

# Appointments to Positions

On Sept. 1, 1944, there ended a fourteen-year absence from New York City of one of her adopted sons, Robert William Glenroie Vail. Thirty years ago, fresh from



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Cornell University, Glen Vail began his library career in the New York Public Library. Here his flair for books, American history, and literature was disciplined and enriched by daily contact with Victor H. Paltsits, Wilberforce Eames, and Harry Miller Lydenberg. He became an omnivorous reader of second-hand-catalogs and a haunter of the Fourth Avenue book-stalls, where he made friends with their proprietors. While still working he attended the Library School of the New York Public Library (1914-16) and came under the inspiring influence of Mary Wright

Plummer, Mary Louisa Sutliff, and other notable teachers.

World War I interrupted his career in 1918, but after the armistice he was again at the New York Public Library until the fall of 1920, when he was called to the Minnesota Historical Society as librarian. There he had his first chance to display independently his combination of gifts as librarian, scholar, and book-hunter. In 1921 the Roosevelt Memorial Association decided to collect a library relating to Theodore Roosevelt. Mr. Vail was brought back from St. Paul to do it and spent seven active years on this task. He created an outstanding collection of manuscripts, first editions, and association copies by and about Roosevelt, to which any scholar of the Theodore Roosevelt period must turn.

In 1928, the Roosevelt job done, Mr. Vail returned to the New York Public Library, where Dr. Lydenberg soon made use of his unusual talents to assist Wilberforce Eames in editing the *Dictionary of Books Relating to America*, begun by Joseph Sabin, for the completion of which the Bibliographical Society of America had raised the funds. Mr. Vail became editor-in-chief in 1929 and so continued until the final volume appeared in 1936.

While engaged on this task, Mr. Vail was constantly delving into side issues which he uncovered in the course of the day's work. One excursion resulted in a study of "The Ulster County Gazette and Its Illegitimate Offspring," which was published in the *Bulletin of the New York Public Library* for April 1930. This brought the distinguished director of the American Antiquarian Society, Clarence S. Brigham, to New York to see the man who

could write with so much authority on a bibliographical puzzle of the post-Revolutionary period in New York State.

The result was that Mr. Vail went to Worcester as librarian of the American Antiquarian Society. Here his writing, both historical and bibliographical, was voluminous. Leafing through his reports as librarian reveals his wide and scholarly interests. Everything that passed through his hands he enriched by his critical appraisal and appreciation, and during this period his cheerful, unassuming help to many scholars, obscure and great, made him hosts of friends.

The next move, in 1940, was to Albany as New York State Librarian. In this post his enthusiasm and knowledge of the state's history led to a renewal of interest in the state library.

Mr. Vail's latest move was announced by the Trustees of the New York Historical Society in July 1944, to take effect on Sept. 1, 1944. He became their director. Almost coincidentally he was elected president of the Bibliographical Society of America. His own attitude about his new appointment is expressed in words published in the *Quarterly Bulletin* of the New York Historical Society for October 1944:

I will soon be happily seated at my new workbench in the old town to which one of my ancestors came more than three centuries ago. Here, with the wise and friendly guidance of a distinguished group of officers and trustees and with the loyal support of a hard-working and well-trained staff, I hope to spend useful years in still further building the resources of this famous old Society and in making those resources better appreciated and more widely used by the people of New York and the scholars of the nation.

William H. Carlson, who succeeds Lucy M. Lewis as director of libraries for the Oregon State System of Higher Education, began his professional library career in 1926



WILLIAM H. CARLSON

as supervisor of departmental libraries at the State University of Iowa. After two and one-half years in this position he became librarian of the University of North Dakota. In 1935 he was given leave by North Dakota to accept, for a year, the position of visiting librarian at Vanderbilt University. In this position he was concerned extensively with the work preliminary to setting up the Joint University Libraries now serving Vanderbilt, George Peabody College for Teachers, and Scarritt College. In 1936 he was awarded an A.L.A. fellowship to carry out, under the auspices of the School of Librarianship at the University of California, a study of seven smaller state university libraries in the West. This study, which stemmed directly from his North Dakota experience, was published by the University of California Press in 1938 under the title *Development and Financial Support of Seven Western and Northwestern State University Libraries*.

