

Notes from the A.C.R.L. Office

ALTHOUGH THE present executive secretary is as green to his duties as a freshman in October, he has the firm intention of running a page of comment for A.C.R.L. members in each issue of *College and Research Libraries*. Similar communications may be placed, from time to time, in the *A.L.A. Bulletin* or mimeographed and mailed directly.

The *Bulletin* is the only publication which reaches the entire membership. Use of the *Bulletin* seems indicated in preference to a separate mailing, which is costly. It is hoped that nearly all members of this association have a chance to see *C.R.L.*, even though they do not subscribe. Your secretary hopes to reach most of the membership fairly regularly through these two channels. The plan is unorthodox, and open to criticism. Comment and advice are requested.

As the work was outlined by the president recently, there are three principal duties of the executive secretary:

1. He is expected to cooperate with the American Library Association in forwarding projects of general interest to the library profession including college and reference libraries. This obligation is by no means the most important and should not take any large share of the average working day. There are a few daily routines, such as skimming the mail of other divisions and keeping posted on A.L.A. developments. The A.L.A. receives quite a few invitations to be represented officially at presidential inaugurations or other college, university, or organizational ceremonies. In most cases delegates are selected from nearby libraries. Budget discussions, A.L.A. staff meetings, and similar miscellaneous activities take up a small portion of the working day.

2. The executive secretary, as the full-time officer of the association, is expected to see that chairmen are prompted to appoint committees, reports are made, and all sorts of organizational business performed on time and as required by the Constitution. This is a fairly large duty and one which could be very time consuming were the office not blessed with an extraordinarily devoted and competent (nonexecutive) secretary.

The committee setup of A.C.R.L. does not seem, at first glance, to be complicated or bulky. The list which lies before me as these notes are written of an early morning in Grand Rapids shows 15 committees plus representation on a small number of joint committees. This is, however, somewhat deceptive. There are seven sections: Agricultural Libraries, College Libraries, Engineering School Libraries, Junior College Libraries, Reference Librarians, Libraries of Teacher Training Institutions, and University Libraries, each of which has its own committees.

The committee organization is a perplexing matter and one on which comment and advice from the membership is very much needed. It is obviously desirable to have a broad base of participation by members. Everyone who is willing to work should have a job to do, and not on any W.P.A. leaf-raking basis. Great things can be accomplished both for the association and for the individual, whose mind can be sharpened and outlook and experience broadened. Recognition will come for work ably done. In short, the more committees, the better.

On the other hand a lack of contact between the office and these committees is highly undesirable. It may often be a case of the left hand knoweth not what the right doeth, to put it mildly. Duplication of effort, frustration, and ill-considered ventures are certain to ensue to some degree. Not too long ago your executive secretary himself was guilty of initiating a study by a local group in Pennsylvania which partly duplicated work being done on a regional as well as a national scale (not under A.C.R.L.!).

It therefore seems very important to keep in close touch with the committee activity of the sections and, so far as humanly possible, with that of the state, regional, and local groups working on college and reference problems. If nothing else, this office can perform a useful function as a clearinghouse for groups, A.C.R.L. or not, which are concerned with college and research library matters.

It is hoped that the years ahead will see a curb on the number of standing committees

and a multiplication of short term, *ad hoc* committees, each of which will have a short, specific job to do and a promise of automatic release when a report is submitted. Library techniques and services very seldom require the constant vigilance of standing committees, perpetuated, sometimes nearly idle, year after year. Any organization, of course, must have officers and program, nominating, and membership committees. Beyond these and possibly other functional activities the advantages of *ad hoc* committees are strongly urged. A small group can accomplish wonders in investigating and reporting in a short time when it is clear the job is finished at the moment the report is submitted. The glory will be no whit diminished.

Obviously there are many other duties entailed in being the salaried secretary of this or any other organization.

3. The executive secretary is expected to function as an "expert" on college and research library techniques and operations in general. The quotation marks are used advisedly because obviously no one, certainly not the present incumbent, is qualified to speak with authority on all problems affecting the professional activity of the membership. On the other hand there are many aspects of library work on which he is in a position to give information and sound advice. Some inquiries are answered directly either on the basis of personal experience or information in the A.C.R.L. files. Generally speaking, confirmation of personal experience is sought in the files.

The former executive secretary built up a small documentary collection on library problems and practices. This is very useful. More librarians should contribute to this. It is an easy thing to run off an extra carbon of a report, and send it in. If the subject matter is not of interest at Headquarters, it will be destroyed. Please report even though nothing radically different is involved in your new rental library, classification and pay plan, annual report, circulation system, or policy in granting borrowing privileges. This information can often be useful to others. Material benefit may accrue to another library from knowing that this and that place do the same thing. In your secretary's experience policies have been sold to university administrations by listing certain other libraries with similar policies.

In many cases your executive secretary will pass along requests for information and counsel to other members more qualified to speak. He is, for example, singularly ignorant of microfilm equipment and techniques, and anyone writing on that subject will get only a polite acknowledgment from the office stating, among other things, that the request is being forwarded to someone else (possibly Carruthers, Fussler, or Tate), who knows the field.

