

ACRL at San Francisco

Mark Schorer, nationally known author, critic, and teacher, will be the speaker at ACRL's membership meeting in San Francisco. Speeches by Lester Asheim, Ralph Ellsworth, Julio L. Bortolazzo, Orlin C. Spicer, Helen C. Bullock, Alan D. Covey, Dorothy Bevis, Mary C. Wright, Howard Winger, and Robert O. Dougan will highlight the several section meetings. ACRL's Committee on Standards will hold an open discussion of its draft of new college library standards, and a dozen other ACRL groups will hold regular committee meetings.

Mr. Schorer will address the Tuesday evening session on "The Harassed Humanities." Professor of English at the University of California since 1946, he is also the author of *A House Too Old*, *The Hermit Place*, *William Blake*, *The State of Mind*, *The Story*, *The Wars of Love*, and *Society and Self in the Novel*. Mr. Schorer is a frequent contributor to leading literary and general periodicals. In 1956 he was a lecturer in American Studies at Tokyo University.

In a program of the University Libraries Section entitled "The Academic Library and the Development of Lifetime Reading Interest" Mr. Asheim, of the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago, will speak on the "Nature of the Problem" and Mr. Ellsworth, of the University of Colorado, will discuss the "Role of the Library." Chairman-elect Carl W. Hintz, of the University of Oregon, will preside. Chairman Robert H. Muller, of the University of Michigan, will conduct a following business meeting.

Dr. Bortolazzo, President of the College of San Mateo, will address the Junior College Libraries Section on "The Instructional Materials Concept of a Modern Junior College Library." Considered an outstanding junior college administrator, President Bortolazzo is presently directing the construction of an extensive campus which will emphasize the library as its central feature. Orlin C. Spicer, of Morton High School and Junior College, Cicero, Ill., chairman-elect of the section, will speak on "Keeping the Junior College Librarian Informed on New Books for the Library." Mrs. Lula K. Pratt, of Connors State Agricultural College, War-

ner, Okla., is chairman of the section and will preside. The section will hold a business session at a separate luncheon meeting.

A panel discussion, "Growing Pains: Diagnosis and Prescription for Libraries of Rapidly Expanding Teacher-Education Institutions," will comprise the program of the Teacher Education Libraries Section. Chairman Walfred Erickson, of Eastern Michigan College Library, will preside. Panelists will include Miss Bullock, of San Jose State College, and Dr. Covey, of Sacramento State College.

The Subject Specialists Section will hear a talk by Dr. Wright on "The Role of the Subject Specialist in Library Service." Dr. Wright is associate professor and curator of the Chinese Collection at the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution, and Peace, Stanford University. Speaking to the same group will be Dr. Winger, of the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago. His topic will be "Summary of Conference on Iron Curtains and Scholarship: The Exchange of Knowledge in a Divided World." Edward A. Chapman, of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and Werner B. Ellinger, of the Library of Congress, are co-chairmen of the section.

ACRL's new Rare Books Section will hold two meetings. Its first will be devoted in part to the section's initial business meeting. Officers will be elected at that time. Nominees are J. Terry Bender, chief of Special Collections Division, Stanford University Libraries, for chairman; James T. Babb, librarian, Yale University Library, for vice-chairman and chairman-elect; John Cook Wyllie, librarian, University of Virginia, for secretary; and Herbert T. F. Cahoon, chief, Reference Department, Pierpont Morgan Library, for director.

The Rare Books Section's Tuesday program will be a talk by Robert O. Dougan, new librarian of the Henry E. Huntington Library. On Wednesday afternoon the section will present a symposium on "Rare Book Collections in the Bay Area." Speakers will include Kenneth Carpenter and George Hammond, of the University of California; Richard Dillon, of the Sutro Branch of the

California State Library; Donald C. Biggs, of the California Historical Society; David Magee, of the Book Club of California; Philip T. McLean, of the Hoover Institution; and Mr. Bender. A cocktail party for the new section will be held in conjunction with this meeting.

Richard E. Chapin, of Michigan State University, will participate in a Wednesday morning panel jointly sponsored by ALA's Audio-Visual Committee, ACRL, the Adult Services Division, the American Association of School Librarians, and the Young Adult Services Division.

In a conference week crammed with meet-

ings (more than 275 of them) ACRL members are bound to find plenty to interest them. Despite unavoidable conflicts and the delightful distractions of a fascinating city, personal schedules can be easily filled according to individual tastes. ACRL meetings are concentrated, as are all type-of-library meetings, in the first half of the week. The remainder of the conference schedule is full of attractive programs sponsored by type-of-activity divisions. General ALA programs are spaced throughout the schedule.

And the San Francisco Giants will be playing at home.—*R.B.H.*

ACRL Meetings at San Francisco

ACRL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: TUESDAY, JULY 15, 8:30 P.M.

