

Appointments to College and University Library Positions

THE APPOINTMENT of John W. Cronin as the assistant director of the Processing Department of the Library of Congress was announced on September 27 by the librarian, Archibald MacLeish. Mr. Cronin assumed his new duties on October 1.

Mr. Cronin is a native of Lewiston, Me., with his A.B. degree from Bowdoin College in 1925 and the LL.B. degree from the Georgetown University Law School in 1929. He is a member of the Maine and District of Columbia bars.

Mr. Cronin joined the Library of Congress staff as an assistant in the Card Division, serving in this capacity from Sept. 25, 1925, to May 8, 1926, and then being reappointed in July 1928. He has served continuously on the library staff since the latter date. From Dec. 1, 1938, he served first as acting chief and later as chief of the Card Division until the time of his present appointment.

Through his close attention to the needs of the users of Library of Congress printed cards, Mr. Cronin has gained full understanding of the problems of developing catalogs in large scholarly libraries. His primary responsibilities in his new position will lie in the general direction of the production and flow of work within the Processing Department. His experience as chief of the Card Division has fitted him particularly well for such administrative responsibility. The direction of the work of that division has involved not only an understanding of the catalog card needs of a wide variety of libraries but administrative skill in the management of a staff of

150 people which, in the fiscal year 1944, did a business in card sales of \$349,000.

Mr. Cronin has made a notable contribution to the library profession as editor of the *Catalog of Books Represented by Library of Congress Printed Cards*, which is



JOHN W. CRONIN

being published currently in book form by Edwards Brothers of Ann Arbor, Mich., under the auspices of the Association of Research Libraries. He was also principally responsible for the preparation of the seventh edition of the *Handbook of Card Distribution*, 1944, and was co-compiler of the *Presidential Bibliographical Series*, volumes 2-7 (Riverford, 1935). He is a member of the American Library Association, the Catholic Library Association, the Bibliographical Society of America, the

American Bar Association, and the Federal Bar Association.

Nathaniel Stewart took office as chief of the Card Division in the Library of Con-



NATHANIEL STEWART

gress on Dec. 18, 1944, succeeding John W. Cronin.

Mr. Stewart has come to the Library of Congress from the position of chief of the Training and Publications Unit of the United States Office of Censorship. He joined the staff of the Washington headquarters of the Office of Censorship in December 1942 to develop and coordinate the training programs in the numerous and widely scattered field stations of the Office of Censorship. In this post it was his responsibility to work with some seven hundred supervisors, to select training officers and to prepare them, and to help the various field training officers arrange the necessary programs and put these into effect.

Previous to his service in the Office of Censorship in Washington, Mr. Stewart

served as assistant in several departments of the Library of the College of the City of New York, 1933-37; as an assistant in the Columbia University Libraries during the summer of 1937; and in the Joint University Libraries, Nashville, Tenn., 1937-38, while studying for his bachelor's degree in library science. From 1938 through July 1942 he was chief librarian and associate professor of library science in Dillard University. In August 1942 he acted briefly as consultant and examiner in the Press and Publications Section of the New Orleans station of the Office of Censorship, before being transferred to Washington.

Mr. Stewart holds a bachelor of science and master of science degree from the College of the City of New York and a bachelor of science degree in library science from George Peabody Library School. He is the author of a number of papers which have appeared in professional journals.

G. Donald Smith has been appointed director of libraries of the University of



G. DONALD SMITH

Vermont, replacing Helen Barnes Shattuck, who had been librarian since 1909.

Mr. Smith, who took over his new duties September 1, has had varied experience in the college and university library field. For three years, 1933-36, following his library training at the Columbia University School of Library Service, he was associate librarian at Colby College, where he actively participated in the reclassification of the book collections. For a year, 1936-37, he was on the staff of the University of Chicago Libraries as an assistant in the social sciences divisional library. He spent the next two years as a student at the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago, holding fellowships from the American Library Association and the school, while working on his dissertation, an investigation of student reading. A portion of his findings was included in his master's thesis at the Graduate Library School. It is expected that the complete investigation will be presented in his doctoral dissertation.

As librarian and associate professor of library science at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va., 1939-40, Mr. Smith had his first experience as the chief officer of a college library. For a year, 1941-42, he was librarian at Herzl Junior College in Chicago. Until his appointment at Vermont he was assistant to the director of libraries at the University of Chicago Libraries. In this position he was able to assist the director in studying various problems, especially those relating to fines, library privileges, library bookkeeping, and departmental library organization.

On Nov. 27, 1944, David K. Berninghausen succeeded Clyde B. Cantrell as director of the library of Birmingham-Southern College. Mr. Berninghausen went to Birmingham-Southern from the

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he had been instructor in public speaking since July 1944.