In 1937 Mr. Carlson became librarian

of the University of Arizona and served there until 1942, when he became associate librarian of the University of Washington at Seattle. He left this position to assume his new duties on March 1.

Mr. Carlson was president of the Arizona Library Association in 1940-41. In Washington he was a member of the executive committee of the Washington Library Association, in which capacity he assisted in the preparation of a *Program of Library Development in Washington*, recently published by that association. He was elected to the American Library Association Council in 1943.

Mr. Carlson is a native Nebraskan and a graduate of the University of Nebraska. He is a veteran of the First World War and was with the A.E.F. in France. He is a member of the A.L.A. Postwar Planning Committee and chairman of a College and University Postwar Planning Committee which has been set up as a joint subcommittee of the A.L.A. and the Association of College and Reference Libraries. A first draft of the report of this committee is now in process of criticism and revision.

John E. Van Male, who went to the University of South Carolina as librarian in April, has spent most of his library career in organizing the services of two bibliographic centers. As director of the Bibliographical Center for Research in Denver, 1937-40, he set a pattern for this form of library cooperation which he later copied as director of the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center in Seattle, 1942-43. One of the cooperative devices which he organized in Denver, the library book-purchasing agreement, later spread over most of the West. Since going to Madison College, in Virginia, in 1943, he has formed a volunteer committee to canvass the sentiment of Southeastern librarians on the desirability



JOHN E. VAN MALE

of forming a library book-purchasing agreement in that area.

Dr. Van Male's experience as a college librarian consists of a year and a half as acting librarian of the Mary Reed Library, University of Denver, and a similar period as professor of library science and librarian of Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va. He is a graduate of the University of Denver School of Librarianship and the Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, where he was an American Library Association fellow in 1940-41. His Ph.D. thesis at Chicago examines the ways in which state and university libraries supplement public and college libraries in Wisconsin. He is the author of *Resources of Pacific Northwest Libraries*, published in 1943, and of a number of articles in professional periodicals.

Eileen M. Thornton has been appointed librarian of Vassar College, succeeding Fanny Borden, who retires after having been with the library since 1908 and hav-

ing served as librarian since 1928. Miss Thornton goes to Vassar on July 1 from the University of Chicago Libraries, where she served as college librarian (1943-44) and, until her new appointment, as an administrative assistant to the director of libraries.

Miss Thornton is a graduate of the Library School of the University of Minnesota and has completed residence requirements for the master's degree at the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago. She has had varied experience in library work with young people. Before coming to Chicago in 1942, she had been a senior assistant in the Hibbing, Minn., Public Library, and circulation assistant (1933-36) and assistant in charge of seminar libraries (1936-38) in the University of Minnesota Library. For a year (1938-39) she was librarian of the Waterloo, Iowa, High School and for three years librarian of the Minnesota State Teachers College at Bemidji. Here she not only supervised the library but developed courses in library instruction for students.

For a year (1943-44) Miss Thornton devoted her energies toward reorganizing the college library of the University of Chicago, which had been moved from Cobb Hall to Harper Memorial Library. Among other duties, this position involved weeding the book collection, selecting new materials, and establishing the place of the library in relation to the units of the library system. In addition to this responsibility, in 1944-45 she assisted the director of libraries on various projects involving other units of library service. These included the study of circulation services, reorganization of library service in the university extension department in the Loop, disposal of duplicate materials, clarification of relations with the rental library, development of dormitory library service, coordination of the drama



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collections of the libraries, and analysis of the problems of fines and stack access. She also conducted a series of conferences with faculty members on problems related to both instruction and library service.

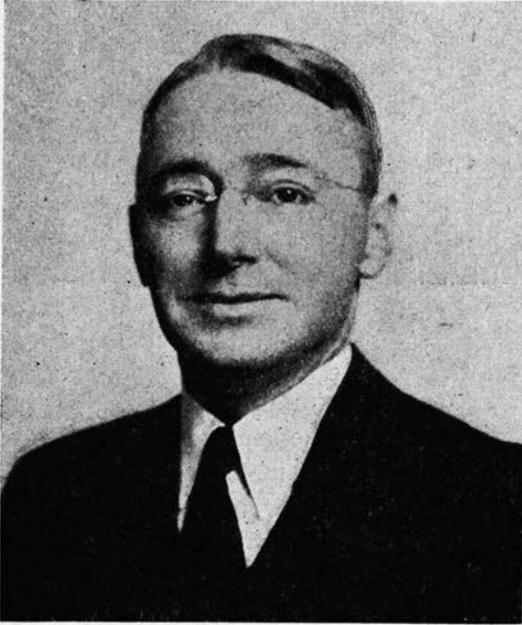
Because of Miss Thornton's clear understanding of student problems in college and her keen interest in the faculty approach to the library, Vassar can expect to maintain a high quality of library service.

