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The War Manpower Commission, through its state representative in New Jersey, has made available to librarians a course in job efficiency. A representative of the state library association was selected to take the course and to advise librarians throughout the state relative to making library routines more efficient. Some of the libraries already are putting into practice the simplified routines with gratifying results.

The Pattee Library of American Literature, which was presented to the Pennsylvania State College Library, Willard P. Lewis, librarian, in 1941, has been cataloged in part and is available for use under certain restrictions. The collection contains first editions of Washington Irving, James Fenimore Cooper, Mark Twain, and George W. Cable; a large collection of annuals and gift books of a century ago; volumes of early American magazines; and miscellaneous material such as pamphlets, songsters, letters, notes, and indexes.

The Library of Congress has received by gift from Mrs. Gertrude Atherton a collection of her manuscripts and memorabilia. Included in the gift is the original typescript of her latest novel, *The Horn of Life*, published last year. The library has also her manuscript of *The Golden Peacock* and *The Jealous God*, in addition to some of the original source material, including early Americana, which she used in *The Conqueror*.

The Library of Congress and the National Library of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics have been exchanging material regularly during the war, and, as a result, the Library of Congress has received currently newspapers, magazines,

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scientific material, and other Russian materials of great value in connection with war research.

The Library of Congress has received twenty-eight full microfilm rolls of Japanese census reports representing sixty-five volumes of about four hundred pages each, containing the most detailed information available outside Axis territory on distribution by locality, age grouping, occupational pursuits, etc., in Japan. These were received through the courtesy of Professor Robert B. Hall, of the University of Michigan.

Among the recent accessions of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania Library are the *Papers of the Indian Rights Association*, comprising twenty-five thousand items; the *Margaret Coleman Buckingham Collection* of 460 volumes of account books of early iron mining in Pennsylvania; the *Atlantic Neptune Maps*, a collection of coastal charts issued by the British for use by its navy from 1777 to 1780; and the *Meredith Collection*, containing papers and account books of Jonathan Meredith, an early tanner, William Meredith, attorney, and William M. Meredith, attorney and former Secretary of the Treasury.

The Library of Congress began in July to issue printed cards for microfilm copies of books in the library. These are printed for use in the catalogs of the library and for distribution to other libraries in the same manner and at the same cost as cards for books.

South

The University
of Georgia Library,
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acting director, has received a grant of twenty-five thousand dollars from the General Education Board for continuing the recataloging and reclassification of the library. The grant will provide special personnel for the next two years. Raymond W. Holbrook, formerly head of cataloging and classification at the College of the City of New York, has been appointed supervisor of the cataloging project.

The war information center in the library of the University of North Carolina now contains more than one thousand books, five thousand pamphlets, and a newspaper clipping file. Four full-time staff members, aided by volunteers from the local civilian defense organization, administer the collection which is heavily used by faculty, students, and residents out in the state.

By a recent gift the University of Kentucky Library, Margaret I. King, librarian, has received the books and records of the 120-year-old printing firm of John P. Morton, of Louisville, Kentucky, publishers for many years of the *Western Farmers' Almanac* and of school textbooks. The collection makes a valuable contribution to the history of education in the South.

The University of Kentucky has received recently a Confederate collection containing material about the war record of General John Hunt Morgan. Efforts are being made to add to the library's collection of Morgiana.

The library of Southwestern University, Memphis, Tenn., Charlotte Newton, acting librarian, has acquired a collection of films relating to life in Latin American

countries. They were secured through the Southern Council on International Relations and may be borrowed for displaying off the campus.

The proposed reorganization of the technical processes and reference service described by Librarian John J. Lund of Duke University in *College and Research Libraries* for June 1942 has been put into practice in the Duke University Library. The plan makes use of two divisions: the first covering ordering, acquisition, and descriptive cataloging, and the second, subject cataloging and reference service.

On April 12, at a meeting of the Friends of the Library, Duke University opened a new rare book room and accepted for the university a valuable collection of Whitmaniana. The collection consists of books, periodicals, manuscripts, proof sheets, sheet music, portraits, and clippings relating to the American poet Walt Whitman, and was presented by Dr. and Mrs. Josiah C. Trent in honor of their three daughters.

Southwest The University of New Mexico Library, Wilma L. Shelton, librarian, has received a twenty-five thousand dollar grant from the Rockefeller Foundation to be used primarily for the acquisition of books on the anthropology and history of Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean. The grant makes available five thousand dollars a year for a period of five years.

