Board of ALA, enabling him to visit



thirteen European countries to conduct research relating to the international exchange of scholarships as indicated by the presence of American books in selected European libraries. While in Europe he also served as one of four delegates from ALA to the meeting of the International Federation of Library Associations held in Oslo, Norway, in May, 1947.—*Robert W. Orr.*

ROLLAND E. STEVENS was appointed assistant director for technical services and associate professor of library administration of the Ohio State University Libraries on October 1, 1953.



*Rolland E. Stevens*

Born in St. Louis in 1915, Dr. Stevens holds the A.B. degree from Washington University (St. Louis), the B.S. in L.S., the M.A. in L.S., and the Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. He has the honor of being the first librarian to earn the Ph.D. degree at Illinois. The topic of his dissertation was "The Use of Library Materials in Doctoral Research: A Study of the Effect of Differences in Research Method."

He began his library career as a binding preparations assistant at the University of Illinois in 1939 and worked as a bibliographer in the acquisitions department there from 1940 to 1942. From 1943 to 1946 he served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps in England and France, advancing from private to staff sergeant.

Back in the States in 1946 he was appointed head of the reference department and assistant to the librarian at the University of Rochester. In 1948 he returned to the University of Illinois to work on his doctoral program. On July 1, 1950 he accepted appointment as acquisition librarian and assistant professor of library administration at the Ohio State University, which position he held until he was named assistant director for technical services.

As acquisition librarian he completely reorganized acquisition procedures and set up, within the department, efficiently operating divisions. Since his arrival, foreign book-

dealers have been used much more extensively than formerly.

Mr. Stevens is active as a member of the ACRL Committee on Publications and of the ALA Book Acquisitions Committee. He has published in various professional media.

Among his honors are membership in Eta Sigma Phi, Phi Beta Kappa, and founder and president in 1948-49 of Beta Phi Mu, the library science honorary fraternity.

Dr. Stevens brings to his new position a background of excellent training and satisfactory experience. His sound scholarship, keen interest in resources of research library materials, and pleasing personality give promise of a superior contribution to the library program at Ohio State.—*Lewis C. Branscomb.*

STUART BAILLIE has been appointed director of libraries, University of Denver. He had served as librarian of the Engineering Library, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, since 1946, and had been a member of the faculty, teaching several courses in the program in librarianship.

Mr. Baillie is a graduate of Washington University where he received the A.B. and A.M. degrees. He is also a graduate of the George Peabody College for Teachers Library School where he received a B.S. in L.S. in 1941. He has completed the requirements for Ph.D. at Washington University with the exception of the thesis, on which he is working.

He has held library positions in Vanderbilt Medical Library, Nashville, Tennessee; Stephens College, and the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri; and served as librarian, Georgia Teachers College, Statesboro, Georgia.

Mr. Baillie has served as treasurer of the Missouri Library Association, and as business manager of the MLA Quarterly. He was serving as vice president and president-elect of the Missouri Library Association and as ALA Council representative when he left Missouri. He is also a member of the St. Louis Chapter of the Special Libraries Association, and Kappa Delta Pi.

The librarians of Denver and Colorado have gained a young professional colleague with an engaging personality, an enthusiasm for hard work, and with a well-earned reputation for getting things done.—*Louis M. Nourse.*

## Appointments

Francis W. Allen, formerly librarian of the Van Buren County Library, Paw Paw, Michigan, has been appointed head of the Library Annex, Western Michigan College, Kalamazoo.

Mrs. Sabra Walker Barbour assumed her duties as librarian of Centre College, Danville, Kentucky, in September, 1953. She succeeds Mrs. Dorothy Thomas Cullen, who resigned to become curator of the Filson Club, Louisville.

Smith M. Cain has been appointed head librarian of Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington.

John D. Chapman was promoted to the position of assistant director of libraries for the humanities, University of Nebraska, on July 1, 1953.

Richard C. Dahl is librarian of the College of Law, University of Nebraska.

Jewel Davis is head of the catalog department, Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Keith Dowden is now head of the reference unit, Purdue University Libraries.

Oliver D. Dunn has been appointed assistant director, Purdue University Libraries.