James J. Hill, who for the past fifteen years has served as assistant librarian and professor of library science at the University of Oklahoma, resigned in October 1944 to become librarian of the University of Nevada.

Mr. Hill brings to his new position valuable experience in the fields of reference and of bibliography. Projects which claimed his interest during his association with the University of Oklahoma library include: the recording of the Oklahoma holdings in the *American Newspapers, 1821-*

1936; the listing of the resources of some of the libraries of Oklahoma and North Texas for *Resources of Southern Libraries*; and a survey of Oklahoma archives made for the National Archives Commission of the American Historical Association.

In addition to these achievements, Mr. Hill had been engaged in compiling a bibliography of the Cherokee Indians, 1540-



JAMES J. HILL

1940, and a checklist of official publications of and relating to the Indians of Oklahoma. He has also completed some forty thousand entries for an index to the first twenty volumes of *Chronicles of Oklahoma*.

Mr. Hill served twice as president of the Oklahoma Library Association and always took an active part in the organization. The students and faculty members at the university found him keenly interested in their problems and willing to help them at any time. Mr. Hill will be greatly missed by his colleagues in Oklahoma, who wish

him every success at the University of Nevada.

Ralph A. Beals, director of the University of Chicago Libraries, will assume on August 31 the deanship of the Graduate Library School, adding this to his present duties. Mr. Beals is to succeed Carleton B. Joeckel, who has accepted a professorial position at the School of Librarianship at the University of California. Coincident with Mr. Beals's appointment, Leon Carnovsky, now professor of library science and assistant dean at the Graduate Library School, will become associate dean.

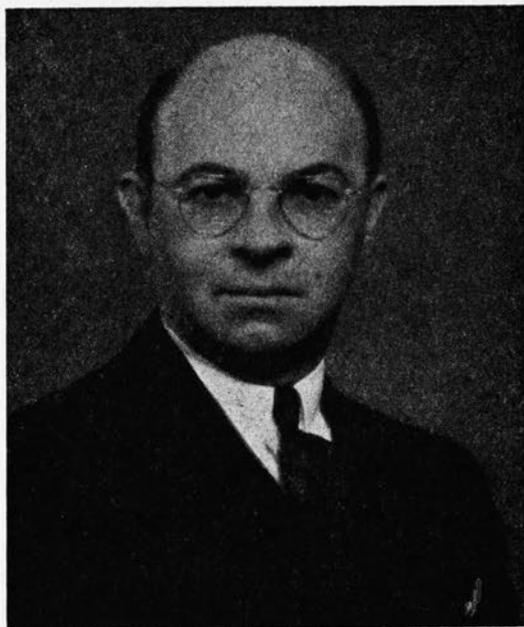
In the three years since Mr. Beals's appointment as university librarian, the libraries' program has emphasized the consolidation of services, the building and coordination of the book collections, and participation in programs of specialization. The library has grown steadily through the purchase of valuable book collections in such fields as Mexican archeology and Chinese,



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through the provision of services for the military and naval programs, and through the development of the college library. Important changes have been made in the physical quarters of the technical services, staff salaries have been raised, and overlapping library services have been eliminated. Through these administrative changes and with participation in library activities in the region, Mr. Beals has made for himself an important place in librarianship in the Middle West. He was formerly assistant librarian in the Washington, D.C., Public Library and assistant director of the American Association for Adult Education.

