

# Nominees for ACRL Section

## COLLEGE LIBRARIES SECTION

**CHAIRMAN:** Martha L. Biggs, Librarian, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN and CHAIRMAN-ELECT:**

Edward C. Heintz, Librarian, Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio.

Benjamin M. Lewis, Librarian, Hamline University, St. Paul, Minnesota.

**SECRETARY:**

Esther M. Hile, Librarian, University of Redlands, Redlands, California.

Odrun E. Peterson, Librarian, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota.

## JUNIOR COLLEGE LIBRARIES SECTION

**CHAIRMAN:** Mrs. Lula K. Pratt, Librarian, Connors State Agricultural College, Warner, Oklahoma.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN and CHAIRMAN-ELECT:**

Mrs. Helen Abel Brown, Librarian, St. Mary's Junior College, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Orlin C. Spicer, Director of Libraries, J. Sterling Morton High School and Junior College, Cicero, Illinois.

**SECRETARY:**

William K. Grainger, Reference Librarian, Bakersfield College, Bakersfield, California.

Natalie Lapike, Librarian, College of the Sequoias, Visalia, California.

**DIRECTOR (1957-60):**

Lottie M. Skidmore, Librarian, Joliet Junior College, Joliet, Illinois.

## PURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE SECTION

**CHAIRMAN:** Edward A. Chapman, Librarian, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN and CHAIRMAN-ELECT:**

Carson W. Bennett, Librarian, Rose Polytechnic Institute, Terre Haute, Indiana.

Mrs. Dorothy M. Halmos, Librarian, Allan Hancock Foundation, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California.

**DIRECTOR:**

Whiton Powell, Librarian, Albert Mann Library, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

H. Dean Stallings, Librarian, North Dakota Agricultural College, Fargo, North Dakota.

# Officers, 1957-58

## **LIBRARIES OF TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTIONS SECTION**

**CHAIRMAN:** Mr. E. Walfred Erickson, Librarian, Eastern Michigan College, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

**SECRETARY and CHAIRMAN-ELECT:**

Gertrude W. Rounds, Librarian, New York State Teachers College, Oneonta, New York.

Fritz Veit, Director of Libraries, Chicago Teachers College and City Junior College, Wilson Branch, Chicago, Illinois.

## **UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES SECTION**

**CHAIRMAN:** Robert H. Muller, Assistant Director, University of Michigan Library, Ann Arbor.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN and CHAIRMAN-ELECT:**

Carl W. Hintz, Librarian, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon.

Archie L. McNeal, Director of Libraries, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida.

**SECRETARY:**

Charlotte K. Anderson, Assistant Librarian, University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire.

Lois C. Bailey, Librarian, Fondren Library, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

Ballots have been mailed to each member of ACRL. To be counted they must be returned to section secretaries by June 1. Results will be announced at the Kansas City Conference.

## Conference Placement Service

A simplified Contact Placement Clearing House will be available during the Kansas City Conference to employers and to librarians interested in changing positions. An office will be provided (1) where employers may post notices of vacancies and leave messages for persons interested in vacancies, and (2) where librarians interested in changing positions may see the posted vacancies, leave messages for employers, and post notices of their availability.

No blind advertisements will be accepted. No notices will be posted unless the individual is attending the Kansas City Conference.

Interested persons are referred to the May, 1957, *ALA Bulletin* for fuller information.

# ACRL Board of Directors Midwinter 1957 Meetings

Official actions of the ACRL Board of Directors at its meetings in Chicago January 29 and 30 were approval of:

1. The following statement of fields of responsibility with the understanding that it can be revised later if need be: "This Division represents those libraries which support formal education above the secondary school level or which maintain research collections."

2. The change of name of the Association from Association of College and Reference Libraries to Association of College and Research Libraries. (The ACRL Committee on Constitution and Bylaws will incorporate this change in the revised draft on which it is presently working.)

3. The establishment of a committee to evaluate ACRL program and budget needs in terms of the reorganization.

4. A resolution: "That in view of the heavy load of the ACRL Executive Secretary and in view of expected increased activities, the ALA Executive Secretary be requested to maintain headquarters staff services commensurate with expanding needs."

5. An expression of interest through ACRL's representative to CNLA in a proposal to form a joint committee consisting of representatives of various library associations to explore the possibility of a general congress of library associations to meet simultaneously in a place like Atlantic City.

6. The endorsement, through ACRL's representative on the Joint Advisory Committee on Union List of Serials, of the more elaborate of two proposals to produce a national catalog of serials.

7. The endorsement of the United States Book Exchange's application for a

grant to finance the continuation of its operation.

8. An expression of ACRL's appreciation, through the Chairman of the Committee on Foundation Grants, to the Lilly Foundation for its recent \$26,000 grant.

At the first of its two sessions (January 29) President Robert W. Orr introduced to the Board ACRL's new Executive Secretary, Richard B. Harwell. Treasurer Ralph Parker reported that his office had become only a nominal one after the transfer to ALA of the responsibility for the division's funds. It was informally agreed by the Board that the office should be eliminated in the reorganization. Samray Smith, ACRL Publications Officer and Interim Executive Secretary, reported a growth in circulation for *College and Research Libraries* and the publication of three numbers in the *ACRL Monographs* since the last meeting of the Board. Rolland Stevens, new editor of the *Monographs*, described briefly two forthcoming numbers, *Spoken Poetry on Records and Tapes* by Henry Hastings and *Poole's Index: Date and Volume Key* by Marion V. Bell and Jean C. Bacon. Maurice Tauber, Editor of *C&RL*, expressed ACRL's regret at the loss of Mr. Smith as Publications Officer and brought to the attention of the Board the problems of editing a scholarly bimonthly on a volunteer basis. He emphasized the desirability of continuing *C&RL* as a magazine of wide professional scope.