As requested, the office is prepared to back individual librarians in selling programs, pay scales, professional recognition, etc., to reluctant higher authority. In many cases it may help to have a supporting letter from the association when promoting a program.

There is every indication of a need for closer contact between the membership and the Home Office. Traveling and personal appearance are desirable but have definite limits. Exchange of information and correspondence must bear the brunt of this responsibility.

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College and Research Libraries has less than 2000 subscribers and shows a modest deficit annually. This will be considerably larger for the current year because of the large tenth anniversary issue, unless advertising pays more in the months ahead. While the dollar return per advertisement cost is open to argument, there is definite evidence of good will on the part of those who do advertise, as in the case of the drug store which takes a page ad in a college yearbook. Some of the nationally-known business houses doing six and seven figure business with college and university libraries do not advertise, and librarians might mention this in considering orders with any such companies. They should be interested in research and development in the library field, and a share in the cost seems not an unreasonable request.

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This office receives occasional letters from librarians seeking new positions and from libraries looking for applicants. No formal placement work is done by your secretary, but he does welcome such letters and does what he can in each instance. In general, the office is notified only of the higher positions ranging in salary above \$3500.

Arthur T. Hamlin
A.C.R.L. Executive Secretary

Progress Report of the A.C.R.L. Committee on Preparation and Qualification

IN THE period of time between the last report of this committee (Feb. 2, 1949) and this, there has been relatively little direct committee work on our long range objectives.

As previously indicated, there are divergent ideas among the members of the committee concerning the best way to uncover concrete standards for the preparation and qualifications of college, university and reference librarians. Some members of the committee have elected to cover their specific areas by the questionnaire method (Kozumplik, Chapman, Muller, Anderson); Miss Murray will supplement personal investigations with a questionnaire; and others (Christ, Dalton, Orne) will proceed with personal investigations without questionnaires. At present three members (Kozumplik, Anderson and Chapman) report some progress on their questionnaires. Possibly some results may be available for the Mid-winter meeting.

The fields of study for each member of the committee have been established according to the following pattern: Katherine Anderson, public library reference personnel; Edward A. Chapman, technical school library personnel; Robert W. Christ, reference personnel; Mary H. Clay, junior college administrative personnel; William Kozumplik, technical processes personnel; Robert Muller, administrative level personnel; Florence Murray, comparative study of

Canadian personnel *versus* United States personnel in all fields studied by other members of the committee; Jerrold Orne, top level administrators only.

It has occurred to me that now that *College and Research Libraries* is 10 years old, it might be one of the aims of our committee to produce a round-robin of papers on our assignment to bring up to date the symposium "Essentials in the Training of University Librarians," published in the first issue of the quarterly. Our summary of the current situation might be utilized in a 1950 issue of the quarterly.

One positive contribution of the committee lies in its representation at important meetings where education for librarianship is the theme. The committee was represented at the Princeton Conference by Jack Dalton and Jerrold Orne. We will be fairly well represented at the regional meetings by our members, and they are expected to report significant trends to the chairman, who in turn informs the entire committee. The committee has also been represented in actual training for librarianship programs by R. W. Christ, who taught this summer at Florida State Library School, and Jerrold Orne, who taught at the University of Illinois Library School summer session. The committee serves and will continue to serve as the collective ear-to-the-ground in its field for A.C.R.L. so long as it is deemed useful.—*Jerrold Orne, chairman.*

Personnel

N.ORWIN RUSH, executive secretary of the Association of College and Reference Libraries, resigned on Oct. 1, 1949 to accept the librarianship of the University of Wyoming. Mr. Rush was the first full-time representative of A.C.R.L., and during his 30-month term he made the position and the of-



N. Orwin Rush

ice in Chicago indispensable to members of the association. He has represented us at meetings of librarians and at conferences of other scholarly groups, has served as placement officer, initiated projects, and has established his office as a clearing house for information of interest to librarians of college and research institutions.

The opportunities for service to A.C.R.L. have been numerous, and Orwin Rush, in a friendly and effective manner, has taken advantage of these favorable circumstances as often as his schedule permitted. Since 1946 membership in the association has increased from 2400 to 4400. The executive secretary has kept these members well informed about the association, has been active in increasing their number, and in extending the subscription list and advertising program of *College and Research Libraries*. Moreover, he has become the right arm of the president, directors and section officers of A.C.R.L.

Mr. Rush was born in Sapulpa, Okla., in 1907. He received an A.B. degree from Friends University in 1931, and Bachelor of Library Science and Master of Library Science degrees from Columbia University in 1932 and 1940, respectively. From 1942 to 1944 he was supervisor of stacks of the New York Public Library, and from 1934 to 1936 was assistant in charge of the main reading room. He was librarian of Colby College from 1936 to 1945, and of Clark University from 1945 until his appointment as A.C.R.L. Secretary. He was president of the Maine Library Association from 1939 to 1941. His broad professional interests are apparent in his published books and articles in the areas of bibliography, printing and librarianship in general.

