

June 30, 1940,
Pratt Institute is to
discontinue its pub-

lic library service to the people of Brooklyn, operated since 1897, and limit its facilities to the students and faculty of the institution.

University of Rochester Library has received a very large and unusual collection of bookplates from the family of Donald B. Gilchrist, its former librarian. These include plates by many well-known artists.

Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa., has been given an unusual collection of books and magazines on chess, many of which are rare copies, by Mrs. Scott N. Watt of Steubenville, Ohio. Mr. Watt was an alumnus of the class of 1907.

Syracuse University Library is establishing a special poetry room as a result of a gift from Edwin T. Whiffen of Bradentown, Fla. The room will include a selected collection of books on modern poetry, history, and criticism of poetry, and poetry magazines.

Bard College Library, Annandale-on-the-Hudson, N.Y., has received an important collection of papers, documents, and pictures relating to the Bard family which includes material on the history of Dutchess County in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

The art section in the Reference Department of the Bridgeport Public Library featured during the spring and summer a series of exhibitions covering the various arts. These exhibits included a number of paintings by George Jourdon-Herbst and by George Earle, a native of Bridgeport. Other exhibits included prints of Mexican mountains and lakes, wrought bronze and silver, pottery, glass, woodcarving, and other interesting items.

News from

The Reference Department of the Buffalo Public Library has compiled local supplements to the *Union List of Serials* and *Union List of Newspapers* including many libraries and newspaper offices centered in Buffalo. The department also indexes Buffalo newspapers for Buffalo and western New York items, especially birth, marriage, and death notices, and collects these items in scrapbooks. Some 343 scrapbooks have been compiled.

Queens College Library, Flushing, is working on plans for a new library building, to have a seating capacity of 1333 readers and a stack capacity of 250,000 volumes. It is being planned on the departmental basis with five large departmental reading rooms about a central lobby and above a basement stack.

June 5, the new Rose Memorial Library at Drew University, Madison, N.J., was officially dedicated. Milton J. Ferguson delivered the dedicatory address. The new library is a fireproof, colonial brick building, with three floors of reading rooms and a six-story bookstack planned to house 400,000 books. It cost about \$500,000. The library was given by Mr. and Mrs. Lenox S. Rose of New York City.

Bryn Mawr College Library, Bryn Mawr, Pa., is constructing a three-story wing to their library building through a gift of \$117,000. This will increase considerably the reading room space and will provide for 60,000 additional volumes. The wing will also include seminar, study, and display rooms, and will be devoted to art and archaeology.

The Connecticut State University is completing a \$500,000 library building

the Field

at Storrs. It is a three story Georgian structure of red brick with limestone trim. The over-all length is 207 feet, the wings, 106 feet deep. It has seven stories of stacks with a capacity of 200,000 books and 40 carrells for research workers.

Middle West

Acting in response to a request from Wayne University Library, Detroit, the Vatican Library in Rome borrowed a two hundred and forty year old volume of plays by Luis Velez de las Duenas y Guevara from the Palatine Library in Parma, Italy. This was photographed on microfilm, and the film was sent to Wayne University.

Ball State Teachers College Library, Muncie, Ind., has organized a teaching materials service—a central place for the housing of classified materials to supplement class work. Included are models, specimens, and miniatures, mounted collections of minerals and shells, a large number of industrial exhibits, costumes, period furniture, and pottery. The latest acquisition is a group of fifty reproductions of well-known paintings. These collections are lent to teachers just as books are lent.

University of Colorado Library, Boulder, is erecting a new building into which they expect to move during the Christmas holidays. The library is based on the departmental reading room plan, patterned after the public libraries of Baltimore and Rochester, and has special librarians in charge of these reading rooms.

A new \$120,000 library building for the University of Wichita, Wichita, Kan.,

is under construction. It will accommodate 175,000 books. The building is early American in style, has two floors and a basement, and will seat more than 300 students at one time.