Francis Allen, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, made the first report at the second session of the Board (January 30). The nominees have since been listed in the March number of *C&RL*.

Wyllis Wright discussed plans for a new union list of serials. The ACRL endorsement of "the more elaborate of two proposals" was, specifically, an endorsement of the plan "To prepare a new edition (or, more probably, a supplement) which will expand the scope of the *Union List* to one at least as broad as that of *New Serial Titles*; to bring out up-to-date editions of the lists of newspapers, foreign documents, and international congresses; to add some additional such separate lists, as for foreign newspapers and possibly for city directories; to be in a position to issue, as needed, special lists of serials by subjects, by country of issue, by regional holdings, etc."

Robert W. Vosper reported on ACRL plans for the Kansas City Conference and suggested that the Phillips Hotel be informally designated the ACRL hotel.

Mr. Vosper summarized for the group the work of ALA's Program Evaluation and Budget Committee on which he represented ACRL. He noted that all ACRL budget requests had been allowed.

Arthur Hamlin reported that foundation grants of \$40,000 had been distributed to 118 institutions. Most of the grants, he declared, were for books and library materials. The Remington Rand grants were for equipment, a few were for consultative services, and two were for research.

The place of ACRL in ALA reorganization was the subject of expressions of some concern throughout the two meetings of the Board. Robert W. Severance, as ACRL's representative on ALA's Committee on Organization, reported briefly on ACRL's status. ACRL will turn over some of its present committee work to other divisions of ALA. Mr. Orr emphasized that there will be more ACRL time and energy available for truly professional programs and cited the request that ACRL represent ALA on the President's Committee on Education Beyond

the High School as an example of how ACRL will speak for the whole profession of librarianship in its special field. It was determined that a special committee to "evaluate ACRL program and budget needs in terms of the reorganization" be adopted.

Work of the Audio-Visual Committee was reported by C. Walter Stone. He commented on the publication and distribution of the audio-visual directory compiled by Jane Culler and Fleming Bennett and mentioned three tentative projects: the collecting of A/V statistics for 1955-56 and 1956-57 which will be undertaken by Richard Chapin; a study of A/V materials available for college or university research which will be undertaken by John Harvey; and the possibility of the production of a film for use in college library orientation.

Mr. Stone, Donald Cameron of the Buildings Committee, and Dale Bentz of the Committee on Statistics each expressed concern over the status of his committee in ALA reorganization. It was recommended that all present committees proceed with their current work until formal reorganization along other lines has been effected.

The place of ACRL's Rare Books Committee in reorganization proved a question of considerable concern. Mr. Vosper read Miss Georgia Haugh's report for the committee. It was determined that ACRL delegate Mr. Severance and Mr. Vosper should represent ACRL's deep interest in the work of this committee to the ALA Committee on Organization.

Robert Talmadge expressed the willingness of the Committee on Recruiting to continue its work through a representative on any joint ALA committee on recruiting. Completion of a study of existing standards was reported by Wayne Yenawine from the Committee on Standards. He urged the compilation of qualitative standards for college and univer-



sity libraries as a major project of college and university librarians.

In addition to its formal actions and the receipt of the committee reports here outlined, the Board received summary reports of the several sections from Richard Blanchard for the Pure and Applied Science Section, Benjamin B. Richards for the College Libraries Section, and Lottie M. Skidmore of the Junior College Section. Additional reports were

heard from Giles Shepherd of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Charles Penrose for the Duplicates Exchange Union, Flora B. Ludington of the Committee on Committees, William R. Lansberg of the Committee on Financing *College and Research Libraries*, Mary Herrick of the State Representatives Committee, and Jerrold Orne of the Publications Committee.

R.B.H.

## Action Toward Reorganization

A "Giant Step" in ALA reorganization was taken in March by the Special Committee on Reorganization. Its report has been made to Council by mail and it can be confidently expected that reorganization will be completed during the Kansas City Conference.

As a full report will be made before Council at Kansas City, a complete recapitulation is unnecessary here. Briefly, SCOR succeeded in formulating a clear separation of divisional responsibilities within the structure of the new ALA. The new definitions of responsibility enable ALA to move ahead in its over-all furtherance of librarianship and each division to work effectively for the whole profession within its special fields of competence and interest.

ACRL was efficiently represented on the Special Committee by ex-President Robert W. Severance. Of most immediate interest to ACRL among the recommendations of the committee's work are the new statement of responsibility, the suggested incorporation of the Specialized Library Division into the Association of College and Research Libraries, and the formulation of positive definitions of the work to be undertaken by type-of-library divisions and type-of-activity divisions.

ACRL emerges as a type-of-library di-

vision—one of the "thinking organs" of ALA. "Type-of-library divisions," reads the guiding statement developed by SCOR, "are focused upon planning in and evaluation of the whole library as an institution and upon the synthesis of all functions as they contribute to the improvement of the services of the library." Adherence to this credo will permit ACRL to emphasize the truly professional in its activities and to eliminate some of the "housekeeping" functions of the past. The provisions for dual divisional membership in ALA still, however, allow for full expression of specialized or technical interests in librarianship by ACRL members as each can also be a member of one or more type-of-activity divisions.

In reorganization ACRL will transfer some of its old committees and activities to type-of-activity divisions. But there will be no dearth of work or of opportunity for ACRL. There will be no lessening of ACRL membership activity in the programs that are important to college and research libraries. ACRL will still be in the prime position for promoting the interests of its institutional and individual members. And its members will serve on type-of-activity committees wherever their interests and abilities are appropriate.

