

McDiarmid Succeeds Walter at Minnesota

Errett Weir McDiarmid began residence at the University of Minnesota on September 1 as university librarian and director of the division of library instruction.

DR. MCDIARMID was graduated from Texas Christian University in 1929. During his second year there a college librarian saw promise in the young sophomore, invited him to join his staff, and continued him in a part-time capacity until he finished his work for the master's degree four years later. It was during these four years and under this friendly tutelage that the idea of a career as librarian took shape in Weir McDiarmid's mind. Awarded a Julius Rosenwald scholarship in 1930-31, he received from Emory University the A.B. in Library Science in 1931. Following a summer at the Detroit Public Library, he went to the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago, where he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1934.

After three years as librarian of Baylor University, he was called to the University of Illinois as a member of the faculty of the library school. That was in 1937. He rose in rank rapidly from associate to assistant professor and finally to associate professor. In 1941-42 he served as chairman of an instruction committee, in which capacity he had direct responsibility for administering all phases of the work of the library school with the exception of placement. His teaching had been mainly in the field of library administration, and his



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handling of the administrative responsibilities with which he was entrusted temporarily proved so effective that he was appointed assistant director of the school. The duties of this responsible post he carried with ease but energetically and with large understanding. He provided a quality of leadership which, if cut short at Illinois, affords assurance to the profession and to the University of Minnesota that the bright mantle of Frank K. Walter falls, as it deserves to fall, on capable shoulders.

Dr. McDiarmid's interests were varied.

Some of his colleagues at Illinois came to know him through the local chapter of the A.A.U.P. (which made him its secretary); others by meeting him in tennis tournaments or by reading about the finals in the local newspaper. Partly as a result of these and other interests, partly as a result of a friendliness that is deep and strong, he was widely known and respected among his colleagues throughout the university.

Dr. McDiarmid is recognized as belonging to the scholarly group of younger librarians. He has been a frequent contributor to library publications. The American Library Association published his work entitled *The Library Survey* in 1940. A more recent study, done in collaboration with his brother, John McDiarmid, is to appear this fall as a joint publication of the American Library Association and the University of Illinois Press. This is a study financed by a grant from the Carnegie Corporation and is to be entitled "The Administration of the American Public Library."

Extramural Responsibilities

His interest in the general problems of the library profession has brought him numerous extramural responsibilities. In 1937-38 he served as chairman of the

A.L.A. Bibliography Committee. Since 1939 he has been chairman of the A.L.A. Constitution and By-Laws Committee. In 1939-40 he served as a member of the important A.L.A. Third Activities Committee. From 1940-42 he was a member of the Committee on Reorganization of the American Association of Library Schools.

Readers of *College and Research Libraries* knew him first as its assistant editor, beginning in 1941, and later as its managing editor. In this latter capacity, he has been in direct charge of the journal, handling all phases of the work from creating articles to superintending the progress of copy through the press. His relinquishment of the managing editorship was announced in the September issue of *College and Research Libraries*. This is a loss to the journal, one which all those who know how much Weir McDiarmid has put into the managing editorship look upon with real regret. His going to Minnesota dissolves an editorial partnership with a record of only one case of disagreement. That was over the question of including the present article in the September issue of this journal. "Mac" won.

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East

The papers of Booker T. Washington have been presented to the Library of Congress by the trustees of Tuskegee Institute. The collection contains approximately 180,000 pieces and is regarded by scholars as perhaps the richest and most important source of information on the history of the Negro.

An important addition to the library of the School of Fine Arts of the University of Pennsylvania is the bequest from the estate of the late Charles Louis Borie of a number of works dealing with medieval manuscripts and the early history of the book. This acquisition fills one of the important gaps in the material dealing with medieval art in the University of Pennsylvania Libraries.

Pennsylvania State College has acquired, partly by gift and partly by purchase, some five thousand volumes which are to be known as the Robert H. Hay Collection. They include works of British and American authors, with emphasis on Hawthorne, and first editions and rarities relating to literature, religion, travel, art, folklore, and American history. Books to which noted illustrators have contributed are numerous among them, as are titles dealing with experimental colonies, superstitions, and witchcraft.

The Roosevelt Memorial Association of New York has donated to the Harvard College Library its collection of eleven thousand books and eight thousand photographs and cartoons relating to Theodore Roosevelt. As soon as the collection has been integrated with the recent American history collection at Harvard, it will be available for the use of scholars. Nora Cordingley will continue her work with the collection.

South

Manuscripts recently received by the Virginia State Library, Wilmer L. Hall, librarian, include letters of the Ross family, 1805-16; Herndon account book, 1803-66; Fluvanna County papers; papers and correspondence of Governor A. J. Montague; miscellaneous manuscripts of Warwick, Prince George, and Nansemond counties; papers relating to the

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Brooke family; Tazewell family papers; a George Mason document; a letter book, 1804-08, of John Clarke, superintendent of the Virginia Manufactory of Arms; and various Confederate rosters.

More News from Virginia: A Further Account of Bacon's Rebellion, Reproduced in Facsimile with an Introduction by Thomas Perkins Abernethy has been issued by the University of Virginia Library as the third publication from the Tracy W. McGregor Collection. The facsimile is of a unique copy of a pamphlet published in 1677.