SECTION MEETINGS

College Libraries Section: Tuesday, July 15, 2:00 p.m.

Junior College Libraries Section: Tuesday, July 15, 10:00 a.m.; luncheon, 12:30 p.m.

Rare Books Section: Tuesday, July 15, 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday, July 16, 4:30 p.m.

Subject Specialists Section: Tuesday, July 15, 2:00 p.m.

Teacher Education Libraries Section: Tuesday, July 15, 10:00 a.m.

University Libraries Section: Monday, July 14, 2:00 p.m.

ACRL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Advisory Committee on Cooperation with Educational and Professional Organizations: Wednesday, July 16, 4:30 p.m.

Committee on Conference Programs: Wednesday, July 16, 8:30 a.m.

Committee on Constitution and Bylaws: Monday, July 14, 4:30 p.m.

Committee on Foundation Grants: Tuesday, July 15, 4:30 p.m.

Nominating Committee: Wednesday, July 16, 4:30 p.m.

Publications Committee: Monday, July 14, 4:30 p.m.

Special Committee on Activities Development: Monday, July 14, 4:30 p.m.

Committee on Standards: Tuesday, July 15, 10:00 a.m. (open meeting)

State Representatives: Tuesday, July 15, 8:30 a.m.

SECTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Executive Committee, Subject Specialists Section, Wednesday, July 16, 8:30 a.m.

Steering Committee, University Libraries Section, Tuesday, July 15, 10:00 a.m., and Wednesday, July 16, 4:30 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Monday, July 14, 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, July 17, 4:30 p.m.

A Message from the President

Last autumn, with the optimism of inexperience, I wrote that the worst pains of reorganization must be over. The surgery was complete. At that time the anesthesia had not worn off. Now, like most amputees, we still itch and ache where a hand has been lopped, and some of the grafts, which *must* go more than skin-deep, are beginning to tingle. After a year in office, I am less sanguine, both literally and figuratively, about the pleasures of recuperation. I am not, however, fundamentally less optimistic. My reasons for optimism are the same as they have always been; the indomitable vitality of ACRL as a total organization and the great competence and unity of interests of our members.

Through no fault of our own, we are still harassed by problems of organization. As things stand, ALA Council has approved in principle the proposal that all ALA divisions should operate under the ALA Constitution, but with bylaws suited to divisional peculiarities. The ALA Committee on Constitution and Bylaws will present a proposal regarding minimum requirements for such bylaws to divisional representatives at San Francisco, with the expectation that Council will accept or reject this proposal in January, 1959.

Before this ALA action was foreseen, ACRL had, with customary foresight, set its own Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to work revising our old documents. The revised ACRL Constitution and Bylaws received a unanimous vote of approval at Kansas City. Two votes of membership approval are required to put the document into effect; the second vote is scheduled for San Francisco.

ALA is, of course, the higher authority, but until the ALA Committee on Constitution and Bylaws gets action on its proposal,



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ACRL sorely needs its own body of law. If and when Council approves the ALA Committee's proposal, we shall have to revise our document. At that time, if it is possible to convert the essentials of our Constitution and Bylaws into bylaws only, and if these bylaws present no conflict with the ALA Constitution or with the minimum requirements for divisional bylaws, our revision will be a simple process. If the conflicts are significant, the problem will be complex.

To complicate matters still more, a group spearheaded by some members of the University Libraries Section wishes to propose some changes in the newly revised and once approved ACRL Constitution and Bylaws. These changes pertain to the composition and hence to the functions of the ACRL Board of Directors. Because of the confused state of constitutions and bylaws, our parliamentary and procedural problems are exasperating. Quite apart from the merits of either side in the debate about the composition of the Board of Directors, it is hard to know how to proceed and, indeed, what it is legal to do with proposed changes. However, such complications ought not, I think, to become a tail wagging a dog. We should discuss this proposal, pro and con, and other proposals if they arise. Constitutions should serve us, not we them.

To reduce confusion, I have proposed that our constitutional plight as well as the specific recommendation concerning the membership of the Board be discussed informally by the Board on Monday, July 14. This should clear the way for clean-cut action at the membership meeting on Tuesday, July 15. I am sure that the individual integrity of the members of the Board assures us that both the constitutional matters and the question of the composition of the Board will be dealt with completely objectively and responsibly.