SCOR recommended the incorporation of the Specialized Libraries Division into ACRL. Action on that recommendation will be taken by Council at Kansas City. The restatement of ACRL responsibilities assumes that Council action will be favorable. The new statement of responsibility has gone to each of the ACRL officers and Board members for approval by mail vote. It, too, will be presented to Council at Kansas City. For the information of the entire ACRL membership, here is the statement as it was approved by SCOR for submission to ALA Council and to the Division:

"The Association of College and Research Libraries represents the libraries of higher education (of those institutions supporting formal education above the secondary-school level), independent research libraries, and specialized libraries.

"ACRL has specific responsibility for:

1. Planning of programs of study and service for college and university, research, and specialized libraries
2. Establishment and evaluation of standards in appropriate fields
3. Synthesis of the activities of all units within ALA as they relate to college and university, research, and specialized libraries
4. Representation and interpretation of college and university, research, and specialized libraries in contacts outside the profession
5. Stimulation of the development of librarians and librarianship in college and university, research, and specialized libraries and stimulation of the participation of its members in appropriate type-of-activity divisions
6. Conduct of activities and projects for the improvement and extension of service in college and university, research, and specialized libraries when such activities and projects are beyond the scope of type-of-activity divisions, after specific approval by the ALA Council."

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## Foundation Grants

A third grant from the United States Steel Foundation of \$30,000 to ACRL "for improving libraries and services as valuable adjuncts to teaching" was announced in April by Homer W. Turner, Executive Director of the Foundation. A final grant of \$5,000 to aid libraries in the purchase of microfilm files of the *New York Times* has been made by the New York Times Company.

"These grants," comments President Robert W. Orr, "are forceful evidence of the continued concern of business for the development of libraries, which will in turn develop broad reading habits among college students. Such additional grants from previous donors are doubly and trebly welcome as expressions of conviction of the merit of ACRL's grants program."

Last year 118 sub-grants were made to college and university libraries from a total of \$40,000 administered by ACRL. Nearly a hundred of these were sub-grants from the United States Steel Foundation. Ten were from the funds awarded by the *New York Times*. Others came from a 1956 grant by Remington Rand. A grant of \$26,000 from the Lilly Endowment for distribution in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, and Illinois will soon be allocated by ACRL's Committee on Foundation Grants.

The U. S. Steel and *New York Times* grants just announced will not be allocated until later in the year. Full announcements of the procedure for making application for a sub-grant from these funds will be made in the July issue of *C&RL*. Sub-grants will, as before, be made in modest sums. "The aim," says President Orr, "is to place the money widely where it can make direct contributions to higher education through the library function."

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# News from the Field

## ACQUISITIONS, GIFTS, COLLECTIONS

THE ARENTS COLLECTION of Books in Parts has just been installed in a room adjoining the Arents Tobacco Collection at the New York Public Library. This library is composed almost entirely of works in English (there are several in French) printed in England and America from the eighteenth to the twentieth century. So far as is known, this is the only collection in which the principle of selection is that the work must have appeared piecemeal over a period of time and should still be preserved in its original paper wrappers or board covers.

Not only did such well-known nineteenth century novelists as Dickens, Thackeray, George Eliot, and Trollope first appear in this form, but the vogue even extended to the entire field of belles-lettres, including poetry, essays, biography, etc., and took in philosophical authors, such as Herbert Spencer. Many of the famous ornithological and flower books, with their beautiful color plates, first appeared in separate portions and were so issued to subscribers. The celebrated sporting novelists and illustrators were also published in parts—Surtees and Henry Alken, among many others. These works are all of great rarity, as most of the surviving copies are bound in cloth or morocco in order to preserve them.

An interesting and important feature of the library is the presence of holograph manuscripts of some of the books, original drawings of illustrators such as John Leech, Thomas Rowlandson, George Cruikshank, and others, as well as autograph letters relating to the books and their illustrations. Among the writers of the manuscripts and letters are Charles Dickens, W. M. Thackeray, W. H. Ainsworth, Anthony Trollope, Wilkie Collins, Kate Greenaway, as well as lesser figures.

The collection, numbering about a thousand pieces, is housed in a room similar to that of the tobacco library. It is decorated and furnished in the manner of a collector's treasure-house.

THE BAYLOR UNIVERSITY LIBRARY will receive a gift of approximately \$4,000 from

the school's Class of 1957. Income from the money is available for unrestricted purchase of books. This action, suggested by the gift committee of the Class of 1957, was passed by a vote of the entire senior class.

THE STEFANSSON COLLECTION of Baker Library at Dartmouth College has acquired the Eggert Laxdal collection of books and periodicals in the Icelandic language dating from 1748 to 1917, and a collection of about three hundred modern Icelandic books of literature, lyric and epic poetry, biography, history, and science.

THE FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA has just made a notable addition to its collection of Pennsylvania German imprints. The Borneman collection, acquired in 1955, covering a period of a hundred years from the 1730's, has been enriched by a purchase of 250 additional imprints, which strengthen the collection in the books of the early presses of Lancaster, Carlisle, Reading, York, Easton, Harrisburg, and as far away as New Berlin, Canada.

## PUBLICATIONS

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY LIBRARY is issuing *Manuscripta*, volume 1, number 1 of which was dated February, 1957. Its purpose is the publication of scholarly articles of a general nature; the publication of articles based upon research in the manuscript collections of The Knights of Columbus Vatican Film Library; the recording in a "Notes and Comments" section of information about articles and books concerning manuscripts; the listing of the codices in the various collections which are available for use; the reviewing of books of general interest to students and teachers of the Humanities and History (including the history of the Sciences).

The Vatican microfilm project will reach completion by the end of January, 1957. It will have filmed some eleven and one-half million pages which are available for consultation at the Knights of Columbus Vatican Film Library at Saint Louis University.