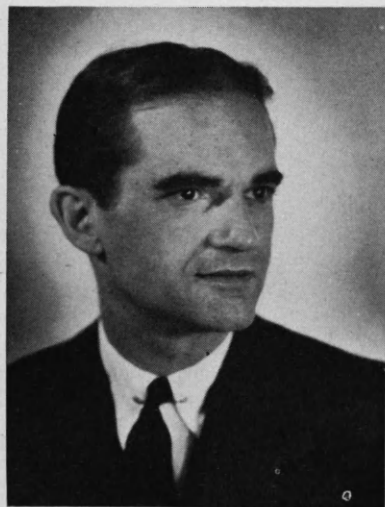
Mr. Rush has made many friends for A.C.R.L., and has established on a solid foundation the association's office at A.L.A. headquarters. He takes with him to Laramie the good wishes of the association, and a background of experience which augurs well for the University of Wyoming Library.—*Benjamin E. Powell.*

AFTER four years as head of the Service Division of the University of Pennsylvania Library, Philadelphia, Arthur T. Hamlin has resigned to become executive secretary of the Association of College and Reference Libraries.

Mr. Hamlin, who was born in Haverhill, Mass., on Feb. 8, 1913, received his B.A. from Harvard in 1934 and his B.S. from Columbia University School of Library Science in 1939.

He was a student assistant in the Harvard College Library, Cambridge, for three years, and after graduation joined the regular staff of the Order Department. Mr. Hamlin was curator of the Poetry Room for two years, before going to Columbia. After graduation there, he served as assistant, Economics Department and Information Desk, at the New York Public Library for one year and as assistant-at-large in the University of Pennsylvania Library from 1940 to 1942.

Early in 1942 Mr. Hamlin joined the Office of Naval Intelligence as a research analyst,



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and remained with the "civilian Navy" in various capacities during the war years. He now holds a commission in the Army reserve.

Mr. Hamlin was recalled to the University of Pennsylvania Library in 1945 to serve as head of its Service Division. The subsequent four years in the reorganization program of the University of Pennsylvania Library provided ample opportunity for his imagination, vision, and broad understanding of service functions.

Mr. Hamlin is chairman of the College and University Group of the Philadelphia chapter of S.L.A. In addition, he has been active in local adult education work. He was one of the original planners of the Junto, Philadelphia's Adult School, and a director before and after the war.—*Charles W. David.*

CHARLES LEONARD KATZ was appointed librarian of Lincoln University on July 1, 1949. He came to his post from Franklin Institute Laboratories for Research and Development, where from 1947 until he accepted his new position he was research engineer engaged in the writing of technical reports. During the period 1943 through June 1947, he was technical editor in the Army Ordnance Research and Development Service, Editorial Branch.

Mr. Katz has also had long experience in general library service. He was a general

assistant in the Temple University Library from 1925 to 1931, and for a five-year period was assistant librarian in the general library and librarian of the Education Library. From 1936 to 1943 he was chief of the reference department at Temple. For a time he worked in the libraries of Drexel Institute and Girard College. Coupled with his library experience is teaching experience in Philadelphia high schools and the library training classes of Temple University. From 1940 until 1943 he was director of the Summer Library School at Temple.

Mr. Katz holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Temple University, and his library school training was received at Drexel Institute and Columbia University.

He has assumed his position at Lincoln with a good background in university library administration and organization. At Temple, he played an important part on the planning committee for the Sullivan Memorial Library building, and in organizing the materials in the library after its completion.



Charles Leonard Katz

His work in the Army Ordnance Office consisted of research, writing, illustrating and publishing three types of publications: (1) the catalog of standard ordnance items, (2) the history of ordnance department research and development during World War II, and (3) preparation of training manuals and booklets on the most recent developments in tactical

usage of new weapons. His work brought him into contact with many research institutions, university research groups, and army, navy, and air force research laboratories.

Mr. Katz will be of considerable help in the development of the library program at Lincoln University, which has an expanding program in arts and sciences.—*M.F.T.*

Appointments

Charles Edward Butler, librarian of the Kanawha County Public Library, Charleston, W.Va., has been appointed librarian of West Virginia University at Morgantown.

William Lawrence Keitt has been appointed law librarian of the Library of Congress. Charles S. Lobingier has been named honorary consultant in modern civil law.

John Emmett Burke has been appointed librarian of the George Peabody College for Teachers at Nashville, Tenn.

Thomas V. Reiners, former head of the technical processes department of the Cardinal Hayes Library at Manhattan College, New York, has been appointed assistant librarian at Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Russell F. Barnes, librarian of the Minnesota Historical Society, became librarian of the James Jerome Hill Reference Library, St. Paul, on October 1.

Harry Dewey, formerly head cataloger at the John Crerar Library, Chicago, has been appointed head of technical processes, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

Howard H. Lapham has been appointed assistant librarian and chief public service librarian of the West Virginia University Library at Morgantown.