Middle West Northwestern University, Effie A. Keith, acting librarian, has acquired from the estate of the late Professor Franz Boas, noted anthropologist, his library of nearly five thousand

volumes and ten thousand reprints. The collection is particularly rich in the early works on anthropology, containing most of the important materials on primitive art and primitive linguistics.

The Bierce Library of the University of Akron, Josephine A. Cushman, librarian, has had established by the Friends of the Library a collection of English and American literature to be known as the Albert I. Stanton Collection, in honor of Dr. Stanton who retires this year after fifty years of service with Buchtel College and the University of Akron. More than six hundred volumes have been received. Emphasis is on the period of the English Renaissance and Reformation.

The Western Historical Manuscripts Collection in the University of Missouri Library has received the papers of Arthur M. Hyde, Governor of Missouri from 1921 to 1925 and Secretary of Agriculture from 1929 to 1933.

West The University of California, Harold L. Leupp, librarian, has received by gift an unusual collection of 101 volumes consisting chiefly of herbals and early rare botanical items, presented by C. E. Fyfer, of Santa Barbara, in memory of his wife.

Personnel Allen Tate, distinguished American poet and critic, has been appointed to the Chair of Poetry of the Library of Congress for one year beginning July 1, 1943.

Richard H. Logsdon, librarian of Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va., has been appointed acting head of the department of library science, University of Kentucky.

Carl M. White, director of the University of Illinois Library and Library School, has been appointed director of libraries and the School of Library Service of Columbia University to succeed Charles C. Williamson, recently retired.

Kenneth R. Shaffer, acquisitions librarian of the Indiana State Library, has been appointed assistant to the director of libraries, Indiana University. Robert A. Miller is director of libraries.

William Baehr, librarian of Augustana College and Theological Seminary of Rock Island, Ill., has been named librarian of Kansas State College, Manhattan. He succeeds Arthur Bourne Smith, who retired on August 31 after thirty-two years of service at Kansas State.

Mary E. Baker retired in August as librarian of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Bertus Harry Wabeke has been appointed to the staff of the Library of Congress as Bibliographer of the Netherlands East Indies. He will work with the staff of the Netherlands Studies Unit in the library and will compile bibliographies on the Netherlands East Indies, the Netherlands, and the Dutch in America.

Eldon R. James, formerly librarian of the Harvard Law School, has been appointed law librarian of Congress to succeed the late John C. Vance.

Ralph Fritz, formerly professor of education at Kansas State Teachers College in Pittsburg, has been made librarian of the college, succeeding Odella Nation who retired after forty years as librarian. Fritz is a graduate of the George Peabody College for Teachers Library School.

James Hendricks is acting librarian of the Utah State Agricultural College during the absence of David W. Davies, who is serving with the armed forces.

MEETING OF THE LIBRARIANS OF MIDDLE WESTERN RESEARCH LIBRARIES

*Following is a report of the meeting held
January 29, 1943, at the
University of Chicago.*

For several years the presidents of thirteen Middle Western universities have been in the habit of meeting from time to time to consider matters of mutual interest. The librarians of these institutions and the librarians of the Newberry Library and the John Crerar Library were invited to meet at the University of Chicago on Jan. 29, 1943, to discuss the general subject of cooperation among the research libraries of the Middle West. The following institutions were represented: Indiana University, Robert A. Miller, librarian; Iowa State College, Frances Warner, serials librarian; John Crerar Library, K. L. Taylor, chief, reference department; Michigan State College, Jackson E. Towne, librarian; Newberry Library, Stanley M. Pargellis, librarian; Northwestern University, Effie A. Keith, acting librarian; Ohio State University, Earl N. Manchester, librarian; Purdue University, William M. Hepburn, librarian; State University of Iowa, Grace Van Wormer, acting librarian; University of Chicago, Ralph A. Beals, director of libraries; University of Illinois, Carl M. White, director of libraries; University of Michigan, Warner G. Rice, director of libraries; University of Minnesota, Frank K. Walter, university librarian; University of Missouri, Benjamin E. Powell, librarian; University of Nebraska, Stephen A. McCarthy, director of libraries. Robert Maynard Hutchins, Keyes D. Metcalf, and James A. McMillen also were present for a part of the meeting. Carl M. White presided.