A second project will immediately get under way. This project envisions the film reproduction of the rare printed books of the Vatican Library. Copies of these rare printed books will be made available at as low a price as possible. Lists of materials to be filmed will be sent to libraries and research institutes.

Saint Louis University Library also plans to make available to teachers and students, to schools and colleges, color duplicates (35 mm. transparencies) in several sets selected from the thousands of such colored transparencies of illuminated manuscripts and architectural masterpieces which the Library possesses. At present, the following sets are being prepared: St. Peter's, Rome (interior views); The Urbino Bible; The Vatican Project. Each set will contain 30 slides, a summary description suitable for lecture preparation, and will sell for \$25.

*Books and Publishing, 1956*, volume 3 of lecture series of the School of Library Science, Simmons College, contains papers on "Modern Textbooks and Mass Education," by Henry H. Hill, president of George Peabody College for Teachers; "Scientists as Documentalists," by Eugene B. Jackson, librarian, research staff, General Motors Corporation; and "Why Read Books?" by Lyman Bryson, Director of Educational Broadcasts, Columbia Broadcasting System.

CHARLES DIEHL's *Byzance, grandeur et décadence* has appeared in an English translation by Naomi Walford under the title *Byzantium: Greatness and Decline* (New Brunswick, N. J.: Rutgers University Press, 1957, 336p., illus., \$8.50), as part of the Rutgers Byzantine Series. Following the main body of the text is an extensive "Bibliographical Note" prepared by Peter Charanis, general editor of the series.

## LIBRARY SCHOOLS

BEGINNING WITH THE 1957 SUMMER SESSION, July 9-August 16, qualified candidates for the basic professional (M.S.) degree at Columbia University's School of Library Service will be able to enter programs of study that are designed for a special type of library or library work. This is one of the major features of the revised program of study just

adopted by the faculty of the nation's oldest and largest library school after two years of study by the dean and faculty, including a dozen day-long conferences with groups of library leaders in various types of libraries and library work.

The School's revised curriculum consists, as heretofore, of courses that will provide the majority of students with training for general librarianship. But provision is made, also, for a number of special programs to which students are admitted if their previous experience, education, and personal objectives indicate that they are ready for a mature choice of a special field. If admitted to a special program, the student will take seven courses prescribed for all M.S. candidates, covering the major subject areas of professional librarianship. The five other courses constituting the full 36-point program for the degree are prescribed by the faculty advisers for the several special fields, and consist of courses either in the School of Library Service or in other parts of Columbia University that contribute directly to work in the special type of library for which the student is preparing. Special programs have been approved by the faculty and are now in operation in medical and engineering librarianship, also in library work with children and young people. Other special programs for qualified students are arranged for students individually by the Dean in other special fields such as business and finance, music, art, rare book librarianship, and adult education posts in public libraries.

In the coming Summer Session a number of courses that are parts of the special programs in particular fields are being offered—some for the first time. These courses are open to qualified professional librarians seeking specific advanced training, but who are not working for any degree, as well as to students working for the degree. Four of them are being organized as workshop courses with double daily sessions in the evening or late afternoon for the first three or last three weeks of the Summer Session. These, as well as the other courses, carry full credit for the School's professional degree.

Further information and applications may be obtained from the School of Library Service, Columbia University, New York 27, N. Y.



A NEW SCHOOL OF LIBRARIANSHIP (*Escuela de Bibliotecología*) opened Monday, February 11, in Medellín, Colombia. Gaston Litton, librarian and archivist from the U. S., who has spent many years in Latin America in library work, is the director of the new school. Although primarily a school supported by funds from Rockefeller Foundation, the University of Antioquia and the National University Fund (*Fondo Universitario Nacional*), it has elicited the interest and collaboration of the Organization of American States insofar as its potential use for inter-American purposes is concerned.

A LIBRARY TRAINING PROGRAM which combines work in an active, modern university library with study for an advanced degree is offered by Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge. Trainees receive the benefit of full student status and serve as half-time members of the Library staff. Appointments are given for twelve months and may begin in September, February, or June. The salary will be \$1,500 per year. Applications for traineeships should be made to the Director of Libraries, Louisiana State University.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

DR. T. GLADSTEIN, director of the Library at Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, in Haifa, has asked any American library to supply the following numbers of *Nucleonics*: Vol. 13 (1955) Nos. 3 and 6-11 (published by McGraw-Hill). Please write to Efraim Margolin, Technion, 1000 Fifth Ave., New York 28, N. Y.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LIBRARY, Los Angeles Campus, University Extension, and the California Library Association are jointly sponsoring a Conference on Library Administration to be held on the University of California, Los Angeles campus, August 7-9, 1957.

Planned for heads of small and medium-sized libraries of all types and for department heads and branch librarians looking toward a career in administration, the Conference's purpose is to encourage participants to re-examine their own administrative philosophy and practice through group discussion of case problems, presentation of basic principles by leading library adminis-

trators, and examination of both problems and principles by non-library authorities in management and human relations.

Housing and meals will be provided on the UCLA campus, and the total fee, including registration, will be under \$50. For detailed information, write to Phillip E. Frandson, Department of Conferences, University of California Extension, Los Angeles 24.

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION is offering three interest-free loans up to \$200 for the use of qualified persons to assist in meeting costs of professional library education. The loans are made available from the F. Mabel Winchell Fund, which was initiated in 1949 in memory of the long-time librarian of the Manchester City Library.

Interested individuals should write Marcus A. McCorison, 2nd vice-president, New Hampshire Library Association, Dartmouth College Library, Hanover, N. H., for further details.