Dr. Joeckel returns to the University of California after an absence of eighteen years, eight spent as professor in the Department of Library Science in the University of Michigan and the last ten as



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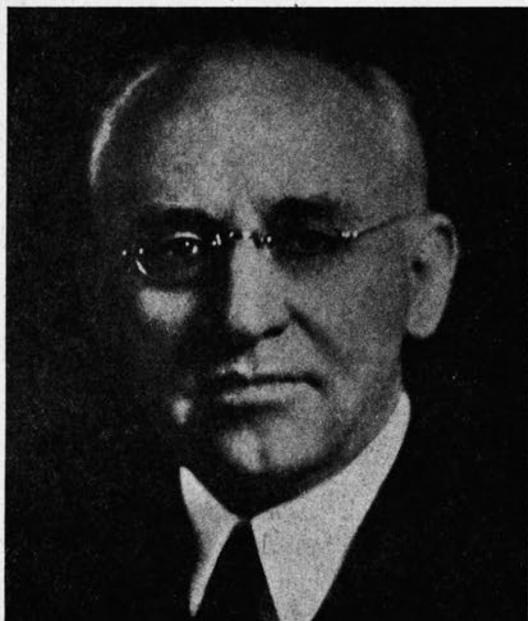
CARLETON B. JOECKEL

professor and then dean in the Graduate Library School. Much of his early library experience was gained in California, where he held positions on the staff of the University of California Library, and later was librarian of the Berkeley Public Library and lecturer in the School of Librarianship. Dr. Joeckel is the author of the well-known *Government of the American Public Library*, *A Metropolitan Library in Action* (with Leon Carnovsky), and the forthcoming *Library Extension: Problems and Solutions*.

Dr. Carnovsky has been a member of the faculty of the Graduate Library School since 1932. He is the author and editor of several studies and the managing editor of *The Library Quarterly*. *The Library in the Community*, which he edited with Lowell Martin, appeared last year.

## Retirement of Earl Gregg Swem

"Not in Swem" is an expression which has for the past quarter of a century been familiar to browsers in catalogs of out-of-print books. Since June 1944 the reverse



EARL GREGG SWEM

might have been used at the library of the College of William and Mary; namely, "Swem not in."

It is quite certain, however, that it hasn't been so used. For it would have been both inaccurate and overfamiliar. The uniformly respectful address is "Doctor Swem"—his doctorates including both laws and letters and being by grace of Lafayette College, his alma mater, of Hampden-Sydney College, and of the College of William and Mary; and though Dr. Swem no longer presides over the library at the College of William and Mary of which he was the head from 1920 until his retirement last June, it would probably be in ill accord with his own painstaking accuracy for any-

one to assert that at the moment he is not quietly sorting manuscripts in some nook within its building.

For fortunately the range of his interests has been so wide that the termination of one of them by no means condemns him to inactivity. He has been librarian, bibliographer, author, editor, collector. The combination of scholarly pursuits has been congenial to him. He is known to have declined at least one tempting offer of a librarianship which would have tended to limit him to library routines.

His library experience has had a wide range also—that is, before the two long chapters in Virginia for which he is best known. It began fifty-eight years ago in Iowa, his native state, where as a high school boy he was a summer assistant in the Iowa Masonic Library in Cedar Rapids. It was continued in Chicago at the John Creyar and Armour Institute libraries and in Washington at the United States Document Office and at the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress. In 1907 he was appointed assistant librarian of the Virginia State Library in Richmond and he continued at that post until his transfer to Williamsburg in 1920.

It was the effort to make the resources of the Virginia State Library meet current needs that started his bibliographical career. In the decade between 1910 and 1920 he issued a series of printed subject bibliographies which culminated in the three-part *Bibliography of Virginia*—which promptly became a standard and gave rise to the "not in Swem" expression for items which are so scarce as not to have appeared in that work. What is frequently termed Dr. Swem's *magnum opus* is the *Virginia Historical Index*, the open sesame to the genealogical and historical material in 120

volumes of seven serial publications. This was undertaken after Dr. Swem became librarian at William and Mary, though the major part of this task was accomplished in a little study in the Library of Congress during the four years from 1931 to 1935 while he was on leave from his library. The magnitude of these achievements may be suggested by the fact that the three parts of the *Bibliography of Virginia* total 2243 pages and the *Virginia Historical Index*, 2299 pages.