Margaret J. Hort left the library of Russell Sage College, Troy, N.Y., to become librarian of the Philadelphia Seminary of the Lutheran Church.

R. Malcolm Sills, formerly librarian of Massachusetts State College, Fort Devens, is now librarian of Fenn College in Cleveland.

Dorothy B. Hammell became reference librarian of Smith College, Northampton, Mass., on October 1.

Kenneth S. Barnes, formerly reference librarian of Sampson College, Sampson, N.Y., became librarian of the School of Business and Public Administration at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., on July 1.

Janet Doe, assistant librarian of the New York Academy of Medicine, has been named librarian to succeed Dr. Archibald Malloch who has recently retired.

Leslie I. Poste is head of the Department of Library Science, University of Kentucky, Lexington.

De Lafayette Reid, formerly librarian of the University of Illinois branch at Galesburg, is now assistant director of the University of Kansas Library, Lawrence.

Mrs. Regina Barrington, librarian of the Friends University in Wichita, Kan., in 1946-47, has returned to the library, replacing Mrs. Matilda Looney.

Lewis M. Ice, formerly librarian of Sampson College, Sampson, N.Y., is now librarian of the University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, Conn.

Martin J. Feerick joined the staff of the University of Tennessee Library, Knoxville, as law librarian on October 1.

Charles A. Brophy, Jr., assistant chief for the V.A. library service in Ohio, is now circulation librarian at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

Mrs. Mary F. Tomlinson, of the catalog department of the University of Illinois Library, has been appointed head cataloger of the U. of I. Chicago Undergraduate Library. Mrs. Helen Brown Schmidt, assistant editor of the A.L.A. Booklist, has become acquisitions librarian.

Roger P. Bristol has been appointed head cataloger for the Peabody Institute Library in Baltimore.

Amelia H. Trippe is now head of circulation of the Palmer Library, Connecticut College, New London.

Gertrude Wulfekoetter of the Huntington Library, San Marino, Calif., has been appointed reference librarian at Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Ore.

Allen R. Stowell, who has been in the parish ministry since 1933, has been named librarian of Southwestern College, Winfield, Kan.

Mrs. Pamela Quiers, formerly librarian of the Iodine Educational Bureau of the Chilean Nitrate Company, New York, has been appointed to the new position of curator of the

Libraries of the University of Vermont.

Bernice E. Headings is now librarian of the Alderson-Broadus College, Philippi, W.Va.

Joseph Yenish, librarian of the Pollock Graduate Library, Yeshiva University, New York, has gone to Temple University, Philadelphia, as librarian of Community College.

Douglas W. Bryant, assistant librarian of the University of California at Berkeley, is on leave of absence to serve as director of library service in the American Embassy in London.

Jean Ashman, law librarian of Indiana University, has been appointed law librarian and research assistant in the law school of the University of Chicago. Other Chicago appointments include Edward L. Sheppard as librarian of the Swift Library, Hilmar Sieving

as librarian of the Education Library, and Mrs. Lucille West as librarian of the Eckhart Library.

Victor H. Hardendorff is now circulation librarian of the Howard-Tilton Memorial Library of Tulane University.

Mrs. Gwendolyn M. Bedford has been appointed associate professor of library service at the Drexel Institute School of Library Science.

Lois B. Payson, librarian of the Montana State College, has been named assistant to the director of the University of Wyoming Library.

Dan M. King has left the Reference Department of the New York Public Library to become librarian of the Minnesota Historical Society in St. Paul.

Retirements

Mrs. Katherine E. Bowden, librarian of Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind., since 1927 and a member of the staff since 1913, became librarian emeritus in September.

Willard Potter Lewis, librarian at the Pennsylvania State College since 1931, retired with emeritus rank on August 31.

Mary E. Martin, librarian of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, from 1918 to 1949, has retired to her home at Easley, S.C.

Effie A. Keith, who has been special consultant in cataloging for the Northwestern University Libraries at Evanston for the past two years, has now retired.

Necrology

Brunelle Watson, instructor in the department of library service of the East Texas State Teachers College since 1948, died on September 6 in Birmingham, Ala. Miss Watson had been active in developing the new 30-hour library program at the college.

Edith Thomas, chief extension librarian of the University of Michigan Library for many years, died in Chelsea, Mich., on June 4.

Vendla Wahlin, librarian of Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kan., since 1944, died on August 2 after an illness of several months.

Foreign Libraries

On Mar. 31, 1949, Dr. Josef Bick retired as generaldirektor of the Oesterrichische Nationalbibliothek in Vienna. He was succeeded by Dr. Josef Stummvoll, who was in the United States last winter and attended the 1949 A.L.A. midwinter conference.

Dr. Richard Oehler, formerly director of the Stadt- und Universitätsbibliothek at Frankfurt-on-the-Main, died on Nov. 13, 1948, at the age of 70.

Dr. J. H. Kernkamp resigned as director of the University of Utrecht Library, the

Netherlands, on Jan. 31, 1949, to accept a professorship of economic history at Rotterdam. He was succeeded by D. Grosheide, formerly a conservator at the University of Utrecht Library.