South Union College Library, Barbourville, Ky., is sponsoring

courses of recreational reading. Forty-four percent of the student body enrolled for the first course and 54 percent of those registered completed the necessary reading to secure a certificate.

The University of Kentucky Library, Lexington, has begun the development of an extensive alumni collection to include anecdotes, traditions, personal histories, etc., of the various classes. Snapshots of alumni, pictures, newspaper clippings, copies of student publications, and alumni publications are to be cataloged in the collection.

The Reference Department of Carnegie Library of Atlanta, is engaged in filming the three Atlanta newspapers, the *Constitution*, *Journal*, and *Georgian*.

The Friends of the Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill publish interesting notices relating to the library in the University of North Carolina *Alumni Review* and reprints from this page are sent to libraries interested. Included are gifts, library needs, special collections, special services of the library to alumni, and many other interesting items.

The annex to Commonwealth College Library, Mena, Ark., was destroyed by fire, April 16. Hundreds of volumes of trade union and other labor periodicals—some of them scarce—were destroyed.

Talladega College, Talladega, Ala., opened a new library building in the late spring. It not only serves the student

body of the institution but also the Negro people of Talladega County.

In preparation for the opening of the new law school to be associated with the North Carolina College for Negroes at Durham, N.C., work has already begun in assembling an adequate law library for the college and for members of the Negro race who are preparing for bar examinations and may have received their legal training elsewhere.

Southwest A total of 318,195 books circulated last year at the University of Texas Library was the largest in the south. From the total circulation figures, Donald Coney, librarian, estimated library books were being charged out, read, and returned, at the rate of one every fifteen seconds.

The University of Oklahoma Library, Norman, has opened a browsing room with about 3000 of the newest and most popular books. From time to time various faculty members are reviewing current interesting books at informal meetings in the room.

The College of Mines and Metallurgy at El Paso, Tex., during the spring held an exhibition of rare books borrowed from its student body. The volumes exhibited included quite a collection of old Bibles.

The Oklahoma A. and M. College Library, Stillwater, has assembled a large bibliography of all the cards printed by the Library of Congress relating to Oklahoma. These include official publications, histories, descriptions of the state, subjects relating to the state, state institutions, and publications.

Far West The College and University Librarians of the Pacific northwest met for the second time for an

informal discussion at Reed College Library, Portland, Ore., October 22. Warren L. Perry, librarian, College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash., is chairman of the group, and Ruth S. Reynolds, librarian, Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash., is secretary.

Reed College had its first annual Library Day on October 11. In connection with the day, the Founders' Room, containing the Simeon G. Reed (founder of Reed College) papers, the Bibliotheca Belgica, and the library's collection of fine printing, was officially opened.

The University of Southern California Library, Los Angeles, notes the acquisition of three author collections from the library of Willard S. Morse. These include materials relating to William Dean Howells, Sinclair Lewis, and Ambrose Bierce, and comprise manuscripts, original letters, autographed books, and files of periodical material.

A large collection including notes, outlines, manuscripts of addresses, lecture notes, and syllabi, publications, reports, surveys, official correspondence, and newspapers and periodicals relating to Dr. Henry Suzzalo is being assembled at the University of Washington Library, Seattle, in recognition of his contribution to education and public affairs.

The University of Oregon, Eugene, observed its third annual Library Day, May 3, with displays of library gifts and student-owned private libraries. The new browsing room named the Adelaide Church Memorial Reading Room was officially dedicated May 13.

The University of California at Los Angeles Library has specialized recently in the fields of German linguistics, philology, and literature, and has purchased six special collections in these fields from for-

mer professors in German and Scandinavian institutions. The total collections include some 53,000 volumes and a large number of unbound dissertations and pamphlets, making this one of the outstanding collections in these fields in America.

A new library building was completed during the summer at Pepperdine College, Los Angeles, and the library collections were moved into the structure. It is of reinforced concrete with a stack capacity of 35,000 volumes and reading room accommodations for 215 persons.