Meantime Dr. Swem had been attaining success also as an editor. His work in this field includes some issues of the Heartman Historical Series, the Publications of the William Parks Club, and the second series (1921 to 1943) of the *William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine*. Further evidence of his scholarship may be seen in the considerable number of texts which he himself edited in the first two series, and his constructive ability as a managing editor is well known to a host of writers who have benefited by his encouragement and guidance in connection with their contributions to the *William and Mary Quarterly*.

Both the bibliographical and the editorial activities have had the effect of increasing materially the collections at the two Virginia libraries with which Dr. Swem has had thirty-seven years of active association. There was a marked expansion in the state document holdings during his connection with the Virginia State Library, and at the

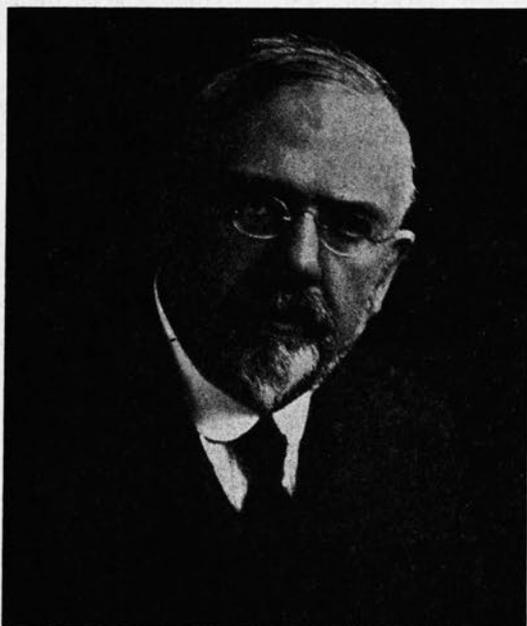
College of William and Mary the growth in historical collections in a place which possesses also the material gathered for the Department of Research and Record of Colonial Williamsburg is bound to make Williamsburg increasingly a center of historical research. Dr. Swem has a decided flair for being on the spot whenever treasures in Virginia books and manuscripts emerge, and this is an occupation which is keeping him young and active, however much he may retire from other more routine pursuits.

Perhaps this variety of interests may be summarized by an enumeration of some of the societies in which he has been an active member. This list is probably incomplete. But starting with Phi Beta Kappa, it includes the American Library Association, the American Library Institute, and the Virginia Library Association (of which he has more than once been president and in which he tacitly holds the post of "elder statesman"); the Bibliographical Society of America (of which he was president in 1937-38) and the American Antiquarian Society; and the Virginia Historical Society, the Society of American Archivists, and the American Historical Association. There seems to be no formally organized collectors' association. But in the inner circles of that clan, Dr. Swem's "high sign" would be immediately recognized and appreciatively honored.

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## Aksel G. S. Josephson, 1860-1944

In the early nineties Mr. Josephson, born in 1860, joined the group of men and women, many of them brilliant, who were



A. G. S. JOSEPHSON

educated for librarianship at Albany. He came from academic circles in Sweden and readily adapted himself to American forms of life, even though he always retained an international view of his profession. In 1896 the John Crerar Library appointed him chief cataloger, his duties involving an initial organization, with the printing of cards and the handling of large masses of accessions. For twenty-seven years Mr. Josephson devoted his energy to the construction of the tripartite Crerar catalog, which has stood many tests of accuracy. He took an active part in the organization of catalog codes and attained a mastership

in the many problems involved.

Mr. Josephson's best-known work is his *Bibliographies of Bibliographies* (1901)—a bibliography of bibliographies of bibliographies. With great energy he took a leading part in the organization and work of the Bibliographical Society of Chicago and later in the development of the national society of the same scope. In the old Chicago *Dial* his critical book reviews were duly appreciated. His outlook was liberal, his views being based on experience with wide ranges of events and literature. He made valiant attempts at the establishment of a bibliographic institute for the support of needed projects. Owing to his absorption in official duties Mr. Josephson was unable to engage in larger problems, but his judgment of books was sound and impersonal. The Crerar lists of books on the history of science and the history of industrial arts appeared under his editorship.

A progressive weakness in Mr. Josephson's eyesight forced him to retire in 1924, and in 1928 he was given the title of consulting cataloger, with an income. He took up his residence in the South and passed away on Dec. 12, 1944, in Mobile, Ala., after suffering a fall resulting in a pelvic fracture, at the age of 84.