Dr. Isak Collijn, for many years librarian of the Swedish Royal Library in Stockholm, died on Mar. 28, 1949. Dr. Collijn listed among the many honors he had received in his lifetime an honorary foreign corresponding membership in the Grolier Club.—*Lawrence S. Thompson.*

News from the Field

Luther H. Evans, Librarian of *Miscellany* Congress, announced in August that in compliance with a recommendation of the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library, the Library was canceling all arrangements for the giving of prizes and the making of awards. The Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge Medal for "eminent services to chamber music," three awards made in connection with the annual national exhibition of prints, and the Bollingen Prize in Poetry were discontinued by the decision. It was the Bollingen Prize that achieved such extensive publicity when it was awarded to Ezra Pound for his *Pisan Cantos*.

The *Journal of Southern Research*, a new scientific periodical covering activities in the South's research laboratories, was mentioned in an earlier issue of this column. During the summer the Southern Association of Science and Industry adopted this new periodical as its official publication. The *Journal* will furnish members with a long-needed medium for recording their work. It is also expected to make it easier for businessmen to keep abreast of current technical developments.

The Southwest Research Institute has notified us that the Special Libraries Association is sponsoring a project which will attempt to compile a directory of translators of technical and scientific materials. The directory is being compiled at San Antonio but there will be approximately seven other centers located throughout the United States. These centers will serve their particular geographical areas by collecting addresses of peoples or firms who are capable of providing translations from foreign languages. The aim is to collect, not only the names of translators competent in the more common foreign languages, but also the names of those who are conversant with the less common languages, such as Hungarian and Finnish. Readers of *College and Research Libraries* are asked to forward the names and addresses of competent translators to Wayne A. Kalenich, research librarian, Southwest Research Institute, San Antonio 6, Tex.

The Unesco Book Coupon scheme has been enlarged to include Egypt and Holland. The scheme permits people in "soft" currency

countries to buy books and periodicals from "hard" currency countries simply through the purchase, in their own currency, of Unesco Book Coupons. Egypt has joined the scheme both as book buyer and book supplier. The Egyptian Government has designated the Administration of General Culture of the Ministry of Education in Cairo as the agency responsible for the sale of coupons in Egypt. All Egyptian booksellers will now accept book coupons in payment for their publications. The Netherlands have joined the scheme as book suppliers only. The Stichting Grafisch Export Centrum, N.Z. Voorburgwal 58-60, Amsterdam-C has been appointed as the agency to receive orders for all publications bought from the Netherlands by means of book coupons. These latest additions bring the total number of countries benefiting from the Unesco Book Coupon scheme to nine: Czechoslovakia, Egypt, France, Hungary, India, and the United Kingdom (all book buyers and book suppliers) and the Netherlands, Switzerland, and the U.S.A. (book suppliers only).

The private papers of James Boswell, the greatest collection of

Acquisitions, Gifts, Collections English literary manuscripts of the eighteenth century, have been acquired by Yale University. The purchase of this vast collection of journals, letters, and other materials was made possible by a gift to Yale from the Old Dominion Foundation, established by Paul Mellon, class of 1929, and by arrangement with McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., for exclusive rights to publish, through Whittlesey House, the extensive series of volumes which will result from the editing of the papers by leading scholars.

These papers of Samuel Johnson's biographer were bought from Lieutenant Colonel Ralph H. Isham of New York, class of 1914, who has spent nearly 25 years in locating and acquiring this unique collection. During this period, Colonel Isham brought the papers together from their hiding places in the attics and outbuildings of an Irish castle and a Scottish mansion, where they had remained unknown for more than a century.

The manuscripts, written on rag paper and still miraculously fresh, will not be immediately available to scholars since it will be necessary first to sort and arrange the thousands of items.

The extraordinarily intimate story of Boswell and his contemporaries will ultimately be made available to the general public as rapidly as careful editing and publishing permit.

The collection is expected to yield books of a widely diverse sort, some containing Boswell's own private journals, some the suppressed passages in his previously published work, some his correspondence with the great figures of his age, and others of varied character. Each volume will be published separately as soon as the work of preparation is completed and it is hoped that the first volume will be ready for publication in 1950. The tremendous scope of the collection is indicated by the fact that its publication is expected eventually to comprise some 40 or 50 volumes.

The Boswell collection is considered to be, both in size and importance, one of the greatest ever assembled, and one of the most significant acquisitions by a university library in recent times. It contains well over 4000 items, many of them hundreds of pages in length, relating in Boswell's hand his associations with the greatest men of his age, and his adventures in the riotous underworld of the time.

The original manuscript of Theodore Dreiser's *The American Tragedy* was acquired by the University of Pennsylvania Library during the summer. This important acquisition forms part of a large collection of Dreiser manuscripts and correspondence obtained by the University Library from the author's widow. Among other outstanding items in the collection are the manuscripts of two early novels, *The Genius* and *The Titan*, as well as letters written to Mr. Dreiser by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and other prominent political and literary figures. These recent acquisitions supplement the correspondence and manuscripts which the University of Pennsylvania Library received from Mr. Dreiser before his death in 1945.