GILBERT W. CHAPMAN, chairman of the National Book Committee, Inc., New York City, has announced plans for the first National Library Week to be held March 16-22, 1958. The National Book Committee, Inc., is an independent, non-profit, citizens' group organized in 1954 to foster the wiser and wider use of books and the preservation of the freedom to read.

RADCLIFFE COLLEGE, with the co-sponsorship of the Department of History of Harvard University, offers in the summer of 1957 an intensive institute for college graduates and employees of archival agencies, historical societies, and museums. Students will devote full time for six weeks to the study of archival and historical resources and programs, and have an opportunity to examine representative institutions in operation.

THE MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN OHIO is sponsoring a hospital library workshop to be held at the School of Library Science, Western Reserve University, Saturday, May 25. Anyone interested in hospital libraries is urged to attend. Advance registration fee of \$6 should be sent to Miss Carol McHenry, Lakewood Hospital, 14519 Detroit Ave., Lakewood 7, O.

# Personnel

WALTER WOODMAN WRIGHT, assistant librarian at the University of Pennsylvania, succeeds Frank N. Jones as librarian and assistant professor of library science at Ohio University at Athens in July, 1957.



WALTER W. WRIGHT

Mr. Wright grew up in Cambridge, Mass., and in 1937 he was graduated from Harvard College, where his father was a professor of French. He received his B.S. in L.S. from Columbia in 1938. Several years at the Harvard College Library were followed by experience at the New York Public Library, the New York Harvard Club library, Johns Hopkins, and finally at the University of Pennsylvania.

In dress, interests and manners Mr. Wright is quite as proper and conservative as this background of family, education, and experience. His shoes are always black, his ties sober and sport shirts are not a part of his wardrobe. At evenfall his desk is completely clear on top and meticulously neat within.

Behind this façade of New England respectability lies a skilled, imaginative, amateur magician, a sympathetic and effective leader of staff, and a bold and original professional experimenter.

Mr. Wright is a book collector on the White Mountains, mountaineering, railroads, New England history, magic, and many side lines. The magnitude of his collection strains the patience of his good wife (also a librarian) and the floor supports of his home. He is quick to detect error or failure about him, whether it be the pagination of *CRL* or an engineer's failure to sound the diesel horn at the proper place for the length of time specified in the railroad's regulations. His pleasant eccentricities, wide interests, and abilities make him a suitable subject for a profile in the *New Yorker*.

Professionally, Mr. Wright has been a leader in the development of library service to students, simplification of interlibrary loan procedures, development of library equipment, and library building planning. His publications discuss these and other topics. His most recent published work is (as editor) the *Proceedings of the 1955 Building Plans Institutes* (ACRL Monograph #15). For some years he has served as a member of the editorial staff of *CRL*. He is dedicated to the mission of libraries to higher education, and much may be expected from him as he takes over his first command. —Arthur T. Hamlin.

JEAN H. MCFARLAND, librarian of Reed College, Portland, Ore., will become librarian of Vassar College next September.



JEAN H. MCFARLAND

Before becoming librarian of Reed College in 1954, Miss McFarland was assistant librarian of the University of California Library at Berkeley, having joined the staff there in 1930.

A native of Riverside, Calif., and a graduate of Pomona College, Miss McFarland holds the M.A. in Economics from Columbia University, where she also attended the School of Library Service. She received the certificate from the School of Librarianship at the University of California at Berkeley in 1930.

Miss McFarland is a vice-president and member of the executive board of the Zonta Club of Portland. She is a member of the International Relations Study Group of the Portland AAUW. Her professional memberships include the American Library Association, the Pacific Northwest Library Association, the Oregon, California, and New York library associations. She is a member of the Publications Committee of ACRL.

Miss McFarland succeeds Miss Ethel M. Fair, who has been acting librarian.

## Appointments

THOMAS R. ADAMS, director of the Chapin Library of Williams College, will succeed Lawrence C. Wroth as librarian of the John Carter Brown Library, Providence, R. I., July 1, 1957.

ELIZABETH ALEXANDER and LEAH FREEMAN are assistant periodicals librarians, and FRANK LANGER is assistant reference librarian at University of Miami Library.

RICHARD L. ANDERS became chief of the Catalog Department at Baker Library, Dartmouth College, January 1.

LEMOYNE W. ANDERSON will become director of libraries at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, beginning July 1. He is now reference librarian of the undergraduate division of the University of Illinois, Chicago, Library (Navy Pier).

LEAONEAD BAILEY, formerly librarian of West Virginia State College, Institute, W. Va., is now reference librarian of Saint Louis University.

FLOYD CAMMACK has been appointed publications officer of ACRL.

EDWIN H. CARPENTER has accepted an appointment as editor of the *California Historical Quarterly*, effective in July.

JOHN CHAPMAN, formerly assistant director for the humanities of the University of Nebraska Library, is now head of the Art Department of the Minneapolis Public Library.

RICHARD K. GARDNER has accepted an appointment to the librarianship of the Michigan State University Vietnamese Project in Saigon.

PEDRO GRASES became director of the library of the Central University of Venezuela in Caracas February 16, 1957. The University has recently acquired a handsome new library building with a capacity of 1,500,000 volumes.

FRANCOIS-XAVIER GRONDIN, formerly assistant librarian in economics at the New York Public Library, is now associate professor and chief of the Department of Government Publications of the Rutgers University Library.

EVELYN R. HANSEN is reference assistant at Baker Library, Dartmouth College.

GUY R. LYLE, director of libraries, Emory University, Georgia, is teaching at the Keio Library School, Japan, through July. Mr. Lyle is the first appointee in the new Rockefeller supplementary grant program, which makes possible the appointment of a foreign librarian at Keio for three months each year. As a corollary, outstanding Japanese librarians will be given assignments in this country.