Mr. Hutchins spoke of the desirability of inter-institutional planning in higher education and research and of the difficulties encountered by the Committee of Thirteen. He laid stress on the positive role that librarians might play in the shaping of desirable inter- and intra-institutional programs.

Mr. Metcalf presented a proposal originating with a committee of the consultants of the Librarian of Congress for a division of responsibility among American libraries, on the national level, in the acquiring and recording of library materials. Attention was paid also to the possibilities of local storehouses for the collection of little-used books. The opinion seemed general that both national and local programs would not be interfered with, and might prove to be strengthened, by a regional approach.

There was general agreement that cooperation among the libraries represented could not be based on a delimitation of spheres of interest, that no institution should be expected to agree *not* to do anything, and that responsibility for institutional self-determination could not be impaired. It was agreed that each institution would need to shape its own policies in relation to its own constituents, each academic library particularly being responsible for the development of strong collections for the curricular and principal research interests of its own institution. It was also agreed to regard any commitments that might be undertaken as tentative and so subject to modification in the light of subsequent events.

On the positive side, it was agreed that in every research library, even in small libraries, there is probably a margin over and above expenditures for current needs that can be directed toward the strengthening of particular portions of the collections, and that the principal opportunity for inter-institutional cooperation in collecting lies in these areas of "special collections" or "exhaustive" collecting, it being understood that completeness in most areas is unobtainable.

Miss Warner reported the principal interests of Iowa State College to be: animal breeding, animal chemistry, economic entomology, genetics (plant and animal), plant breeding, plant chemistry, veterinary

medicine (exclusive of works published before the nineteenth century, tropical veterinary medicine, and popular works).

Mr. Miller listed as the "special collections" toward which Indiana University is directing its attention: Lincoln, especially origins of the Republican Party and the campaigns of 1856 and 1860; Indiana history; the Ohio Valley, 1789-1861, excluding Civil War, slavery, and the Old Northwest; English history and literature, 1689-1720, exclusive of the drama, with particular attention to Defoe; the War of 1812 in the West; Livy and Pliny.

Mr. Pargellis reported that the Newberry Library's special interests include: North American Indians; exploration of North and South America (to 1800); colonial history of the Americas; Portuguese history (to 1820); music, scores, theory, etc.; Arthurian legend; calligraphy; history of typographic arts; pamphlets on the American Revolution, 1760-83, both English and American; Civil War (especially regimental histories); eighteenth century correspondence, autobiographies, memoirs, etc., English and American.

After some discussion it was agreed: 1. That each person present should draw up a statement showing (a) the principal areas of strength already attained by his library and (b) other areas marked out for special development; 2. That these statements ideally should approach in fulness and specificity the information a librarian would wish to supply to visiting scholars, but, such full description being lacking, lists would be useful; 3. That each librarian should be responsible for preparing his own materials and for distributing them to all other mem-

bers of the group, facilities for manifold being provided to those in need of them through the gracious offer of Charles H. Brown; 4. That Mr. Brown be asked to undertake the responsibility of following up and consolidating the statements thus prepared.

Mr. Pargellis directed attention to the disintegration of newspaper files for the years 1880-1900 and inquired what interest those present had in cooperative filming of selected files of Middle Western newspapers for the critical years. Interest being general, it was agreed that each person present send Mr. Pargellis the following: 1. A report of steps already taken to film local newspapers; 2. Papers to be considered if cooperative filming proves feasible.

Inquiry into the possibilities of a cooperative scheme for clearing duplicates was assigned to a committee composed of Messrs. Miller (chairman), Pargellis, and Beals.

The following topics, which had been proposed for discussion, were by general agreement laid on the table: cooperative buying in Europe after the war, cooperative buying in general, local or regional deposit libraries, and reproduction of Axis war periodicals.

With respect to future meetings it was agreed: 1. That another meeting of the group is desirable; 2. That no formal organization should be set up, the date of the next meeting to be set and the necessary arrangements to be made by a steering committee composed of Messrs. Brown (chairman), White, and Beals.

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purchased out of the same funds as books and periodicals. Equipment should come from the same funds that pay for typewriters, catalog cases, etc., while repair and upkeep would be from maintenance. Rental on any materials should come from

operating expenses, not book fund. This, of course, if the collection is to be a part of the library which many persons now agree, is the most satisfactory place on a college campus for such a collection.