Personnel

Irmadean Bowen, Los Angeles Public Library School, formerly acting head of the Education Library, University of Southern California, has been placed in charge of the training school library at the Arizona State Teachers College, Tempe.

Jean Cook, formerly cataloger, University of Redlands, Redlands, Calif., was appointed assistant reference librarian at Oregon State College November 1.

Frederick Cromwell, California '38, formerly assistant librarian of the Eastern Washington College of Education, Cheney, Wash., has been appointed assistant librarian of the University of Arizona.

Betty Didcott, George Peabody '39, has been appointed circulation assistant on the University of Arizona staff.

Ruth Diveley, formerly on the staff of Multnomah College, Portland, Ore., has been appointed reference librarian at Occidental College, Los Angeles.

Henrie-May Eddy, librarian, Univer-

sity of Florida Library, Gainesville, was killed in an airplane accident in August.

Alice H. Gay, formerly on the staff of Carleton College, Northfield, Minn., has been appointed head cataloger on the staff of Occidental College, Los Angeles.

Malcolm Hinckley, formerly circulation assistant at Vanderbilt University Library, has been appointed assistant librarian of George Pepperdine College, Los Angeles.

Helen M. Lewis, Washington '39, has been appointed circulation librarian, College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash.

Fulmer Mood was appointed librarian of University of Redlands on September 1. Eleanor Symmes became librarian emerita.

Althea Ragsdale, Denver, formerly librarian, Henderson State College, Aradelphia, Ark., has been appointed librarian of State Teachers College, Flagstaff, Ariz.

Blanche Steel, assistant in Toronto Reference Library, was drowned in the torpedoing of the "Athenia."

J. J. Tallman, acting librarian of the Legislative Library in Toronto, has been appointed assistant librarian of the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario.

Members of the Circulation Department of the University of Toronto Library compiled the Canadian periodical index which was published during the summer of 1939.

WILLARD P. LEWIS

NOTE: The editors of *College and Research Libraries* will be very glad to receive current items relating to college, university, and reference libraries for publication in the new journal. Such items should be sent to Willard P. Lewis, secretary, Association of College and Reference Libraries, Pennsylvania State College Library, State College, Pa.

MINUTES OF THE A.C.R.L. BUSINESS MEETING FOLLOWING THE GENERAL SESSION AT SAN FRANCISCO

The business meeting of the Association of College and Reference Libraries at the San Francisco conference of the American Library Association was held in the Commerce High School Auditorium on Monday afternoon, June 19, with Frank K. Walter, librarian of the University of Minnesota and president of the association, presiding and Jackson E. Towne, librarian of the State College, East Lansing, Mich., acting secretary.

After preliminary local announcements President Walter called for the secretary's report.

Mr. Towne explained that at the meeting of the Board of Directors the previous afternoon, reports from the following committees of the A.C.R.L. had been read and accepted: Constitution and By-Laws, Donald Coney, chairman; Departmental Libraries and Library Service, Robert A. Miller, chairman; Interlibrary Loans, Harold Russell, chairman.

The Board of Directors voted to approve the principles set forth in the report of the third Activities Committee and to recommend adoption of the report by the A.L.A.

President Walter explained that if anyone wished to hear the reports of the first three committees mentioned by the acting secretary these would be read aloud. Since they were long and would subsequently be published, it did not seem arbitrary to read them merely by title.

The acting secretary then explained that the secretary had presented a joint report this year, in view of his second function as chairman of the Publications Committee.

It was also explained that in the former College and Reference Section the motion for the acceptance of the secretary's report automatically carried with it the approval of the section to enter upon a contributing membership (\$25) in the A.L.A.

The secretary's report follows.

Secretary's Report

Because my duties as secretary have been closely connected with functions as editor and chairman of the Publications Committee it seems wise to present a joint report.

As secretary it has been my duty to assist the president of the A.C.R.L. in the establishment of projects and committees and the arrangement of program and speakers for the general session, to take minutes of the Board of Directors meetings and general business meetings, to recommend budget expenditures, and help establish the work of the new association. The correspondence files of the secretary have greatly increased over those of the previous year.