I regret having to devote so much of this short letter to these matters, just as I have regretted having to devote so much time to them during the year, while other matters of ACRL interest have seemed more satisfying, more promising, and more exciting. It

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is impossible here to catalog all the accomplishments of officers, committees, sections, publications, representatives, and general membership. Solid progress has been achieved on many projects which contribute to library betterment, and though these are not dramatic, they are, in large measure, the fabric out of which ACRL's long-haul success is made. Some new developments may constitute news. Two committees have been graduated to section status. The Rare Books Section is the outgrowth of the Committee on Rare Books, Manuscripts, and Special Collections, aided by a committee with perhaps the longest and dullest title in our history coupled with the shortest and brightest life—the Special Committee to Study the Possibilities of Section Status within ACRL for Those Interested in Rare Books. The Subject Specialist Section is the fusion of our old Pure and Applied Science Section with the large group of special librarians whose request for divisional status within ALA was denied and whose divisional membership was transferred to ACRL. Both sections enrich ACRL, particularly in reference to our research interests.

A few committees call for special mention. The Standards Committee will present a report and panel discussion on its progress in evolving college library standards at San Francisco. The Special Committee on Activities Development, with a preliminary report already published in *CRL's* May issue, will take another step forward during the San Francisco meetings. The Foundation Grants Committee again disbursed funds to college libraries and searched for new money. The Committee on Financing *College and Research Libraries* was dismissed with thanks, as its reason for being is no longer a direct responsibility of ACRL. The members of this committee were instead asked to serve on a new committee to investigate the feasibility of an awards program in ACRL. A joint committee with the Association of American Colleges is off to a successful start.

I am sure the membership of ACRL joins in my pleasure and satisfaction at the recent appointment of Richard Harwell as associate executive secretary of ALA. It is a gratifying recognition of the vital position of ACRL within our larger organization that its executive secretary should be chosen for the added responsibilities of this key position, and it is a sincere compliment to Mr. Harwell's effectiveness in his work for ACRL. I am convinced that his conduct of wider ALA affairs will further strengthen ACRL's position as a most important division of ALA.

Our publications program continues to be one of the outstanding fields of operation of ACRL. We are proud of *CRL* which, under the editorship of Maury Tauber, maintains a strong position among library periodicals and numbers among its contributors the leading scholarly and academic librarians. Transfer of the production aspects of our monographs series to ALA's Publishing Department increases the efficiency of our work in that area without affecting the editorial policy or quality of it. Under its new editor, Mrs. Margaret Toth, our microcard series gains further prestige.

We are sorry to lose Floyd Cammack as our publications officer. He is leaving for Cornell in September to work for a doctorate in general linguistics. We are grateful for his fine work with us. In his stead we shall welcome Peter Demery, who comes to us from the Marquette University Library.

The beauties and hospitality of San Francisco will be hard to resist, but a glance at the programs planned for the annual conference convinces me that we have an exciting conference coming up. Many of the talks center on books, a delightful re-emphasis on first principles, and the whole program is diversified enough to satisfy all interests. The patient is once again taking solid food.—*Eileen Thornton, ACRL President.*

ACRL Officers

DIVISION OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Lewis C. Branscomb, Director of Libraries, Ohio State University, Columbus.

VICE-PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT-ELECT: Wyman W. Parker, Wesleyan University Library, Middletown, Connecticut.

PAST PRESIDENT: Eileen Thornton, Oberlin College Library, Oberlin, Ohio.

DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE: Elmer M. Grieder, Stanford University Libraries, Stanford, California (1958-60); Patricia Paylore, University of Arizona Library, Tucson (1958-61).

COLLEGE LIBRARIES SECTION

CHAIRMAN: Edward C. Heintz, Kenyon College Library, Gambier, Ohio.

VICE-CHARMAN AND CHAIRMAN-ELECT: Morrison C. Haviland, University of Vermont Library, Burlington.

SECRETARY: Margaret E. Knox, University of Florida Libraries, Gainesville.

DIRECTOR: Laurence E. Tomlinson, Lewis and Clark College Library, Portland, Oregon.

JUNIOR COLLEGE LIBRARIES SECTION

CHAIRMAN: Orlin C. Spicer, Morton High School and Junior College Libraries, Cicero, Illinois.

VICE-CHAIRMAN AND CHAIRMAN-ELECT: Helen Mitchell, Clark College Library, Vancouver, Washington.

SECRETARY: Loretta J. Frazier, Joplin Junior College Library, Joplin, Missouri.

SUBJECT SPECIALISTS SECTION

CHAIRMAN: Carson W. Bennett, Rose Polytechnic Institute Library, Terra Haute, Indiana.

VICE-CHAIRMAN AND CHAIRMAN-ELECT: Ruth M. Heiss, Cleveland Public Library, Cleveland, Ohio.

SECRETARY: Frank N. Jones, Peabody Institute Library, Baltimore, Maryland (1958-60).

TEACHER EDUCATION LIBRARIES SECTION

CHAIRMAN: Gertrude W. Rounds, New York State Teachers College, Oneonta.

SECRETARY AND CHAIRMAN-ELECT: Thelma C. Bird, Teaching Materials Library, Indiana State Teachers College, Terra Haute.