His academic background includes a B.A. from Iowa State Teachers College in 1936,



DAVID K. BERNINGHAUSEN

a B.S. from the School of Library Service, Columbia University, in 1941, and an M.A. degree in English and philosophy from Drake University in 1943. During the spring quarter of 1944 he was in residence in the graduate school at the University of North Carolina, again studying in the two fields of English and philosophy.

From September 1941 to March 1944 Mr. Berninghausen served as circulation librarian of Iowa State Teachers College. As part of the college's radio education program he conducted a regular book review and participated frequently in radio dramatic broadcasts. Prior to his library training he taught in several high schools in the Middle West.

In November of 1944 the philosophy de-

partment of North Carolina granted him a Williams fellowship for further study toward his doctorate. However, the opportunity to gain experience at Birmingham-Southern in his chosen profession seemed to him the wiser.

Clyde H. Cantrell became director of libraries at the Alabama Polytechnic Insti-



CLYDE H. CANTRELL

tute, in Auburn, on November 27. After three years on the business staff of the Charlotte, N.C., *News*, he did his college study at the University of North Carolina (A.B., 1933; A.M., 1936; A.B.L.S., 1937; and graduate work, 1940-41) and West Virginia University (graduate work, 1941-42).

Mr. Cantrell's first experience in librarianship was as a student assistant at the University of North Carolina Library, 1930-33, and from 1933 to 1937 he was supervisor of the circulation department. At North Carolina State College he was periodicals and exchange librarian, 1937-39,

organizing and administering the periodical department, and circulation librarian, 1939-41.

Going to West Virginia University in August 1941, Mr. Cantrell was head of the circulation division, 1941-42, and assistant librarian, 1942-43. He established and standardized routines and regulations of the reserve and circulation departments, set up central location files to facilitate the location of information on books in the stacks, and improved the system of carrels and seminars for use of graduate students. Much of his time was spent with the catalog department in standardizing routines and in clearing and rearranging the stacks to make books and periodicals more readily available.

Since July 1943 Mr. Cantrell has been associate professor of Spanish and director of the library at Birmingham-Southern College. He has concentrated especially on modernizing library routines and in obtaining more favorable trade relations with publishers and dealers. In the basement of the library building the Cellar has been established for bringing people and books together. Fortnightly lectures or discussion hours are held, and students and faculty may purchase books or rent them in this room. Mr. Cantrell has set up favorable exchange relations with other libraries and has strengthened the reference collection. Much antiquated or superfluous material has been weeded from that section, and progress has been made in binding completed volumes of old periodicals.

At Auburn Mr. Cantrell will have under his direction the general library and six departmental libraries. A new research program has been inaugurated, and eleven research professors are to be appointed in the near future. Present plans call for a rapid expansion of library facilities to support this program.

Retirement of Lucy M. Lewis

Lucy M. Lewis, librarian of Oregon State College and director of libraries of



the Oregon State System of Higher Education, retired Jan. 1, 1945, with the rank of director of libraries emeritus. Miss Lewis is a graduate of the University of Illinois and of the University of Illinois Library School. After five years as librarian of New Mexico Agricultural College, 1906-11, she came to Oregon State College as assistant librarian. She succeeded the late Mrs. Ida A. Kidder as librarian in 1920. The position of director of libraries was established in 1932 by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education and Miss Lewis was appointed. The development of this unified control of libraries was an experiment watched with interest by the library profession and by educational administrators.

LUCY M. LEWIS

Bourne Smith

Bourne Smith, head cataloger at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, died at Dayton, Ohio, on October 17. He was a graduate of the University of Washington, Seattle, where his father, Charles W. Smith, is librarian. In 1942 he completed the first year of library school instruction in the school of librarianship at the University of California. He assumed his position at Antioch in the summer of that year, and for the present academic year he had been awarded a scholarship at the University of Illinois Library School. He was preparing to move to Urbana for this additional study when stricken with illness.

Mr. Smith had taken a keen interest in professional library matters. He was a member of the American Library Association, the Ohio Library Association, and the Bibliographical Society of America. He was also a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He was the author of an article "The Chess Collection Re-Examined" published in the *Library Journal* last April 15. His brief career indicated promise and ability of the kind the library profession can ill afford to lose. A memorial book fund is being established at Antioch in his honor.

WILLIAM H. CARLSON

All arrangements were made for the American library representative, Carl M. White, to sail to China on December 9 in accordance with plans announced in the December issue of *College and Research Libraries*, but these arrangements had to be canceled shortly before he expected to sail because of military developments in China. While the military situation has taken a better turn, it was decided in mid-January to postpone the trip until conditions are more favorable.