WILLIAM B. MEREDITH is assistant to the director of the Division of Acquisitions and Preparations at Baker Library, Dartmouth College.

MRS. A. GRACE MIMS is circulation librarian at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va.

MARY NOEL has been appointed curator of the Abernethy Collection of the Middlebury College Library, Middlebury, Vt.

ERIKA SCHINN is cataloger at Baker Library, Dartmouth College.

RAY SCHLUETER, until recently librarian of the Oak Ridge Institute for Nuclear Studies, is now librarian of the Institute for Defense Analyses, Weapons Systems Evaluation Group, Washington, D. C.

LESLIE ARMOUR TAYLOR is librarian of the School of Commerce and Finance of Saint Louis University.

JORMA VAINO VALLINKOSKI has been appointed librarian of the University of Helsingfors. Employed by the library since 1939, he had been acting librarian since the death of his predecessor, Lauri O. Tudeer, in 1954.

MRS. MINNIE WALL is head of the Catalog Department of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute Library.

CHARLES WARREN is circulation librarian of the University of New Mexico Library.

MRS. RUBY MAE WEINBRECHT is chief of readers' services and assistant professor of library science at the Indiana State Teachers College, Terre Haute.

CECIL W. WELLBORN is head of circulation of the University of Arizona Library.



## Retirements

LAWRENCE C. WROTH, librarian of the John Carter Brown Library in Providence since 1923, has announced his retirement, effective July 1, 1957.



LAWRENCE C. WROTH

Mr. Wroth has recently been awarded the Gold Medal of the Bibliographical Society. The only other American ever to earn the Society's Gold Medal was Wilberforce Eames, who received it in 1929. Mr. Wroth has been active as a librarian for more than fifty years. He is as widely known as a typographic expert and historian as for his bibliographic accomplishments.

JAMES GOODWIN HODGSON will retire as director of libraries at Colorado State University (formerly Colorado A. & M. College) at the end of June. Mr. Hodgson joined the staff there in 1936 and became director of libraries in 1944. His long professional career began in 1916 when he was an assistant in legislative reference service at the New York State Library and included four years

as librarian at the International Institute of Agriculture in Rome. He has been widely known for his publications in the field of librarianship, both as an author and as an editor. Well grounded in sociology as well as librarianship, Mr. Hodgson compiled several of the well-known *Reference Shelf* volumes.

CAROLINE WHITTEMORE, a member of the staff of the Dartmouth College Library since 1929 and chief catalog librarian since 1945, retired December 31, 1956. Miss Whittemore received her B.A. from Radcliffe College in 1919, a certificate from N. Y. State Library School in Albany in 1923, and a M.S. from Columbia School of Library Service in 1929. She was a member of the staff of the Brookline, Mass., Public Library from 1921-1927, serving as head cataloger during the last four years of that period. During the academic year 1940-41, while on leave from Dartmouth, she taught cataloging at Columbia.

MRS. GLADYS LEWIS, head of the Acquisitions Department of the University of California at Davis Library, retired in October, 1956.

MARY FLOYD, librarian of Eastern Kentucky State College, retired February 1, 1957.

## Necrology

HAROLD GODDARD RUGG, associate librarian emeritus of Dartmouth College, died at Hanover, N. H., February 13, at the age of 74. From the time of his graduation from Dartmouth, in 1906, until his retirement in 1953, Mr. Rugg was associated with Baker Library at Dartmouth. He had been curator of the rare book collections and the college archives. An avid collector of literary material on Vermont, he also owned a valuable collection of Robert Frost poetry, most of which he gave to Baker Library.

BARBU LAZAREANU, director general of the library of the Academy of the Roumanian People's Republic, died January 19, 1957.

JEAN ANKER, editor of *Library Research Monographs, Libri, and Centaurus* and di-

rector of the Scientific-Medical section of the University of Copenhagen Library since 1943, died in January, 1957. A member of the staff of the University Library since his graduation in 1917, Anker was widely recognized as a leader in Scandinavian librarianship. Perhaps his most important contribution was the classed catalog of the scientific and medical literature in University Library. His accounts of this job rank among the classics in the literature of classification. Anker was also a leading authority on bird books and bird art, on which he published a definitive work which appeared as a *Festschrift* on the occasion of the establishment of Section B (Science and Medicine) of the University of Copenhagen Library.

## All This and K. C. Steaks, Too

Mississippians brag that their roads are good because they were built late, that the state profited from the errors of road builders in other areas and built the best. The Kansas City Conference of ALA promises to be cool and comfortable because Kansas City is in a hot climate. All the hotels and meeting rooms will be air-conditioned.

Cheat the heat in Kansas City. As Bob Talmadge commented in the *ALA Bulletin* for March, "Fortunes in air-conditioning have been made in Kansas City during the last decade, and hotels, stores, and public buildings, including many of the area's libraries, are cool havens from the midsummer sun."

Heat or high water, the Kansas City Conference promises to be an interesting meeting for ACRL. There will be no "official" ACRL hotel, but the Phillips has been suggested as an informal headquarters for college and research librarians.

The complete (though still tentative) ALA conference program appears in the *ALA Bulletin* for May. ACRL members will certainly want to be present for the general sessions on the evenings of June 24, 27, and 28. The final milestone of reorganization should be passed at one of those meetings. ACRL's own membership meeting will be held in the afternoon of Thursday, June 27. The Junior College Libraries Section is undertaking an especially ambitious program, with meetings scheduled the 26th, 27th, and 28th. The College and the Teacher Training Institutions sections plan a joint meeting on the morning of June 27. The Pure and Applied Science Section will hold a meeting at the Linda Hall Library June 25. Also on June 25 will be an open program by the Rare Books Committee. The University Libraries Section will conduct a full pro-

gram on faculty status of librarians June 26. There will be something for everybody, including a jaunt to Bob Vosper's University of Kansas Library on the "free" afternoon (June 26).