As editor and chairman of the Publications Committee, the following has been our schedule of duties. The papers and proceedings of the A.C.R.L. meetings at Kansas City were edited and prepared for publication in the A.L.A. *Proceedings*. Because of reorganization and the setting up of five subsections our *Proceedings* occupied more space than before—a total of 40 printed pages, despite considerable abridgment. Of the 40 pages, the A.L.A. granted us 20 free pages and charged us at the rate of \$10 per page for the remaining 20 pages or a total of \$200. The free space permitted was considerably more than that allowed in previous years. Because of the fact that most of our members are only \$3 members of the A.L.A. and do not receive the printed *Proceedings*, and by vote of the Board of Directors, the secretary had 1000 reprints made of the A.C.R.L. proceedings and distributed to members at an approximate cost of \$100.

On invitation of the A.L.A. College Library Advisory Board and the *A.L.A. Bulletin*, the secretary undertook the editing of a news column of college and university library news in three spring issues of the *Bulletin*. Owing to the faithfulness of a group of willing reporters in all parts of the

country, the secretary received an unusual amount of material for use, far more than the editor of the *Bulletin*, Mrs. Beatrice S. Rossell, could find space for. As a result of this large increase in news which continues to come in, and because the reference libraries and reference departments of public libraries were not included in the news columns, it was decided, by agreement of the Board of Directors, to undertake the publication of a printed *News Letter* to be sent to all members of the A.C.R.L. The first issue of this *News Letter* was sent to members on April 15, 1939. It included notes relating to reference libraries and reference departments of public libraries as well as notes relating to college and university libraries. The April *News Letter* cost approximately \$20 for printing 1000 copies, \$6 for envelopes, and \$10 for postage.

The matter of future publications of the A.C.R.L. must be decided by the members. The secretary and the Committee on Publications, in this report, recommend that until, and if, a share of A.L.A. income is appropriated to the A.C.R.L. as a result of the report of the third Activities Committee or some other way is found to supplement the present limited income of the A.C.R.L., the present program be followed. In other words, they recommend that the proceedings and papers of the A.C.R.L. be published in the *Proceedings* of the A.L.A., paying for extra space if necessary; that the news column in the *A.L.A. Bulletin* including news items about reference libraries and reference departments of public libraries as well as college and university libraries be issued as frequently as Mrs. Rossell can find space for them; and that the secretary be authorized to continue the publication of A.C.R.L. *News Letters* as often as the flow of news notes, committee reports, association business, etc., demand. A recent letter from Mrs. Rossell indicates that there will probably be little space available in the fall issues of the *A.L.A. Bulletin*. Therefore, we would recommend that the next *News Letter* be issued in September and that the secretary be permitted to issue further numbers as necessary.

In conclusion, the secretary wishes to express his appreciation to the president, the

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treasurer, the directors, and the members of the A.C.R.L., to Mrs. Rossell, and to Guy R. Lyle, chairman of the College Library Advisory Board, for their patience and cooperative helpfulness. He apologizes for mistakes made and hopes that there will be fewer during the remainder of his term. It has been a year of experimentation.

WILLARD P. LEWIS, *Secretary*

The motion to accept this report was amended so as to give the board power to act at variance from the report's recommendations regarding publications, should the board so wish.

The financial portion of the treasurer's report was then read by the acting secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance on June 16, 1938, when the books were audited	\$ 840.41	
New members to the incumbency of the present treasurer	64.00	\$ 904.41
Expenditures from June 16, 1938, to the incumbency of the new treasurer \$128.53		
Cash balance turned over to the new treasurer (\$904.41—\$128.53)	775.88	
Income from memberships to June, 1939 (including 1938 and 1940 payments)	711.48	
Final payment from the East Lansing State Bank	119.00	
Total cash		<u>\$1,606.36</u>

