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The Thomas Jefferson papers in the Library of Congress

have been microfilmed and positive copies are available upon application to the library at \$425 a set. There are in the collection 236 folio volumes totaling sixty-five thousand pages. Copied, the papers have been reduced to eighty reels of one hundred feet each.

The Widener Library of Harvard University has received as a gift from Mrs. Widener Dixon and George C. Widener a fine copy of the Gutenberg *Bible*.

At a three-day meeting of New England college librarians, June 10-12, there was discussion about professional training and recruiting, future possibilities of microprint, proposal for a division of responsibility among libraries, economies in cataloging, and Friends of the Library organizations. The meetings were held at Wellesley College.

Yale University Library has received twenty-two manuscripts of classical and medieval authors, ranging from the end of the thirteenth to the end of the fifteenth century. They came as a gift from Mrs. David Wagstaff. Among them are seven manuscripts of Cicero, two of Seneca, and an *opera omnia* of Caesar.

The officers of Composite Squadron 10, Air Force, United States Pacific Fleet, have given to the Yale University Library \$100 in memory of their fellow officer, Ensign Hovey Seymour, U.S.N.R., Yale 1942. Because of his outstanding athletic record as an undergraduate, the officers expressed a wish that their gift be spent for the purchase of books on athletics for the undergraduate reading room.

The William Lyon Phelps Memorial Fund, which will continue the influence of Professor Phelps at Yale by the pur-

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chase of books of modern writers, now amounts to \$20,107.

Supplement II of the *Union List of Microfilms* has been issued by the Philadelphia Bibliographical Center. It lists 3688 items on about 300 pages and brings the total films reported to 11,874. The supplement is priced at \$3.75, with a 20 per cent discount to libraries which have reported their film holdings.

The University of Pennsylvania Library has added one of the outstanding Walt Whitman collections of the country. It is known as the Sprague Collection and consists of books, pamphlets, autograph letters, paintings, etchings, and medals. It was at one time on exhibit in the Library of Congress.

The Drexel Institute Library, through a gift from the Carnegie Corporation, was able to purchase a total of 1800 volumes on Latin America and in the fields of science and technology and for general undergraduate reading in the period from 1941 to 1945.

A Friends of the Library group of the John Carter Brown Library, Lawrence C. Wroth, librarian, was organized in January 1944.

South

The Union Library Catalog of the Atlanta-Athens area, which was begun in February 1940 as a project of the University Center of Atlanta, has been giving service to that area since February 1943. The libraries comprising the center are Agnes Scott College, Atlanta Art Association, Columbia Theological Seminary, Emory University, Georgia School of Technology,

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and the University of Georgia. Fourteen other libraries in the area have cooperated in the union catalog. The catalog, copies of which are available at the University of Georgia Library and Emory University Library, contains approximately 222,000 entries representing more than 670,000 volumes.

The William Knox Chandler collection of eighteenth-century literary criticism has been presented to the Joint University Libraries by three Vanderbilt alumni. The library was built up by the late Dr. Chandler, of Vanderbilt, and consists of fine editions of English poetry and prose of the eighteenth century, English and Scottish philosophy, and many critical works of that period. It is especially strong in works of Alexander Pope.

Librarians and college administrators of the four university centers of the South: Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Nashville, met in Nashville on July 12 and 14 to "explore and define the opportunity for the development of library resources for research and the improvement of higher education in these centers through cooperative effort, and to inaugurate such coordination and integration as is reasonable among the library agencies on a research level." The conference was financed by a special grant of the General Education Board.

Within the past year the library of the Medical School of the University of Texas in Galveston has acquired an interesting collection of early works on anesthesia dealing especially with the ether controversy of William E. Morton and Horace Wells and the priority of its discovery and use. Other significant additions include

collections on tropical diseases and important editions of medical classics.

Virginia Union University, Richmond, William A. Griffey, librarian, is issuing a mimeographed *Library Bulletin* containing book reviews and bibliographies. The spring issue contains a bibliography of Negro race relations issued for the Virginia Commission of Inter-Racial Cooperation.

The University of Virginia Library, Harry L. Clemons, librarian, received as a recent gift letter-books containing 211 letters of John Randolph of Roanoke, 1806-32.

On Feb. 8, 1944, Southern Methodist University announced the establishment of the Institute of Technology and Plant Industry. The affiliation of the National Cotton Council of America with the institute has brought the research library of that organization to the Fondren Library. The growth of the library had already been accelerated by the recent addition of a considerable number of journals in the fields of agriculture, botany, chemistry, textiles, and chemical engineering.