William L. Emerson has been appointed circulation librarian at the Los Angeles State College of Applied Arts and Sciences.

Mrs. Lois Faler has been appointed circulation librarian of Idaho State College.

Jane Ganfield is now head of the Technical Processes Division, Purdue University Libraries.

Edna Gordon has returned to her position as head of the circulation department of the Washington University Library, St. Louis, after serving for two years as librarian of the U.S.I.E. Library in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Richard C. Gremling, formerly assistant chief librarian of the Linda Hall Library, Kansas City, has been appointed chief librarian of the Bell Telephone Laboratories, New York.

Ruth Harry has been appointed head of the acquisitions department of the Washington University Library, St. Louis.

Mrs. Bernice M. Hetzner has been appointed librarian of the College of Medicine, University of Nebraska.

The new director of the Phillips Library, Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham,

Ala. is Margaret H. Hughes. She previously served as acting director.

Harold Hughesdon has succeeded David Watkins as librarian at the College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn. Mr. Hughesdon was previously the acquisitions librarian.

Elmer D. Johnson, formerly chief librarian of Limestone College, has been appointed associate librarian of East Carolina College, Greenville, North Carolina.

Sherwood Kirk was appointed librarian of the College of Agriculture, University of Nebraska, on July 1, 1953.

Kenneth C. Knight was appointed assistant to the director, Alabama Polytechnic Institute on August 1, 1953.

Jean H. McFarland has resigned as assistant librarian of the University of California at Berkeley, to be married.

George R. Meluch has been appointed head of the circulation unit, Purdue University Libraries.

Charles H. Miller was promoted to the position of assistant director of libraries for public service, University of Nebraska, in July.

Robert A. Miller has been appointed librarian of the Goldwin Smith Library to serve undergraduates in the humanities at Cornell University.

Taisto John Niemi, formerly on the staff of the Western Michigan College Library, has been appointed head librarian of Northern Michigan College, Marquette.

Fred Y. Osborne has become head librarian of the Liberal Arts Division Library, City College, Long Beach, California. He was previously associate librarian of Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

Mary Alice Peairs has been appointed education librarian at the Los Angeles State College of Applied Arts and Sciences.

Ferris S. Randall, formerly chief of the serials division of the Stanford University Libraries, has been appointed assistant director for technical services, Southern Illinois University Library.

Mrs. Lirette Randolph has been appointed head of the periodicals unit, Purdue University Libraries.

Kathryn R. Renfro was promoted to assistant director of libraries for technical service, University of Nebraska, on July 1, 1953.

Joseph A. Rosenthal, formerly with the Pennsylvania State College Library, has been appointed documents librarian of Idaho State College.

Cynthia A. Saidel, formerly of the Library of Congress and the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, has been appointed ACRL publications officer at ALA headquarters. She is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and Columbia's School of Library Service.

Francis X. Scannell has been appointed head of reader services at the Michigan State College Library.

Rev. Demetrius Schenk, T.O.R., has been appointed librarian of the college of Steubenville, Steubenville, Ohio.

Esther Schlundt has been appointed head of the readers' division, Purdue University Libraries.

Dorothy M. Schullian of the History of Medicine Division, Armed Forces Medical Library, Cleveland, Ohio, will study in Italy this year as a Fulbright appointee.

Mortimer Schwartz, formerly law librarian

of the University of Montana, has been appointed law librarian of the University of Oklahoma.

Lewis F. Stieg, librarian of the University of Southern California is spending 1953-54 in the Philippines, where he is surveying library service and training programs.

Jed H. Taylor has been appointed librarian of the University of Baltimore.

Arthur J. Vennix was promoted to assistant director of libraries for social studies and administration, University of Nebraska, on July 1, 1953.

John R. Willingham, formerly attached to the East Texas State Teachers College Library, has been appointed librarian and associate professor of library science at Southeastern State College, Durant, Oklahoma.

*Correction:* In the October, 1953 issue it noted that Albert P. Blaustein was appointed librarian of the New York University Law Library. This should have read New York Law School Library. Julius J. Marke is law librarian at New York University.

