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Archibald Mac-
Leish, Librarian of
Congress, has estab-

lished a Librarian's Council made up of twenty-four of the nation's distinguished historians, writers, educators, book collectors, and librarians. The council will study and make recommendations about such matters as the development and improvement of the library's collections and services, the initiation and control of important bibliographical studies, and other projects in the field of library service. In making appointments to the council, Mac-Leish called attention to the ever-increasing importance of the Library of Congress in the life of the nation and said this group will be asked to cooperate in making the services rendered by the library as effective and as vital as possible.

The Library of Congress has received from Indo-China a very rare Buddhist manuscript, the only one of its kind known to be in this country. The manuscript has never been edited or published and its preservation might become of far-reaching consequence should the four or five other existing copies be destroyed during the war. While it is only about 250 years old, the text is 1000 years older.

The Library of Congress has been given the master file of 14,893,001 title slips organized by the American Imprints Inventory of the Historical Records Survey. This represents approximately one million titles printed in the United States prior to 1877, in all states except Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, and the Dakotas, in which the date 1891 was used. Eventually these slips will be incorporated in the Union Catalog of the Library of Congress.

Dorothy Lawton, music librarian, New

News from

York Public Library, has announced the completion of a dance index on cards. It is housed in the Music Library, 121 E. 58th St., New York City. The compilation was a project of the Work Projects Administration and was supervised by J. Parker Sondheimer, library consultant for that agency. The index is based upon the holdings of thirteen libraries in the metropolitan area; books, periodicals, reports, and minutes, in more than a dozen languages have been analyzed and references typed on three by five cards. Although the index is concerned primarily with the dance (as an art), the anthropological, ethnological, and religious aspects are emphasized. Its main objective is to provide a reference tool whereby material in all types of publications—especially that in obscure and little-used ones—may be brought together for students interested in the various aspects of the dance.

A "Handbook of Federal World War Agencies, 1914-20," which will contain information about the organization, activities, and records of about thirty-five hundred units of the government that participated in defense, wartime, or post-war activities, is being compiled by the National Archives. A "List of Federal World War Agencies, 1914-20," has already been compiled as a preliminary step in this undertaking and copies of it may be obtained from the Division of Information and Publication of the National Archives.

South

The Robert E.
Lee Archives has
been established as

the Field

a division of the New Cyrus Hall McCormick Library of Washington and Lee University. It is proposed to make this division a national repository of source material about Lee. This institution, to which Lee gave the last five years of his life, already owns a considerable collection of manuscripts concerning him, as well as many books, pamphlets, and pictures. Professor Allen W. Moger, of the faculty, has been made Lee archivist, and a national advisory committee of prominent scholars and public men is being formed.

The University of
Middle West Nebraska Library,
Stephen A. McCarthy, director, has received by gift the architectural library of the late Thomas R. Kimball, a prominent Omaha architect. The collection contains more than one thousand volumes which cover everything of importance published in this field from 1890 to 1930. Many of the volumes are rare and valuable.

Knox College, Jerrold Orne, librarian, conducted a symposium on "Planning for the Future of the College Library" on May 8 and 9. On the program as speakers were students, professors, librarians, and alumni.

The new \$50,000 Carthage College Library, Carthage, Illinois, was dedicated on May 24. Emily C. Pennock is librarian.

The Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago will offer a three-year program leading to the degree of Bachelor of Library Science, beginning in October 1943. The new plan is made

possible by a grant of \$75,000 from the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

The State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia, has acquired the J. Christian Bay collection of Western Americana. This acquisition marks the passing from private to public hands of one of the most outstanding collections of its kind. In coverage and completeness the collection of 2,902 items ranks among the very unusual and takes added value from its collector, J. Christian Bay, librarian of the John Crerar Library. For nearly half a century Dr. Bay devoted his leisure to obtaining perfect copies of selected items fundamental in the history and literature of the west, especially Kentucky and the prairie states of the upper Middle West.