The Joint University Libraries, Nashville, Tenn., A. F. Kuhlman, director, have recently received as a gift much original source material dealing with the founding of Vanderbilt University. Included are letters and other manuscripts, one of which is the original charter of Central University, which later became Vanderbilt.

The library staff of the Florida State College for Women, Louise Richardson, librarian, is participating in a college curriculum study being made by members of the faculty. Participation in this survey will bring the faculty and library staff more closely together and will acquaint the

library staff more thoroughly with the entire college program and objectives.

Western State Teachers College, Bowling Green, Ky., has received five hundred dollars from the McGregor fund for the purchase of early Americana.

Middle West A Friends of the Library organization has been organized at the State University of Iowa. It is planned to establish chapters in several cities in the near future. Ralph E. Ellsworth, director of the University of Iowa Libraries, is secretary.

The University of Iowa Library has received the mathematics library of the late Henry Lewis Reitz, for many years head of the mathematics department of the university. The collection includes many important periodical sets and about eight hundred volumes of books.

An important musical library has been given to the University of Illinois Library by the Rafael Joseffy Memorial of New York City in commemoration of the celebrated Hungarian-American pianist, Rafael Joseffy (1852-1915). Much of the Joseffy collection consists of foreign editions, no longer procurable, of orchestration, scores, piano compositions, works of standard composers, and manuscripts. Some of the items contain original markings, revisions, and other annotations by Joseffy.

The microfilming of about twenty-five thousand manuscripts belonging to the public and private libraries of Great Britain is nearing completion. This project was begun after the Battle of Britain under the auspices of the American Council of Learned Societies and has been carried out by University Microfilms, Inc., Ann Arbor, Mich. Negative copies are

being deposited at the Library of Congress. The University of Michigan Library, Warner G. Rice, director, is acquiring a complete positive set and is preparing lists of the manuscripts for publication. Microfilm copies of the manuscripts may be secured through the Library of Congress.

Franklin College Library, Franklin, Ind., Rachel Ogle, librarian, has received recently as a gift from the private library of the late Charles M. Curry of New York, an alumnus of the college, a collection of about four thousand volumes in the field of literature, including literary essays, critical works, and many first editions of American authors.

For more than a year "The Grey Towers Gazette" has appeared in mimeographed form as the official publication of the staff organization of the University of Chicago Libraries. An average number is about 10 pages in length and includes news about personnel, administrative changes, outstanding acquisitions, and other information of interest to the staff. The editorial board includes May Hardy, editor; Mrs. Marion Coe; and Margaret MacGregor.

The Iowa State Teachers College, Marybelle McClelland, librarian, has been having a Sunday afternoon "at home" once a month during the past year. During these periods members of the faculty have discussed important books in their fields.

West Publicity for the reference department and planning for expanded reference services for the postwar period were among the topics discussed in the College and Reference Section at the meeting of the Pacific

Northwest Library Association in Spokane on June 27 and 28. Kathleen Campbell, librarian of Montana State University Library, and Barbara Prael, of the Portland Library Association, were joint chairmen of the section meeting.

W. W. Foote, librarian, State College of Washington, Pullman, has published an interesting report on the *Resources and Needs of the Library of the State College of Washington*. It was prepared primarily for the Washington State Planning Council.

Pomona College Library, Homer E. Robbins, librarian, has recently received two thousand dollars from the Nellie B. Brink estate, the income from which is to be spent for books on the literature of California.

The University of California Library, Harold L. Leupp, librarian, has acquired through the generosity of Milton S. Ray, of San Francisco, the typographic library of John Henry Nash, well-known printer. The collection includes, in addition to the complete file of Mr. Nash's own productions and many examples of the works of better-known modern English and American printers, nineteen pieces of incunabula, twenty-three books of the sixteenth century, twenty-four of the seventeenth century, and fifty-three of the eighteenth century. The entire collection numbers about eighteen hundred volumes.

In connection with the regional study of the Southwest, made possible by a Rockefeller Foundation grant of fifty thousand dollars to the Huntington Library, the following have been appointed to the staff of the library to make special studies: E. E. Dale, of the University of Oklahoma; Glenn M. Dumke, of Occidental College; and J. Gregg Layne, president of the Southern California Historical

Society and editor of its quarterly magazine.