Northwestern University Library recently received the private collection of Ralph Budd, former president of the Burlington Railroad. The collection numbers some 2400 volumes and represents the working library of a rail-

road man vitally interested in the early history and development of railroads. Consequently the collection is rich in material dealing with the exploration, development and building of the West. Early travels, personal narratives, maps and society publications make up the bulk thereof.

During a recent house cleaning at Washington University in St. Louis, Dayton C. Canaday uncovered a relatively rare newspaper volume. This single volume is the *Gazette of the United States*, published by John Fenno in New York and Philadelphia during the early years of American independence. The file is dated April 14, 1790 through April 27, 1791. The *Gazette* was first published in New York in April 1789. It had the backing of the Federalists, since Fenno had stated that the paper's purpose was to disseminate favorable sentiments of the federal Constitution and the administration. Alexander Hamilton was a frequent contributor, writing many letters on current political topics under various pseudonyms. Opposition papers, such as the *Aurora* and Freneau's *National Gazette*, were established by the Jeffersonians, and Hamilton's protégé was, at times, forced into undignified controversies. The *Gazette* was a small three column folio printed on a sheet 17" by 21". Its circulation never exceeded 1400, one fourth of which was gratis. Fenno, hard pressed by creditors in 1793, appealed to Hamilton for aid. Apparently \$2000 was forthcoming and the *Gazette* continued publication. Fenno died in Philadelphia in the yellow fever epidemic of 1798. His son, John Ward Fenno, carried on the paper until 1800 when he sold it. A number of libraries throughout the country are listed as having scattered numbers of this historic newspaper, but few libraries possess complete volumes.

In September the Naval Historical Foundation deposited its large collection of naval historical papers and documents in the Library of Congress, Manuscripts Division. The Naval Historical Foundation, since its organization in 1926, has been collecting through gift, purchase and loan, documents concerning the history of the United States Navy. These papers, primarily, are composed of private files of naval officers, including personal correspondence with their families, friends and other naval personnel, journals of cruises, files of orders, papers written in various naval

subjects, addresses and other writings. These personal papers complement the official reports on the same subjects. The entire collection, which is being constantly enlarged, contains approximately 50,000 documents and hundreds of journals, log books and letter books. The Library of Congress is beginning work on a descriptive inventory which will make the Naval Historical Foundation collection available to researchers.

Committees, Conferences, Curricula The nation's most extensive program of international affairs studies has been introduced at Columbia University, with the opening of the new European and East Asian Institutes for graduate area studies. With these new study centers and the Russian Institute, established in 1946 through the aid of a \$250,000 grant from the Rockefeller Foundation, Columbia will offer intensive study and research projects on the three vital world areas. Closely allied with the three institutes is the Graduate School of International Affairs, under the direction of Professor Schuyler Wallace. This school was established in 1946 and last year graduated its first group of specialists with the new degree of Master of International Affairs.

Publications The Library of Congress has issued an extremely useful analytical and selective guide to the more important newspapers and periodicals of 25 European countries. Entitled *The European Press Today*, the study was prepared by Harry J. Krould, chief of the Library's European Affairs Division, in response to requests from government officials, institutions of research and higher learning, and individual scholars. Each publication is described in a short evaluative annotation, which indicates its political orientation, affiliation and constituency. Copies of *The European Press Today* may be purchased from the Card Division, the Library of Congress, Washington 25, D.C., for \$1.00 per copy.

The first issue of the *Selective Checklist of Prints and Photographs recently cataloged and made available for reference* has been published by the Library of Congress. This publication is the first in a projected series

of guides to the contents of the unparalleled collections of the Library's Prints and Photographs Division. Over two and a half million pictures—original prints, historical photographs, albums and reproductions of all kinds—have been assembled by the Library during the last 100 years. The new checklist is designed to inform interested persons concerning the availability of groups of pictures, particularly photographs, as they are currently prepared for use. Checklists will be issued several times a year. The first contains more than 400 descriptive entries or lots of pictures and may be obtained upon request from the Prints and Photographs Division, the Library of Congress, Washington 25, D.C.

Luther H. Evans, Librarian of Congress, is the author of "Bibliography by Cooperation," in the *Bulletin of the Medical Library Association*, July 1949.

Chester Kerr is the author of *A Report on American University Presses* (Association of American University Presses, 1949). This volume is based on a survey by the American Council of Learned Societies with a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation. The report considers such aspects of university presses as the types of publications issued, relations with the university and the scholar, organization and personnel of presses, selection of material for publication, production, distribution, records, support, cooperation among presses, and development of new presses. An appendix by Henry M. Silver describes "New Techniques of Specialized Publishing."