A high appreciation of music and drama came to Josephson as a tradition from greatly gifted ancestors. His last years were devoted to writing (by dictation) esthetic and historical matter. He remained cheerful in spite of his fate. His sense of duty was unusually acute, and as a pillar in the Crerar structure he leaves a memory of deep respect.

J. CHRISTIAN BAY

## Mildred Emerson Ross, 1890-1944

The library profession lost a most enthusiastic and devoted member when, on Dec. 28, 1944, Mildred E. Ross died. As head of the reference department of the Grosvenor Library she had helped immeasurably in rendering the Grosvenor a center of research activities in western New York. She had, through her connections with various local associations, assisted in making the library a living force in the community, and, through her association with students of the four local colleges, she had done much to train the youth of Buffalo in the field of bibliography.

Miss Ross's interest in bibliography began when, in 1922, she joined the staff of the Grosvenor Library and came under the constructive influence of Augustus Hunt Shearer, himself an enthusiastic bibliographer. She assisted him in much of his bibliographical work, especially during his tenure of office as president and secretary of the Bibliographical Society of America. Miss Ross worked closely with Dr. Shearer as his assistant in editing the *Grosvenor Library Bulletin* and during his years of illness she became its sole editor.

Miss Ross was an ever willing aid to many of the scholars on the faculty of the University of Buffalo, who were given her sympathetic cooperation in seeking bibliographical data for their publications. She had been working on a bibliography of newspapers of western New York State when ill health made it imperative for her to give up all extra work two years ago. She had hoped to retire in July 1945 and

had planned to devote a part of her time to bibliographical research.

Miss Ross was lecturer in bibliography



MILDRED EMERSON ROSS

at the University of Buffalo Library School from 1923 to 1942. Secretary-treasurer of the New York State Library Association from 1928 to 1938, she held office as president from 1938 to 1939 and was a member of its permanent board of salaries, pensions, and working conditions from 1939 to 1942. She was a member of the American Library Association Committee on Bibliography and was a director of the University of Buffalo Alumni Association from 1935 to 1938.

(MRS.) MARGARET M. MOTT

# News from

## General

Several librarians have reported that plans are being made for library buildings or additions to library buildings in their institutions after the war. Among those represented are Indiana State Teachers College, Terre Haute; University of Georgia, Athens; Colby College, Waterville, Me.; Sterling College, Sterling, Kan.; and Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y.

Other universities whose buildings are at least in the planning stage are Wisconsin, Indiana, and Rice Institute. These are in addition to those mentioned in the last installment of "News from the Field."

The State Department's Division of Cultural Cooperation has issued a mimeographed list of 374 items entitled *Translations of United States Books Published in Brazil*.

## East

The Library of Congress has issued in mimeograph form the first number of "Biographical Sources for Foreign Countries." This is designed to present a record of the sources of biographical information on living persons in foreign countries. In addition to formal biographical compendia, it includes such sources as national and local official registers, membership lists of learned societies, professional and commercial directories, and other publications relevant to the identification of persons and their professional affiliations. In general the list will be restricted to publications issued within the past twenty years. Copies may be obtained free by libraries upon application to the Library of Congress Publications Office.

A clinic on the theme of differentiated reading instruction will be held at the Pennsylvania State College, June 25-29, 1945. Although it is to be concerned directly with

reading problems on the elementary and secondary school level, it presumably will be of immediate interest to the librarians of teachers' colleges and inferentially to other librarians.

The Columbia University Libraries, Carl M. White, director, have received many Russian war posters produced by some of the finest contemporary Russian artists. They are reproduced in color by a stencil process. Many of them give credit to the efforts of the United Nations in the war against the Axis. Some of them have been exhibited recently in the university library.

The Sullivan Memorial Library, Temple University, Philadelphia, Lucy E. Fay, acting librarian, plans to establish a number of library fellowships for assistants in the university library. The program will provide service to the library and offer to those interested in librarianship preliminary training and experience. Selection of the fellows will be guided by the student's college entrance aptitude and placement tests, his personal qualifications, and scholastic standing. Each fellow will work twenty-four hours a week and will receive six hundred dollars for twelve months, with two weeks vacation.