Yes, there will be something for everybody at Kansas City—except that the Kansas City Athletics will be on the road. A young, modern metropolis, the city offers the advantages of a big town with ingratiating, small-town hospitality. Its Twelfth Street (of "Twelfth Street Rag" fame) and its Country Club Plaza combine to lend a metropolitan air to the "Heart of America."

A variety of opportunities suggest themselves for extra-conference activities: the open-air Starlight Theatre, Kansas City Museum, William Rockhill Nelson Gallery of Art and Mary Atkins Museum of Fine Arts; for the strictly library minded, Richard Sealock's extensive Kansas City Public Library system, the Library of the University of Kansas City (with an extensive collection of Western Americana), the new Linda Hall Library of Science and Technology, the Library of the University of Kansas Medical Center, the Federal Reserve Library, and the morgue of the world-famous *Kansas City Star*.

On its formal opening the week after ALA Conference, the Harry S. Truman Library in nearby Independence will offer special attraction for visitors. Conference visitors are promised the special treat of a preview of this library.

The "Kansas City Kitty" of the Rudy Vallee era has been almost forgotten in this "Everything's Up-to-Date" era of Rodgers and Hammerstein, but a visit to the Conference will teach a new generation why the old-timers used to sing of leaving everything and everywhere else "When Kansas City Kitty Smiled at Me."  
R.B.H.

# Distribution of Library Resources

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cial libraries of research significance have been included in the revised computations. The figures may appear somewhat inconsistent, therefore, with those noted for library centers, and it should be understood that the differences are explained by the use of different bases for tabulation. Table IV and Map II re-

TABLE IV  
NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN RESEARCH  
LIBRARIES OF THE UNITED STATES

Rank 1955	State	Rank 1935	Volumes 1935	Volumes 1955
1	New York	1	16,931,000	34,041,000
2	District of Columbia	4	10,348,000	25,357,000
3	California	2	14,401,000	23,951,000
4	Massachusetts	3	12,944,000	22,951,000
5	Ohio	5	9,669,000	18,606,000
6	Illinois	6	8,907,000	17,089,000
7	Pennsylvania	7	8,056,000	14,697,000
8	Michigan	8	4,427,000	8,988,000
9	Connecticut	9	4,220,000	8,507,000
10	New Jersey	10	4,137,000	8,080,000
11	Texas	16	2,196,000	6,716,000
12	Indiana	12	3,345,000	6,520,000
13	Missouri	11	3,495,000	6,239,000
14	Wisconsin	13	3,027,000	6,195,000
15	Minnesota	14	2,916,000	5,700,000
16	Washington	18	1,665,000	4,415,000
17	Iowa	15	2,527,000	4,108,000
18	Maryland	17	2,163,000	3,888,000
19	North Carolina	25	1,131,000	3,882,000
20	Virginia	22	1,552,000	3,684,000
21	Colorado	23	1,425,000	3,098,000
22	Kansas	19	1,643,000	3,045,000
23	Oregon	24	1,416,000	3,038,000
24	Louisiana	30	818,000	2,797,000
25	Georgia	31	790,000	2,659,000
26	Florida	35	447,000	2,553,000
27	Rhode Island	21	1,640,000	2,469,000
28	Tennessee	20	1,642,000	2,412,000
29	Kentucky	27	1,011,000	2,379,000
30	Alabama	32	763,000	2,292,000
31	Nebraska	29	947,000	1,931,000
32	Oklahoma	33	720,000	1,902,000
33	Maine	26	1,046,000	1,706,000
34	New Hampshire	28	948,000	1,693,000
35	South Carolina	34	594,000	1,483,000
36	Utah	36	446,000	1,330,000
37	West Virginia	39	420,000	1,207,000
38	Arizona	38	425,000	1,187,000
39	Arkansas	44	236,000	1,153,000
40	Vermont	37	440,000	928,000
41	Montana	40	376,000	848,000
42	Mississippi	42	267,000	828,000
43	New Mexico	49	90,000	677,000
44	Delaware	41	314,000	557,000
45	South Dakota	45	227,000	475,000
46	Wyoming	46	187,000	470,000
47	North Dakota	43	254,000	456,000
48	Idaho	48	167,000	378,000
49	Nevada	47	175,000	249,000
	Totals		137,931,000	279,814,000

TABLE V  
RATE OF INCREASE OF VOLUMES IN  
RESEARCH LIBRARIES OF THE UNITED  
STATES FROM 1935 TO 1955

Rank 1955	State	Per Cent of Increase
1	New Mexico	652.2
2	Florida	471.1
3	Arkansas	388.5
4	North Carolina	243.2
5	Louisiana	241.9
6	Georgia	236.6
7	Mississippi	210.1
8	Texas	205.8
9	Alabama	200.4
10	Utah	198.2
11	West Virginia	187.4
12	Arizona	179.3
13	Oklahoma	170.9
14	Washington	165.2
15	Wyoming	151.3
16	South Carolina	149.6
17	District of Columbia	145.0
18	Virginia	137.4
19	Kentucky	135.3
20	Idaho	126.3
21	Montana	125.5
22	Colorado	117.4
23	Oregon	114.5
24	Vermont	110.9
25	South Dakota	109.3
26	Wisconsin	104.6
27	Nebraska	103.9
28	Michigan	103.0
29	Connecticut	101.6
30	New York	101.1
31	Minnesota	95.5
32	New Jersey	95.3
33	Indiana	94.9
34	Ohio	92.4
35	Illinois	91.9
36	Kansas	85.3
37	Pennsylvania	82.4
38	Maryland	79.7
39	North Dakota	79.5
40	New Hampshire	78.6
41	Missouri	78.5
42	Delaware	77.4
43	Massachusetts	77.3
44	California	66.3
45	Maine	63.1
46	Iowa	62.6
47	Rhode Island	50.5
48	Tennessee	46.9
49	Nevada	42.2
	National average	102.11%



veal the essential data. The ten states which were on top in 1935 maintained their eminence in 1955, though with several shifts in the order. For example, the District of Columbia moved up from fourth to second place, California went from second to third, and Massachusetts from third to fourth.