The manuscript collection of the College of William and Mary, E. G. Swem, librarian, has been enhanced by the acquisition of the letters, account books, and other manuscripts of Charles Campbell, author of the *History of Virginia* and former head of a preparatory school in Petersburg. The manuscripts include a diary of Charles Campbell in Petersburg for the period 1861-64.

Jacqueline Bull, assistant reference librarian, University of Kentucky, has been awarded a fellowship by the Rockefeller Foundation for study in Southern economic history. The study will consist of

(1) An analysis of the collection of Southern mercantile records in the University of Kentucky Library in an effort to learn the position occupied by the agricultural supply merchant.

(2) An estimate of the best methods for organizing these records into a working collection for scholars.

The collection of the Union Theological Seminary Library, Richmond, Va., Henry M. Brimm, librarian, has been transferred to the first unit of a new library building just completed at a cost of \$170,000.

Hollins College Library, Hollins, Va., Dorothy A. Doerr, librarian, has received a collection of seventy manuscripts, incunabula, and early sixteenth century books from Mr. Samuel Herbert McVitty of Ridgewood Farm, Salem, Va. This collection, consid-

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ered by appraisers to include one of the finest small collections of early printed books, consists largely of works of German and Italian presses, although there are also examples from presses located in England and France.

Southwest The University of Texas Library has added a new member to its staff, the "Service Coordinator," whose specific function is to remove the obstacles between the student and the book. Faculty members are encouraged to indicate the specific book requirements for their classes and with that information this staff member tailors the service to fit the need.

Brother Hugo, C.S.C., librarian of St. Edwards University, Austin, Texas, has reported the acquisition of the Texas Knights of Columbus Archives comprising about seventy thousand manuscripts and photostats of manuscripts.

The University of Texas Medical School, Elizabeth D. Runge, librarian, has established a new reading room called the Founders' Room. It was created by Dr. Chauncey D. Leake and formally opened on December 18, 1942. It contains the nontechnical books in the medical library, including biography, medical history, medical Texiana, plays and novels by and about doctors, as well as many classics and first editions of medicine. Also shelved in this room are Dr. Leake's interesting rare books and incunabula relating to the healing art and interesting books from other gift collections. The Founder's Room serves the student body as a recreational reading room. Mildred M. Robertson is in charge.

Texas Christian University Library, Mrs. Bertie H. Mothershead, librarian, has received as gifts the nine hundred-volume education library of Professor R. A. Smith and the five hundred-volume library of the late Professor W. C. Morro, head of the New Testament department of Brite College of the Bible.

Middlewest Keyes D. Metcalf, director of the Harvard University Library, and Theodore C. Blegen, dean of the Graduate School of the University of Minnesota, have completed a survey of the relationship between the State Historical Society of Wisconsin and the University of Wisconsin Library and have made recommendations for a joint building program and a reallocation of the fields of collecting covered by each library.

The Rockefeller Foundation has granted \$5000 to be used in promoting Oberlin College's program of Far Eastern studies. Five hundred dollars will be devoted to visual aid materials such as maps, charts, and slides; the balance to the purchase of books. Julian S. Fowler is librarian.

Max Sherover, president of the Linguaphone Institute of New York, has donated to the Oberlin College Library a large collection of records relating to linguistics, phonetics, and diction of English and foreign languages. The collection includes also a representative selection of recorded speeches by prominent personalities, dead and living, and readings by prominent actors, poets, and authors. Mr. Sherover makes the gift in honor of his son, Charles, a recent Oberlin graduate, now in military service. A special room has been set aside and furnished to facilitate the use of these records and those of similar content already owned by the Oberlin library.

In May 1943 Indiana University acquired through purchase the Sweet collection of letters, documents, broadsides, prints, and books bearing on the War of 1812. There are about two thousand manuscript items in the collection, including letters of Presidents James Madison, James Monroe, William Henry Harrison, and Andrew Jackson. The British point of view is represented by the correspondence of Sir Alexander Cochrane, vice admiral of the British Navy at that time, and Lord Melville (Robert Dundas, second viscount), first lord of the British Admiralty. An interesting document is one signed by Robert Fulton and James Welden on their agreement concerning the use of submarine boats and torpedoes against the British fleet in the War

of 1812. The collection was amassed by F. G. Sweet, of New York City, and his son, Forest H. Sweet, of Battle Creek, Mich. Indiana University will maintain this material as a special collection, adding manuscripts and books as opportunity permits.

West

The Library Association of Portland, Ore., Nell Avery Unger, librarian, owns the original journal kept by Col. Charles S. Bulkley, who was in charge of the United States Russo-American Telegraph Expedition in 1865. There has been considerable interest in it since the Canada-Alaska highway was started. A photostatic copy has been made by the United States 29th Engineers and presented by the commanding officer of the Alcan military highway to Prime Minister W. L. McKenzie King.

For the past year the librarians of the seven state colleges of California have circulated a round robin letter. Each library adds a letter as it comes around. Contributions are sometimes made by several members of a staff. The topics discussed may be on a particular subject requested by one of the libraries, personal news, or news of library activities or problems.