The University of Indiana Library, Robert A. Miller, director, has acquired the Oakleaf Lincoln collection of approximately eight thousand volumes, supplemented by photographs, etchings, busts, plaques, letters, and medals. The collection was assembled by Judge Joseph B. Oakleaf of Moline, Illinois, over a period of forty-three years and is regarded as one of America's five outstanding Lincoln libraries.

The Mary Reed
West Library of the University of Denver,

Joe Hare, librarian, has negative microfilm copies of the principal European library economy periodicals and will permit librarians to make positive copies on demand.

The Seattle Public Library, John S. Richards, librarian, has received a gift of \$1500 from the Boeing Aircraft Company for the purchase in 1942 of technical books and journals on aeronautics. This augments earlier gifts which have made possible an aeronautics collection of some five

thousand volumes in the technology department of the library.

Colorado libraries, encouraged by the State Committee on Public Education and Information, are making a significant contribution to the civilian morale program of the state by supplying materials to communities studying the problems war has imposed. Ralph E. Ellsworth, librarian of the University of Colorado, represents the library interests on the committee. Robert A. Luke, who has charge of the state-wide W.P.A. library project, has been working directly with the libraries to assist them in planning programs.

The librarians of colleges and universities in Colorado are making a study of the duplication of curriculums in Colorado colleges and the implications of this duplication for libraries. This study has already led to a meeting of the presidents, deans, and librarians of all the institutions for higher learning in the state, at which the problems of duplication of curricula and library materials were discussed. A significant result of the meeting was that the presidents and deans now realize that the development of library facilities is not a problem for the librarian alone, but one which calls for the understanding and cooperation of their offices as well.

A committee of Colorado librarians is working on the problem of coordinating and possibly combining the cataloging and other technical operations of the college libraries of the state. This project has been spurred on by the findings of Weldon Kees, director of the Denver Bibliographical Center, who disclosed that 60 per cent of the books bought by one college library in the state are likewise purchased by all of the others.

Personnel

William M. Randall, of the Graduate Library School faculty, has been granted leave by the University of Chicago to enter service as a major in the Army Air Force. Leon Carnovsky has been named to succeed him as managing editor of the *Library Quarterly*.

John S. Richards, until recently associate librarian, University of Washington, has been appointed librarian of the Seattle Public Library, to succeed Judson T. Jennings, who retired on June 1, 1942, after thirty-five years as librarian.

Rodolfo O. Rivera, formerly executive assistant to the A.L.A. Committee on Library Cooperation with Latin America, has been made director of the newly-established United States library, at Managua, Nicaragua. This new library will be similar to the Benjamin Franklin Library of Mexico City, though smaller, and will make available a representative collection of United States books and provide a center for other cultural activities.

M. H. Douglas, librarian of the University of Oregon Library since 1908, retired to the status of librarian emeritus, August 1, 1942. He was succeeded by Willis C. Warren, who was appointed acting librarian.

Fellowships in the Graduate Library School for 1942-43 have been awarded by the University of Chicago to Andrew J. Eaton, Horace R. Archer, and Frank A. Lundy. Research assistantships have been given to Raynard Swank and Hester Hoffman, and scholarships to A. Katherine Davis and Robert R. Douglass.

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ABBREVIATIONS

A.C.R.L. Association of College and Reference Libraries
Admin. Administration
A.L.A. American Library Association
Am. American
Assn. (s) Association (s)
Bk. (s) Book (s)
Bldg. (s) Building (s)
Cat. Catalog

Chm. Chairman
Class. Classification
Coll. (s) College (s)
Com. Committee
Comp. (s) Compiler (s)
Dups. Duplicates
Ed. Editor
Educ. Education
Hist. History
Jr. Junior

L. (s) Library (ies)
Ln. (s) Librarian (s)
Lnshp. Librarianship
Ref. Reference
Rev. Reviewed
Rept. Report
Sch. (s) School (s)
Univ. (s) University (ies)
U.S. United States
Vs. Versus

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