## South

Mercer University Library, Macon, Ga., Charles H. Stone, librarian, has opened a special open-shelf reading room where students may select their materials and read in comfort. It is not designated as a browsing room but serves the same purpose. Book reviews and discussions are held there every two weeks.

The Emory Woman's Club of Atlanta established a memorial fund several years ago and from this it has donated more

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than five hundred dollars to the Emory University Library, Margaret M. Jemison, librarian. This fund has enabled the library to acquire a carefully selected group of general books which would not otherwise have been added to the library.

The University of Georgia Library, Athens, Wayne S. Yenawine, acting director, has completed negotiations for the purchase of the Constitution of the Confederate States of America. This manuscript is in a fine state of preservation and carries the signatures of the delegates to the Confederate Constitutional Convention.

The University of Georgia has acquired the Nellie Peters Black memorial collection of manuscripts, letters, diaries, scrapbooks, pictures, and clippings. This collection was acquired through Mrs. Black's daughter, Mrs. Lamar Rucker.

The Joint University Libraries of Nashville, Tenn., A. F. Kuhlman, director, have been able to acquire through the generosity of Mrs. Henry Teitlebaum, of Nashville, the 2200-volume collection of Prof. Ismar Elbogen, noted authority on Jewish history and liturgy.

George Pullen Jackson, of Vanderbilt University, has presented to the Joint University Libraries an unusual collection which he accumulated in his research in the field of folk music. It consists of approximately two hundred volumes, including many rare hymnals, thirty-five phonograph records, and film copies of about fifty books.

The modern European history collection of Earl F. Cruickshank, formerly of Vanderbilt University, has been presented to the Joint University Libraries. It consists of approximately 1500 books and is especially strong in the period of the French Revolution.

The University of Florida has announced the establishment of the P. K. Yonge Library of Florida history. This collection of Floridiana, which is the most comprehensive in the state, includes rare books, maps, manuscripts, documents, and newspaper files of the last century. It has been brought together during the past forty years by Philip Keyes Yonge and his son, Julien C. Yonge, and has been presented to the university by the latter.

The library of North Texas State Teachers College announces the publication of the first supplement to the *North Texas Regional Union List of Serials*. The supplement and the original list record as of Jan. 15, 1945, all the holdings in periodicals and serials of North Texas State Teachers College, Texas State College for Women, Southern Methodist University, Texas Christian University, Dallas Public Library, Fort Worth Public Library, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Since February 14  
*Middle West* the University of Illinois Library, Robert Bingham Downs, director, has had a weekly radio program called the "Library Hour" over station WILL. It is a half-hour program and begins each Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock.

The Beloit College Library system, which comprises the main, science, and art libraries, has been reorganized and henceforth will be known as Beloit College Libraries. The title of Clarence S. Paine has been changed from librarian to director, and Louise Smith has been made associate librarian. The director of the libraries is also chairman of the Joint Faculty and Administration Committee on Planning and Development.

*Footnotes* is the name of the new publication now being issued by Beloit College Libraries. It will list interesting acquisitions.

tions, call attention to books and articles pertinent to higher education in a changing world, and disseminate such news of library service as may be of interest to faculty and students.

An endowment fund of fifteen thousand dollars from Sterling Morton has been announced by the Art Institute of Chicago, Etheldred Abbot, librarian. The funds have been established in memory of Mr. Morton's mother and will be called the Carrie Lake Morton fund.

The private papers and correspondence of Jonathan Williams are among the recent acquisitions of the Indiana University Library, Robert A. Miller, director. Williams, a nephew of Benjamin Franklin, was the first superintendent of West Point and is known as the father of the U.S. Army Engineers Corps. The collection numbers more than five thousand pieces and contains important material on the domestic defenses along the Atlantic seaboard during the war of 1812.

The papers of Hugh McCulloch, Secretary of the Treasury under Lincoln and Arthur, have also been given to Indiana University. In addition to material on the financial structure of the Reconstruction, the papers contain valuable information relative to Indiana's financial history from 1835 through the Civil War.