The New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University, has begun publication of a series of research pamphlets to be issued by the school. "Union Security and the Taft-Hartley Act in the Buffalo Area," by Horace E. Sheldon; "Training in New York State Industries," by John M. Brophy; "Apprenticeship in Western New York State," by Edward B. Van Dusen; and "Welfare Collective Bargaining in Action," by Morris Sackman are now available free of charge to New York State residents. On requests for more than five copies or for out-of-state orders a charge of 15¢ per copy is required to cover costs.

The Use of Television by the Public Library is the title of a pamphlet published jointly by the Library Public Relations Coun-

cil and the American Library Association. It is a transcript of the proceedings of a meeting held in Town Hall, New York, and represents one of the first discussions on the subject. Copies may be obtained at \$1.00 apiece, including postage, from the Publishing Department, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago 11, Ill.

The following issues of English magazines lost en route to the United States during the war are now available in lithoprint form at the prices noted below. They are considered entirely satisfactory for binding purposes. Address orders to the Serials Committee, American Library Association, University of Minnesota Library, Minneapolis 14, Minn.

<i>Electrician</i>	<i>Price</i>
v. 127, no. 3309, Oct. 31, 1941	\$.59
v. 127, no. 3311, Nov. 14, 1941	.46
v. 129, no. 3360, Oct. 23, 1942.	2.15
v. 131, TPI, July-December 1943	.29
v. 132, TPI, Jan.-June 1944	.27

<i>Fortnightly</i>	
No. 911, November 1942	1.37
No. 916, April 1943	2.14

<i>Gardener's Chronicle</i>	
v. 113, no. 2929, Feb. 13, 1943	2.77

<i>Journal of Scientific Instruments</i>	
v. 20, no. 2, February 1943	1.15

<i>New Statesman and Nation</i>	
v. 21, no. 525, Mar. 15, 1941	2.67
v. 24, no. 609, Oct. 24, 1942.	1.18
v. 25, no. 625, Feb. 13, 1943.	1.18
v. 25, no. 631, Mar. 27, 1943	1.41

<i>Punch</i>	
v. 203, no. 5305, Oct. 21, 1942.	2.20
v. 204, no. 5321, Feb. 10, 1943.	2.00

<i>Round Table</i>	
v. 33, TPI, December 1942	.50

Harry C. Bauer, director of the University of Washington Libraries, is the author of "Library Sleuthing," in the *Washington Alumnus*, Summer 1949. The University of Washington Libraries have issued a two page leaflet which describes the work of the libraries.

The 1948 cumulation of the *Canadian Index*, the Canadian counterpart of the *Read-*

ers' Guide to Periodical Literature, was published in September. The *Canadian Index*, a project of the Canadian Library Association, indexes 64 Canadian periodicals, 12 of which are in the French language. Publication is monthly, September through June. The *Index* also includes pamphlet material and moving pictures produced in Canada. The subscription rate outside Canada is \$25.00. All inquiries should be directed to: *The Canadian Index*, Central Chambers, 46 Elgin St., Ottawa, Ont.

Boston University has issued the *Chenery Library News*, a mimeographed publication (v.1, no.1, September 1949) which contains information about the facilities, collections and work of the Library.

Duke University Library has published a *Student's Guide to the General Library*. This 15-page pocket-size manual describes the building, the usual and special services, and the library regulations.

Three campaign speeches, analyzed by the editor with "polled" results are included in the latest annual collection, *Representative American Speeches: 1948-1949* (\$1.75. H. W. Wilson Co., New York 52). The speakers are Harry S. Truman, Thomas E. Dewey, and Henry A. Wallace. Their speeches, their manner of delivery and especially the editor's analyses should be useful reading for future candidates. The editor and compiler is Dr. A. Craig Baird. In his analysis that precedes each speech, Dr. Baird first presents the time, place, occasion and background. He then discusses the manner of delivery, the structure, content and purpose of the speech and the audience reaction. A brief biographical sketch is included for each speaker and a cumulated index lists all speakers and speech titles that have appeared in the 12 volumes.

During August, Marshall Field announced that *Patterson's American Educational Directory*, a 45-year old nationally recognized listing of schools and educators, had been acquired by Field Enterprises, Inc., Educational Division. The directory was formerly owned by Homer L. Patterson and published in Chicago. H. R. Lissack, formerly in charge of Britannica Films, has been named to head the new organization. Address all inquiries to Field Enterprises, Inc., Educational Division, 35 E. Wacker Drive, Chicago 1, Ill.

The Fallon Law Book Company, Inc., 149 Broadway, New York 6, published *A*

Law Dictionary, English-Espanol-Français-Deutsch, on October 15. The volume is priced at \$15.00. Lawrence Deems Egbert is the author.

The Third Princeton Conference, a report of the meeting of the Cooperative Committee on Library Building Plans, held at Princeton, April 4, 1949, has been issued. The proceedings are available from Dr. S. A. McCarthy, Secretary, Cooperative Committee on Library Building Plans, Cornell University Library, Ithaca, N.Y., at \$2.50 a copy.