The Cooperative Committee on Planning of New University and College Libraries, made up of representatives of eleven educational institutions which are planning to spend more than twenty-five million dollars for library buildings after the war, met at Princeton University on December 15 and 16. Among the committee's objectives are: (1) the exploration of the present state of planning of the various library buildings and an exchange of information, ideas, and experiences; (2) a coordination of approach to the fundamentals of library planning; (3) the initiation of studies and investigations of such matters as the adaptability of the new types and materials of construction to library buildings, lighting, air-conditioning, and scientific aids to learning; and (4) the dissemination of the information, ideas, and experience it accumulates not only among its own group but to any institution planning library facilities. Represented on the committee are the libraries of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Rutgers, Iowa, Washington State, Maine, North Carolina, Duke, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Princeton. Other meetings will be held early in 1945. Julian Boyd, librarian of Princeton University, is chairman of the committee.

News from

The third number of the *News Sheet* of the Engineering School Libraries Section of A.C.R.L. appeared in November. Ira A. Tumbleson, librarian of the Newark College of Engineering, Newark, N.J., is its editor.

The Library of Congress is preparing a complete catalog of the Jefferson library, including not only the books which survive in the Jefferson Collection but also those once a part of his collection. Information relative to Jefferson books should be sent to Millicent Sowerby, editor, Jefferson Library Catalog Project, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D.C. The usual mark of ownership was a barely noticeable initial "T" which Jefferson wrote on the lower margin of the page in front of the signature "I" and a "J" which he inserted immediately to the right of the signature "T."

Some of the choicest literary treasures of China which have come to this country for safekeeping have been on exhibit in the rare book room of the Library of Congress. Among them is the oldest printed book in China, a literary anthology for which the blocks were carved about 950 A.D. The Chinese government has granted the Library of Congress permission to make microfilm copies of these rarities. Copies of the film may be acquired by other libraries from the Library of Congress.

The Library of Congress has received from the Rockefeller Foundation a grant of \$47,800, available through Dec. 31, 1946, to enable the library to prepare a record of its holdings of Slavic materials. The Slavic collection in the Library of

the Field

Congress is one of the largest of its kind in the world. The preparation of this catalog is another step toward the establishment of a Slavic center in the Library of Congress.

The Hungarian Reference Library has been placed in the custody of the Columbia University Libraries by the Alien Property Custodian. The collection includes over six thousand books, both Hungarian and English, ten thousand magazine articles and clippings, and more than one hundred boxes of pamphlets. There are more than two hundred rare books in the collection. The works of Louis Kossuth are an important part of the library.

Columbia University has acquired by gift part of the classics library of approximately five thousand volumes of the late Dr. Gonzalez Lodge, professor of Latin and Greek at Teachers College, Columbia University. Over one hundred incunabula are included in the collection, which contains examples of the work of famous printers not only of the 15th century but also of the 16th and later. Latin and Greek writers are about equally represented. The remainder of this collection, about 2,500 volumes, has been presented to the library of Franklin and Marshall College. This collection, dating chiefly since 1800, contains modern editions of the classics, dissertations, and other books assembled mainly as a working library for the use of professors of Latin and Greek.

The Melvil Dewey papers, presented to Columbia University by the Lake Placid Club, are in process of being sorted and arranged. These papers contain interesting historical materials on the development of libraries in the United States.

Swarthmore College Library, Charles B. Shaw, librarian, has received during the past year as gifts two special collections. From John Edwin Wells came his Wordsworth collection of about 410 pieces and his 185 Thomson items. Both lots have been described as outstanding and unique.

South Mrs. E. R. Alexander of New York City has established a special fund in the Fisk University library in honor of her husband, a graduate of Fisk. The fund will provide for the purchase by the library of rare volumes demonstrating the Negro's contribution to scholarship and culture. The first volume purchased was *Les Cenelles* by Armand Lanusse, the first anthology of poetry by colored Americans, published in New Orleans in 1845. Arna Bontemps is the librarian at Fisk.

The library of the College of William and Mary has received as a gift from the Garden Club of Virginia \$1200 to be used for the purchase of classics in the field of gardening and botany.

The library of Texas Christian University, Mary C. Burnett, librarian, has received from Mrs. G. H. Wooten, of Austin, Tex., the 2700 volume library of the late Dr. Goodall H. Wooten. The collection, which is made up largely of de luxe limited editions in American, English, and French literature, and history, has been established in a room especially furnished for it.

Middle West The collection of East Asiatic books gathered from 1908 to 1912 for the Newberry Library by Berthold Laufer, noted Orientalist, has been purchased by the University of Chicago for the Oriental Institute. The acquisition, supplementing the library's already extensive holdings, will place this among the leading

libraries in the country for resources in Far Eastern studies. In acquiring this excellent collection, Dr. Laufer's purpose was "to secure a truly representative collection of the Chinese, Manchu, Tibetan, and Mongol literatures" including "the majority of the important works" in the fields of religion, philosophy, literature, art, and history, so that with them "the student would be able to carry on serious and profound research work."