The University of Southern California Library, Miss Christian R. Dick, librarian, has purchased from the Boston Society of Natural History its collection of foreign serials. The publications of learned societies are well represented in the collection, which covers zoology, botany, geology, paleontology, anthropology, astronomy, and entomology.

The University of Southern California Library has received a Hamlin Garland collection of forty-nine notebooks, four folders of letters, and five first editions.

A recent administrative reorganization in the Stanford University Library has merged the reference and serial divisions.

Personnel Bettie A. Murfree, librarian of the Middle Tennessee State College since 1911, retired at the end of the summer quarter.

Velma Shaffer has resigned as field supervisor, Division of School Libraries, Tennessee State Department of Education, to become associate professor of library science, College of Education, University of Tennessee, at Knoxville.

David Jolly, librarian, Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., has entered the Army.

Daisy Anderson, librarian, Radford State Teachers College, East Radford, Va., has joined the WAVES.

LeRoy C. Merritt, librarian, State Teachers College, Farmville, Va., has entered the Army.

Miss Nordis Falland is now librarian of the American Geographical Society. She has been assistant librarian.

Julia H. Killian, librarian of the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, N.J., has been granted a leave of absence

to take the position of assistant club director for overseas service with the American Red Cross. Miss Killian left Convent Station on May 15.

Elizabeth Reu, for fifteen years a member of the staff of the Dubuque Public Library, has been appointed librarian of Wartburg Lutheran Seminary in Dubuque. The Fritschel collection of early religious literature will form the nucleus of a library to be known as the Reu Memorial Library in honor of the father of the librarian, Professor M. Reu.

Edla Wahlin has resigned as librarian of Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kan., and has accepted a position in the cataloging department of the University of Georgia Library. Vendla Wahlin is acting librarian at Bethany College Library.

H. Richard Archer will join the William Andrews Clark Memorial Library staff at the University of California at Los Angeles in the newly-created position of supervising bibliographer. Mr. Archer will act as administrative assistant to the director.

Robert Vosper comes from Stanford to the Library of the University of California at Los Angeles as head of the accessions department, filling a vacancy left by the resignation of Virginia K. Troutt.

Dorothy E. Chamberlain has been appointed head of the newly-created Processing Department at the Grosvenor Library, Buffalo, effective September 1. She has been cataloger at the Columbia University Libraries since 1930.

Robert W. Christ, candidate for the degree of master of science in library science at Columbia University where he was also in charge of the lending library, has been appointed assistant head, Reference Department, at the Grosvenor Li-

brary, Buffalo, effective September 1.

Reporters

Benjamin E. Powell, who has been in charge of News from the Field, has enlisted the cooperation of many librarians, but he calls special attention to the services of the following who have served as reporters from one to three years:

Donald E. Thompson, Alabama; Frederick Cromwell, Arizona; Marvin A. Miller, Arkansas; W. Kaye Lamb, British Columbia; Miss Christian R. Dick, Southern California; Joe Hare, Denver; J. T. Babb, Yale; W. D. Lewis, Delaware; Elizabeth Cullen, Bureau of Railway Economics, Washington, D.C.; Margaret D. Duer, Florida; Agnes Patterson, Idaho; Mrs. L. M. Tolman, John Crerar; Grant D. Hanson, Augustana; Hazel Armstrong, Indiana State Teachers College; Gertrude Voelker, Iowa State; F. B. Streeter, Ft. Hays, Kan.; Virginia Engle, Berea, Ky.; Ella V. Aldrich, Louisiana State; Louis Ibbotson, Maine; Carl W. Hintz, Maryland; Edwin E. Williams, Harvard; Mary J. Loughin, Michigan; Emma Wiecking, Minnesota State Teachers College; Thelma Brackett, New Hampshire; Margaret F. Brickett, New Jersey College for Women; Esther Piercy, New Mexico; Stephen McCarthy, Columbia; Helmer L. Webb, Union; Olan V. Cook, North Carolina; Willis C. Warren, Oregon; Rudolf Hirsch, Philadelphia Bibliographical Center; Francis Allen, Rhode Island; J. Isaac Copeland, Presbyterian College; Eleanor Fleming, Joint University Libraries; Alexander Moffit, Texas; L. H. Kirkpatrick, Utah; Elizabeth G. Henry, Seattle Public; John Van Male, Madison; Anna M. Tarr, Lawrence College.