San Diego State College Library, John Paul Stone, librarian, has received three important collections on loan for the duration of the war: the 25,000-volume scientific library of the Natural History Society of San Diego; the 3000-volume library of anthropology of the San Diego Museum of Man; and the personal library of 1375 volumes given to President U. S. Grant in 1866 by the City of Boston. The Grant Collection may remain with the college on permanent loan from the San Diego Museum.

Through the efforts of Dr. Guenther Reinhardt, the Charles Doe Memorial Library, University of California, now owns the most complete file of *Der Bund* to be found in this country. The library's file of this leading Swiss neutral newspaper is now complete from 1939 through November 1942.

Library science courses have been added

to the curriculum of the Adams State Teachers College, Alamosa, Colo., and students may now minor in that division. Lenore M. Brownlee is librarian.

Personnel

Lloyd A. Brown, formerly of the William L. Clements Library of the University of Michigan, has been appointed librarian of the Peabody Institute, Baltimore, to succeed Louis Henry Dielman.

Evelyn Steele Little, librarian, Mills College, has been given a year's leave of absence to serve with the British Branch of the Office of War Information. Helen Blasdale will serve as acting librarian in her absence.

Forrest F. Carhart, Jr., of the University of Michigan Library, has been appointed assistant librarian of the University of West Virginia, W. P. Kellam, librarian.

Mrs. Vivian Reynolds Boughter is librarian of the State College Library, West Liberty, W.Va., following the resignation of Virginia Patterson.

Edith M. Brainard, librarian of Itasca Junior College for the past two years, has resigned to accept the librarianship of Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn.

Wuanita Bell, acting librarian of the Bemidji State Teachers College, Bemidji, Minn., the past year, has been appointed librarian to succeed Eileen Thornton, who has resigned.

Christine L. Reb, librarian, Baker University, has been granted a leave of absence to become librarian of Winter General Hospital, Topeka, Kan.

Harold Lancour, librarian and assistant professor of bibliography at Cooper Union, New York City, and chairman of the Engineering School Libraries Section of A.C.R.L., has entered the Army. His duties will be assumed by David K. Maxfield, first assistant librarian.

Sadie T. Kent, who has been connected with the Southeast Missouri State Teachers College, Cape Girardeau, since 1905, and college librarian since 1910, has retired to partial service as librarian emeritus. At the time of her retirement the board of

regents named the new college library building the "Kent Library."

Felix Eugene Snider, formerly librarian of the East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, N.C., has succeeded Sadie T. Kent as librarian of the Southeast Missouri State Teachers College.

Marion Fuller is now assistant librarian of Oregon College of Education Library, Monmouth, replacing Lois Criswell who has been appointed cataloger in the Oregon State College Library.

Ella R. McDowell, who has been municipal reference librarian of the Seattle Public Library, has been made head of the newly organized King County Rural Library Service with headquarters in Seattle. She has been succeeded by Katherine Karpenstein, recently assistant librarian of the University of California Law Library.

Humphrey Olson has replaced Adrienne Mason as librarian of Pikeville Junior College, Pikeville, Ky. Miss Mason is now librarian of Nichols General Hospital in Louisville.

Etta Beale Grant has been promoted from assistant librarian to librarian of Murray State Teachers College, Murray, Ky., to succeed Ellison L. Brown, who is in the military service.

Catherine O. Vaughn has been appointed librarian of Kentucky State College for Negroes at Frankfort.

Harriet D. MacPherson, formerly a member of the faculty of the School of Library Service, Columbia University, is now librarian of Smith College.

John Van Male, formerly director of the Pacific Northwest Bibliographical Center at the University of Washington, Seattle, has assumed the librarianship of Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va. He succeeds Richard H. Logsdon, who is now acting director,

department of library science, University of Kentucky.

Mildred Rutherford has succeeded Mary Hutcheson as librarian of the Sue Bennett College, London, Ky.

Gilbert H. Doane, librarian of the University of Wisconsin, is now an officer in the United States Army and has been ordered to active duty in the military government program.

Orlin C. Spicer, formerly assistant in the reference and circulation department, University of Missouri Library, has been appointed librarian of Monticello College, Godfrey, Ill.

William H. Jesse, of the United States Department of Agriculture Library, has succeeded Mary E. Baker as librarian of the University of Tennessee.

Emory C. Skarshaug, until recently librarian of the Burnam Classical Library, University of Cincinnati, has been appointed librarian of Carroll College to succeed Hanna Kreuger who is now assistant librarian and instructor in library science at Western Illinois State Teachers College, Macomb.

Jennie D. Lindquist, noted for her work in the field of children's reading, is now a member of the staff of the University of New Hampshire Library, Robert L. Martin, acting librarian.

Naoma Rich, associate librarian of the Heber J. Grant Library of Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, has been granted a six months' leave of absence to study at the School of Library Service, Columbia University.

The June installment of "News from the Field" erroneously reported Lorene A. Garloch as acting librarian, University of Pittsburgh. She is chief of reference and circulation. Carroll F. Reynolds is acting librarian.