The library of the late Demetrio Minotto, consisting of about 1200 volumes, has been given to the University of Chicago Library. The collection constituted the working library of the count, who was editing a chronicle of the Minotto family, patricians of Venice who through several centuries were statesmen, colonial administrators, generals, and admirals in the service of the Venetian state.

The manuscripts collection of the University of Chicago Library was surveyed during the past year by Paul M. Angle, librarian of the Illinois State Historical Society. The mimeographed report of the survey consisted of three principal parts: a description and evaluation of the manuscript collection now in the library, recommendations concerning care, arrangement, and cataloging of the present collection, and recommendations relative to the policy to be followed by the university in the collection of manuscripts.

The Illinois Central Railroad has deposited at the Newberry Library, Chicago, its official records from 1851, the date of its charter, to 1906, which marks the close of the presidency of Stuyvesant Fish. The records are unusually complete, containing a set of presidential letters unbroken except for a five months' period.

The Newberry Library, Stanley Pargellis, librarian, has announced the award of seven Newberry Fellowships in Mid-

western Studies. These scholarships were made possible by a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation to the Newberry Library.

The Northwestern University library, Jens Nyholm, librarian, has received as a gift the 1500 volume library of Mrs. George A. Carpenter, of Chicago. The collection contains a considerable number of early English and American imprints.

Among the recent acquisitions of the Northwestern University library was a collection of 2800 English and American plays written around the turn of the century by minor writers, and intended primarily for amateur and little theatre presentations.

The Twin City Library Council has set up a committee under the chairmanship of Donald E. Strout, assistant professor of the Division of Library Instruction, University of Minnesota, to investigate the procedures of recruitment in the Twin Cities area with a view to outlining a program designed to attract promising high school and college students to professional librarianship.

The 6000 volume economics library of the late Professor Weston, of the University of Illinois, has been presented to the University of Illinois Library by his daughter, Dr. Janet Weston, an associate in economics.

The attractive and informative mimeographed *Staff Bulletin* published by the University of Illinois Library is now in its second volume. Its editors are Eva Faye Benton and Evelyn Rogier.

West Dr. Hutton Webster has presented to the Stanford University Library his extensive library relating to folklore, witchcraft, demonology, and comparative religion. It consists of 1354 volumes and will be known as the Hutton Webster Folklore Collection.

The University of California Library,

Berkeley, has acquired the library of A. A. Boetlingk, a Russian-born chemist. The collection, which consists principally of Russian material in the field of petroleum technology and general technological chemistry, includes a set of the original specifications of Russian patents from 1875-95, a complete set of abridgements of Soviet patents from 1924-41, and about 5000 original Soviet patent specifications covering the period 1935 to date.

The Library Association of Portland, which has one of the finest book collections on roses in existence, has received an anonymous gift of \$500 for garden books. Nell A. Unger is librarian.

Personnel Pearl G. Carlson was appointed librarian of Southwestern College, Winfield, Kan., on January 1.

C. Edward Graves, librarian of Humboldt State College, Arcata, Calif., since 1924, will retire on April 1, 1945. He will be succeeded as librarian by Mrs. Helen A. Everett, assistant librarian since 1939.

Lewis C. Branscomb, formerly librarian of the University of South Carolina, became assistant university librarian, University of Illinois, on Dec. 1, 1944.

John Van Male, librarian of Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va., will become librarian of the University of South Carolina in March 1945.

Mildred Hogan, formerly research librarian of the Louisiana State Department of Education, has been appointed assistant to the director of libraries, Louisiana State University.

Donald T. Clark, assistant librarian of the Baker Library at the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, has returned to his regular duties after about two years of teaching in schools connected with the Army Air Force.

Earl G. Swem, librarian of the College of William and Mary for twenty-four years, retired on June 30, 1944. Since his retirement, Margaret Galphin has been acting librarian.

Arthur M. Sampley, professor of English, has been appointed librarian of the North Texas State Teachers College, Denton.

Virginia Engle has been made state librarian of Kentucky. Until the time of her appointment she was head of the department of library science at Berea College, Ky.

Elizabeth Gilbert, formerly supervisor of circulation, Berea College Library, has been made librarian.

The new librarian of Georgetown College, Ky., is Virginia Covington.

Robert R. Douglass is now acting director of the library school of the George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn.

Dumas Malone has been appointed honorary consultant in biography in the Alderman Library of the University of Virginia. The university has received a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation which will enable Dr. Malope to devote his time to continuing his biography of Thomas Jefferson.

Lola Rivers Thompson is now librarian of the John Tarleton College, Stephenville, Tex. She had been assistant director of the library school of Our Lady of the Lake College, San Antonio.

Professor A. L. Robinson, of the Department of Chemistry of the University of Pittsburgh, has been acting librarian since April 1, 1944. Lorene Garloch is assistant librarian.

Robert Vail was appointed director of the New York Historical Society library during the past year.