## Retirements

Completing a period of forty-seven years of continuous service to the Dartmouth College Library, Harold Goddard Rugg retired on June 30th as its associate librarian.



Harold G. Rugg

Mr. Rugg joined the library staff upon graduation from Dartmouth in 1906, and was successively library assistant and secretary, accountant, executive assistant, and assistant librarian; in 1951 he was promoted to the rank of associate librarian.

Among his particular responsibilities for many years was the building of the library's rare and special collections. Another major administrative charge was the direction of the college archives.

Mr. Rugg's services to the college were not, however, confined to the library alone. For a long period he was adviser to the Dartmouth chapter of the Zeta Psi fraternity, and for twenty years taught a course on the art of the

book. For many years he was literary editor of the *Dartmouth Alumni Magazine*, and secretary of the local Phi Beta Kappa chapter.

In addition, he contributed his characteristically quiet and unobtrusive service and devotion to many other college activities and organizations. In 1940, Dartmouth awarded him its honorary Master of Arts degree.

Mr. Rugg's interests are many and diverse. An authority in certain fields of botany, he has a rare fern named in his honor. He is an active member of several garden clubs and botanical groups and, despite his New Hampshire residence, president of the state botanical club of his native Vermont. He is a member of the governing body of the Vermont Historical Society. Two of his most celebrated collections are early pottery made in Bennington, and Vermont imprints from first imprints to the present day.

Mr. Rugg has been voted the title of associate librarian emeritus by the board of trustees. At a reception given in his honor, the staff of the library and members of the Phi Beta Kappa Society jointly presented to the college his portrait painted by Paul Sample, Dartmouth's artist in residence.

His plans are for an active retirement in Hanover. He will devote himself to his many special interests and travel both in this country and abroad.—*E. C. Lathem.*

Winifred F. Denison has retired from the Carnegie Institute of Technology Library after serving in that institution since 1920, most recently as head of the order department.

Robert W. Henderson has retired from his

position of chief of the New York Public Library's main reading room after 43 years of service with that library.

Ruth M. Lane has retired from the librarianship of the Vail Library of Electrical Engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology after 22 years of service in that post.

Miriam S. Smith retired on June 30, 1953, as reference librarian of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where she has served continuously, except for one year, since 1912.

## Foreign Libraries

Carlo Battista retired at the end of the academic year 1952-53, as head of the Scuola Bibliotecari ed Archivisti; Paleografi, in Florence. Roberto Ridolfi, Florentine incunabulist, has been appointed to his chair.

Léon Bultingaire, former director of the library of the Musée d'Histoire Naturelle in Paris, died on February 18, 1951 at the age of 77.

Joseph Deutsch retired from the directorship of the University of Heidelberg Library

on March 31, 1952.

Alois Fauser was appointed head librarian of the Staatliche Bibliothek in Bamberg on March 6, 1953.

Ernst Mehl, chief of the acquisition department of the Bayerische Staatsbibliothek died in Munich on August 1, 1953.

Walter Rauschenberger, for many years director of the Senckenbergische Bibliothek in Frankfurt am Main, died on October 22, 1952.

## Necrology

Adelaide Hasse, noted bibliographer, who was documents librarian of the New York Public Library for 21 years, died in Washington, D.C., on July 29, 1953, at the age of 84.

James A. McMillen, director of the Louisiana State University Libraries from 1927 to 1944, died on April 29, 1953. Mr. McMillen had also been librarian of the University of

Rochester and Washington University, St. Louis. He was active in library organizations, and served as president of the Southwestern Library Association (1928-30) and the Louisiana Library Association (1936-37). He initiated collecting of statistics of southern college and university libraries.

## ACRL Buildings Institute

The Institute which was previously planned for January 29 and 30 in Chicago has been changed to Madison, Wisconsin on January 30 and 31. Attendance is limited. Applica-

tion should be made to Charles M. Adams, Librarian, the Woman's College, University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

## Annual Conference of the Graduate Library School, University of Chicago

"The Function of the Library in the Modern College," will be the subject of the Annual Conference of the University of Chicago's

Graduate Library School, to be held during the week of June 14-18.