A mimeographed publication of interest to librarians is *Employee Personnel Practices in Colleges and Universities*, a survey completed under the sponsorship of the College and University Personnel Association, in the spring of 1949. Among the topics reported on are classification of personnel, wage policy and pay plan, benefits and conditions of employment, in-service transactions, recruitment, placement, testing, professional nonfaculty research personnel, and miscellaneous personnel practices. Boynton S. Kaiser, University of California, Berkeley, directed the survey.

Teachers in the social sciences who may have experienced some difficulty in finding materials that would clearly relate current events to economic textbook theory may be interested in a monthly publication now being issued by Economic Service Agency of Washington, D.C. This bulletin, titled *Topic of the Month*, features one major topic each month and discusses it, in layman's language, from the economist's point of view. Group discounts are available, even when the individual copies are mailed to different addresses, and complimentary copies are made available to instructors. Requests for copies should be sent to Economic Service Agency, 1603 K. St., N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

J. Gormly Miller, librarian, New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University, is the compiler of a list of "Recent Publications" in the October 1949 issue of *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*.

Gene Midget is the author and illustrator of a mimeographed publication, *A Fable with a Moral*, issued by the Wagner College Library, Staten Island, N.Y. The booklet describes how a student may be helped in learning to use the library.

The U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics has released a preliminary

statement on "Salaries and Working Conditions of Library Employees, 1949." According to the release, "salaries of library employees in the United States average \$2575 a year." The average professional salary is \$3050; the nonprofessional, \$1975. Highest salaries, both for professional and nonprofessional workers, were reported in the border states including the District of Columbia, where a large proportion of all library employees work for the federal government.

George B. Sanders, secretary of the Oregon State Archives, has compiled a list of the members and chief clerks of the Oregon Legislative Assembly. Entitled *Members of the Legislature State of Oregon 1860-1949*, the list was designed to serve as a general name index to the published house and senate journals. The pamphlet is free to citizens of Oregon and single copies are free to libraries and historical societies. For sale to other individuals or groups outside of Oregon for \$1.00 per copy.

Mrs. W. W. Campbell and J. A. Hulbert are compilers of *A Bibliography of Graduate Masters Theses*, issued by the Virginia State College, Petersburg. The work covers the years 1937-1949.

Know Your Library is the title of "a guide to the use and enjoyment of the Library of the University of California, Los Angeles."

Paths and By-Paths in Inland Marine Insurance, by Harold S. Daynard (New York, Advocate Press, 1949) is a useful reference source on matters relating to this phase of insurance. Forms are included in the appendices.

ASLIB, 52 Bloomsbury St., London, W.C.L., has issued *Guides to Sources of Information in Great Britain* (No. 1, The Paper Industry; No. 2, Agriculture and Allied Interests; and No. 3, Beverages and Food).

Jerrold Orne, director of libraries, Washington University, is the compiler of *The Language of the Foreign Book Trade: Abbreviations, Terms and Phrases* (Chicago, American Library Association, 1949, price \$2.25). While Dr. Orne does not claim that the list is complete, there is no question that it covers most of the terms found in the publications of book dealers of the following nationalities: French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Dano-Norwegian, Dutch and Swedish. The compiler is anxious to have the comments of users so that a more com-

plete work will be achieved in the future. The volume is a useful addition to our tools for acquisitions work.

The *Harvard Library Bulletin*, for Autumn 1949, contains "The Importance of Rare Books and Manuscripts in a University Library," by William A. Jackson, and "The Future of Libraries in Academic Institutions," by Donald Coney, Newton F. McKeon and Harvie Branscomb.

The Friends of Libraries Committee of the American Library Association is conducting a survey of Friends groups in public, college and university libraries. Questionnaires were sent out this past spring and summer.

Librarians who have not yet sent in their replies are urged to do so as soon as possible.

If you have a public library Friends group and have not received a questionnaire, it may be obtained by communicating with Catherine

J. Butler, librarian and superintendent, Carnegie Library of Homestead, 510 Tenth Avenue, Munhall, Pa.

If you have a college or university Friends group and have not received a questionnaire, write to H. G. Bousfield, chief librarian, Brooklyn College Library, Bedford Ave. and Ave. H, Brooklyn 10, N.Y.

Howard F. McGaw, formerly librarian at Ohio University Library and now a graduate student at Teachers College, Columbia University, is making a study of the marginal punched card system in college and university libraries. He would like to hear from any library using any kind of marginal punched card system, with the exception of those libraries with which he has already had correspondence. Please address Mr. McGaw at 401 Bancroft Hall, 509 W. 121st St., New York 27, N.Y.

"Upon First Looking into John Cook Wyllie's *The Need*"¹

The locust is a dirty bird;
The bee from roses carbon makes;
To sleep with women is absurd;
Today's research is "no great shakes."

Librarianship is trade-school stuff,
It has degraded our position;
Love of rare books is quite enough
To give us back our proud tradition.

Such arguments are hard to follow,
From some warped complex they must spring;
The substance of his speech is hollow,
Let's just forget the whole damned thing!

Jesse H. Shera

¹ "Rare Books in the University Library: The Need." *College and Research Libraries*, 10:291-94, July 1949.