The Western Historical Manuscripts Collection of the University of Missouri Library has received several important collections in recent months. Among these are the Hickman-Bryan papers, 1795-1920, which contain several hundred letters, account books, and business documents of an early Missouri and Louisiana family; letters and other manuscripts of Judge Frank E. Atwood, Missouri lawyer, jurist, and political leader from 1910 to 1944; papers of Forrest C. Donnell, Governor of Missouri, 1941-45; letters, committee minutes, and

reports of the president and committee chairmen of Missouri's Constitutional Convention, 1943-44; files of correspondence and other papers of the Missouri State Council of Defense, 1941-45; and a small collection of papers of Congressman William H. Hatch, of Missouri, author of the Hatch Act in 1887, which provided for the establishment of agricultural experiment stations in land-grant colleges.

*West* The Rocky Mountain Rural Library Institute has been scheduled for three weeks from July 23 through August 10 under the joint sponsorship of the Colorado A. and M. College and the School of Librarianship of the University of Denver. The first week of the institute will be held in Fort Collins and the second and third weeks in Denver. The institute will pay particular attention to the special library problems of the Rocky Mountain region.

The Henry E. Huntington Library, San Marino, Calif., has received from one of its Friends a sum in excess of twenty thousand dollars which will be used in the regional study of the Southwestern states now being conducted under the direction of Robert G. Cleland of the library's permanent research staff.

The University of California Library at Los Angeles, Lawrence Clark Powell, librarian, has acquired the Cowan manuscripts collection of some six thousand pieces. Many of these items are of the 1840's and 1850's and include business and personal papers of well-known pioneers in California business and politics.

The Seattle Public Library, John S. Richards, librarian, has received a one thousand dollar gift from a local industrialist. Five hundred dollars of it will be used by the Friends of the Seattle Public Library in the establishment of a library for the

blind; the remaining five hundred dollars has been set aside for the purchase of additions to the library's business collection.

The Lutheran Evangelical Church, Missouri Synod, has presented one thousand dollars to the University of Southern California, Christian R. Dick, librarian, to be used in developing the library collection on the history of the Lutheran Church on the Continent and in America.

Since Feb. 1, 1945, Mrs. Evelyn Steel Little has been dean of the faculty and librarian of Mills College, Oakland, Calif. She was formerly librarian. Helen R. Blasdale is assistant librarian.

Ruth Walling is acting head of the circulation department, Louisiana State University Library, Guy R. Lyle, director. She was until recently reference librarian of the East Texas State Teachers College.

Cattie E. Kessler has been appointed librarian of Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, Ky. She replaces Mrs. E. P. Peterson, who is on leave.

Anne Herron has been made acting librarian of Murray State Teachers College, Murray, Ky., succeeding Etta Beale Grant, who has resigned.

Evelyn L. Pope has been made librarian at Dillard University, New Orleans.

Robert Maxwell Trent, chief of order work at the College of the City of New York, has accepted a six months' appointment as chief of technical processes, Louisiana State University. His job will be to reorganize the work of acquisitions and to coordinate it with that of the other technical divisions.

Garland F. Taylor, assistant professor of English, has been named acting librarian of Tulane University. He succeeds Guy A. Cardwell, associate professor of English,

who has acted as librarian since the death of Robert James Usher.

Ernest M. White has been appointed librarian of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Louisville, and assumed his duties on Jan. 1, 1945. He was formerly assistant librarian of the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

Helen A. Everett, assistant librarian at Humboldt State College, Arcata, Calif., since 1939, has been appointed librarian to succeed C. Edward Graves, who retired March 1.

Daisy Anderson, formerly librarian of Radford College, Radford, Va., has gone to Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N.C., as librarian. Pearl Andrews is now acting librarian at Radford.

William Haynes McMullen succeeds John Van Male as librarian of Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va. Van Male is now librarian of the University of South Carolina.

John Cook Wyllie, on leave since 1941 from his position as director of the rare book and manuscript division of the University of Virginia, has been featured in *Yank* for his extraordinary career in World War II. He has the unique record of having climbed twice from private to lieutenant, first in the British and later in the United States Army.

Mortimer Taube was appointed assistant director of the Acquisitions Department for Operations, Library of Congress, on January 1. Taube was head of the acquisition department, Duke University Library, from 1940 to 1944. He succeeds at the Library of Congress John H. Moriarty, who became librarian of Purdue University in July 1944.

Thomas R. Barcus, librarian of the University of Saskatchewan, will become chief of the Exchange and Gift Division at the Library of Congress, beginning June 1.