Expenditures

University Libraries Subsection .. \$	100.13	
Reference Librarians Subsection	43.67	
Junior College Libraries Subsection	9.23	
Extra space in the <i>A.L.A. Bulletin</i> for proceedings	200.00	
Printing and mailing proceedings reprints	109.90	
Printing and mailing of news letter	36.50	
Expenses, secretary's office	12.00	
Expenses, treasurer's office, including printing and mailing, typing of dues notices and membership list	54.61	
Total expenditures		<u>\$ 566.04</u>
Cash on hand, June 7, 1939		<u>\$1,040.32</u>

J. PERIAM DANTON,
Treasurer

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the treasurer's report be accepted.

Louis Shores then moved, and it was voted to endorse the action of the Board of Directors in approving the third Activities Report.

The acting secretary then read the fol-

lowing, prepared by Secretary Lewis, and here presented in slightly abbreviated form.

Appeal for Membership in the A.C.R.L.

The Association of College and Reference Libraries, a section (formerly the College and Reference Section) of the American Library Association was reorganized and a new set of by-laws adopted in 1938. It was reorganized with the hope that it might greatly enlarge its membership and establish programs and publications which would prove of value and stimulation to college and reference librarians.

During the process of reorganization and as a result of membership campaigns, the membership rose from 140 in November, 1936, to 761 in December, 1938. But with 2700 college, university and reference librarians and staff members in the A.L.A., the A.C.R.L.—all of whose members must also be A.L.A. members—still has a large field from which to increase its membership. Programs and publications and the general usefulness of the new association must depend upon increased financial support and, thus far, memberships are the only source of funds. As a beginning, the association in its first year of reorganized activity, has provided every member, without cost, with a copy of the Association of College and Reference Libraries proceedings at Kansas City and with the first issue of a printed *News Letter*. . . . In addition, news items relating to college and university libraries were published in three spring issues of the *A.L.A. Bulletin*. Furthermore, subsection programs and expenses have been subsidized in proportion to their membership in all five subsections—the College Libraries, Junior College Libraries, Reference Librarians, Libraries of Teacher-Training Institutions, and University Libraries. The dollar payment includes membership in one or more of these subsections although voting is limited to one subsection.

Will you not lend your support to this program for increasing activities and information for college, university, and reference libraries and librarians by joining the Association and adding your dollar to the fund it needs to help your work?

WILLARD P. LEWIS, *Secretary*

At the close of the meeting the acting secretary received dues payments to forward to the treasurer.

Charles H. Brown, as chairman of the Nominating Committee then reported his committee's recommendations. There being no nominations from the floor, a motion to declare the officers elected was seconded and carried.

The complete slate of the A.C.R.L. and its subsections for 1939-40 is as follows: Association of College and Reference Libraries

President, Phineas L. Windsor, University of Illinois Library, Urbana; Director (for 3 years), Winifred Ver Nooy, University of Chicago Libraries

College Libraries Subsection

Chairman, Lucy E. Fay, School of Library Service, Columbia University, New York City; secretary, Nathaniel L. Goodrich, Dartmouth College Library, Hanover, N.H.

Junior College Libraries Subsection

Chairman, Helen Hutchings, Centenary College Library, Hackettstown, N.J.; secretary, Lois Engleman, Frances Shimer Junior College Library, Mount Carroll, Ill.

Reference Librarians Subsection

Chairman, Charles F. McCombs, New York Public Library; secretary, Margaret Hutchings, School of Library Service, Columbia University, New York City

Subsection for Teacher-Training Institutions Libraries

Chairman, Helen A. Russell, State Teachers College Library, West Chester, Pa.; secretary, Lucy S. Bell, State Teachers College Library, Salem, Mass.

University Libraries Subsection

Chairman, Nathan van Patten, Stanford University Libraries, Calif.; secretary, Robert A. Miller, University of Nebraska Libraries, Lincoln; director (for 3 years), Donald Coney, University of Texas Library, Austin

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

JACKSON E. TOWNE, *Acting Secretary*