In the 20-year period, the total book resources of the country more than doubled, going from 137,931,000 to 278,776,000 volumes. Individual states ranged from New Mexico's whopping increase of 652 per cent down to Nevada's 42 per

cent, as shown in Table V. The national average was 102 per cent increase. States which showed more than a 200 per cent growth were, in descending order, Florida, Arkansas, North Carolina, Louisiana, Georgia, Mississippi, Texas, and Alabama. Thirty-nine states possessed more than one million volumes within their borders, and only five held less than 500,000.

By geographic areas (see Tables VI and VII), the largest percentage increases took place in the Southwest and the Southeast, followed by the Northwest, Northeast, Midwest, and Far West.

TABLE VI: RATE OF INCREASE OF VOLUMES IN RESEARCH LIBRARIES OF THE UNITED STATES FROM 1935 TO 1955 BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

NORTHEAST		PER CENT	SOUTHEAST		PER CENT
Connecticut		101.6	Alabama		200.4
Delaware		77.6	Arkansas		388.5
District of Columbia		145.0	Florida		471.1
Maine		63.1	Georgia		236.6
Maryland		79.7	Kentucky		135.3
Massachusetts		77.3	Louisiana		241.9
New Hampshire		78.6	Mississippi		210.1
New Jersey		95.3	North Carolina		243.2
New York		101.1	South Carolina		149.6
Pennsylvania		82.4	Tennessee		46.9
Rhode Island		50.5	Virginia		137.4
Vermont		110.9			
West Virginia		187.4	Average		182.4
Average		96.2			
MIDWEST		PER CENT	NORTHWEST		PER CENT
Illinois		91.9	Colorado		117.4
Indiana		94.9	Idaho		126.3
Iowa		62.6	Kansas		85.3
Michigan		103.0	Montana		125.5
Minnesota		95.5	Nebraska		103.9
Missouri		78.5	North Dakota		79.5
Ohio		92.4	South Dakota		69.3
Wisconsin		104.6	Utah		198.2
			Wyoming		151.3
Average		91.7	Average		112.1
SOUTHWEST		PER CENT	FAR WEST		PER CENT
Arizona		179.3	California		66.3
New Mexico		652.2	Nevada		42.2
Oklahoma		170.9	Oregon		114.5
Texas		205.8	Washington		165.2
Average		205.5	Average		79.3

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Certain obvious conclusions emerge from these two comparative studies of the distribution of American library resources over the last 20 years. There is, for example, a wide gap still separating the haves and have-nots, though there are indications that the gap is gradually narrowing. The scholar and research worker in certain areas of the country continue to be seriously handicapped by the absence of adequate resources close at hand and must depend upon richer libraries elsewhere. Doubtless a realization of this fact has spurred the rapid growth of collections in such regions as

the Southeast and the Pacific Northwest. Sparse populations and economic factors are likely to retard indefinitely the development of strong libraries in the Southwest and Northwest. The increasing availability of library materials in micro-reproduction may alleviate some of the shortages. Also of value are broad programs of library cooperation, such as the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Centers, enabling those areas to make maximum use of their own facilities before turning to libraries elsewhere.

TABLE VII: NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN RESEARCH LIBRARIES OF THE UNITED STATES BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA IN 1955

NORTHEAST		VOLUMES	SOUTHEAST		VOLUMES
Connecticut	8,507,000		Alabama	2,292,000	
Delaware	557,000		Arkansas	1,153,000	
District of Columbia	25,357,000		Florida	2,553,000	
Maine	1,706,000		Georgia	2,659,000	
Maryland	3,888,000		Kentucky	2,379,000	
Massachusetts	22,951,000		Louisiana	2,797,000	
New Hampshire	1,693,000		Mississippi	828,000	
New Jersey	8,080,000		North Carolina	3,882,000	
New York	34,041,000		South Carolina	1,483,000	
Pennsylvania	14,697,000		Tennessee	2,412,000	
Rhode Island	2,469,000		Virginia	3,684,000	
Vermont	928,000				
West Virginia	1,207,000		Total	26,122,000	
Total	126,081,000				
MIDWEST		VOLUMES	NORTHWEST		VOLUMES
Illinois	17,089,000		Colorado	3,098,000	
Indiana	6,520,000		Idaho	378,000	
Iowa	4,108,000		Kansas	3,045,000	
Michigan	8,988,000		Montana	848,000	
Minnesota	5,700,000		Nebraska	1,931,000	
Missouri	6,239,000		North Dakota	456,000	
Ohio	18,606,000		South Dakota	475,000	
Wisconsin	6,195,000		Utah	1,330,000	
			Wyoming	470,000	
Total	73,445,000		Total	12,031,000	
SOUTHWEST		VOLUMES	FAR WEST		VOLUMES
Arizona	1,187,000		California	23,951,000	
New Mexico	677,000		Nevada	249,000	
Oklahoma	1,902,000		Oregon	3,038,000	
Texas	6,716,000		Washington	4,415,000	
Total	10,482,000		Total	31,652,000	