DIRECTOR: Katherine Walker, Northern Illinois University Library, DeKalb (1958-61).

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UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES SECTION

CHAIRMAN: Carl W. Hintz, University of Oregon Library, Eugene.

VICE-CHAIRMAN AND CHAIRMAN-ELECT: Richard E. Chapin, Michigan State University Library, East Lansing.

SECRETARY: Edith Scott, University of Oklahoma Library, Norman.

DIRECTOR: Ralph H. Hopp, University of Minnesota Libraries, Minneapolis.

RARE BOOKS SECTION (Nominations)

CHAIRMAN: J. Terry Bender, Stanford University Libraries, Stanford, California.

VICE-CHAIRMAN AND CHAIRMAN-ELECT: James T. Babb, Yale University Library, New Haven, Connecticut.

SECRETARY: John C. Wyllie, University of Virginia Library, Charlottesville.

DIRECTOR: Herbert T. F. Cahoon, Pierpont Morgan Library, 29 East 36th Street, New York, New York.

ACRL's Rare Book Section will complete its organization at the San Francisco Conference. Pending provisions of its inclusion as a section choice on 1959 membership blanks, any ACRL member who wishes to be included on its mailing list is asked to send his name and address on a postal card to Rare Books, ACRL, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

Reading Recipes

"Show me what a man eats and I'll tell you what he is," wrote Brillat-Savarin with the authority of the man who provided the edibles. So might a librarian, if the cynical public allowed him any sense or faculty of observation, write "Show me what a man reads and I'll tell you what he will become," with equal authority.

But librarians are not credited with any sense or intelligence. We don't claim to be more learned than the citizens we collect books for; we don't claim to be more intelligent than the man in the street who forms his opinions by imitation; we don't even want to tell people what to read, although some lazy citizens would like us to do just that.

But although we may be inferior in energy, judgment, and knowledge to those who are not cloistered but have a close experience of life, we do become sharp observers. Our observation is that both reading and eating make a full man, begging Sir Francis's tolerance. This cookbook we have made for ourselves. We also make reading recipes, but anybody who might be curious to consult those will have to come to the library—any library, anywhere.—Foreword, *The Watson Gourmet*, Lawrence, Kansas, 1957.

ACRL Committee Appointments, 1958-59

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION WITH EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Edmon Low, Librarian, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, *Chairman*. (1959)
Lorena A. Garloch, University Librarian, University of Pittsburgh, Pa. (1960)
Andrew H. Horn, Librarian, Occidental College, Los Angeles 41, Calif. (1961)
David C. Weber, Assistant to the Director, Harvard University Library, Cambridge, Mass. (1959)
John C. Wyllie, Librarian, University of Virginia, Charlottesville. (1960)
Richard B. Harwell, ACRL Executive Secretary, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, Ill. (ex officio)

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

(To be appointed by the President-Elect later in the year)

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE PROGRAMS

- Alton H. Keller, Chief, Exchange and Gift Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., *Chairman*. (1959)
Marietta Daniels, Associate Librarian, Columbus Memorial Library, Pan American Union, Washington, D. C. (1959)
Sarah D. Jones, Librarian, Goucher College, Baltimore, Md. (1959)
Frank L. Schick, Library Services Branch, U.S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.
Howard Rovelstad, Director of Libraries, University of Maryland, College Park. (1959)
Eugene P. Willging, Director of Libraries, Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C. (1959)

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

- Giles F. Shepherd, Jr., Assistant Director of Libraries, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. *Chairman*. (1959)
Dale M. Bentz, Associate Director of Libraries, Iowa State University, Iowa City. (1960)
Ruth K. Porritt, Head Librarian, Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Mass. (1960)
James H. Richards, Head Librarian, Carleton College, Northfield, Minn. (1961)
James E. Skipper, Assistant Director of the Library, Michigan State University, East Lansing. (1959)

COMMITTEE ON DUPLICATES EXCHANGE UNION

- Charles H. Penrose, Librarian, Clarkson College of Technology, Potsdam, N. Y. *Chairman*. (1960)
Joyce C. Backus, Librarian, San Jose State College, San Jose, Calif. (1959)
Donald B. Engley, Librarian, Trinity College, Hartford 6, Conn. (1961)
Florence M. Hopkins, Editor, *Library Literature*, The H. W. Wilson Company, 950-972 University Ave., New York 52, N. Y. (1960)
James V. Jones, Director of Libraries, St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo. (1960)

COMMITTEE ON FOUNDATION GRANTS

- Mrs. J. Henley Crosland, Director of Libraries, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, *Chairman*. (1959)
Humphrey G. Bousfield, Chief Librarian, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, N. Y. (1960)
Lewis C. Branscomb, Director of Libraries, Ohio State University, Columbus. (1959) (ex officio)
Theodore A. Distler, Executive Director, Association of American Colleges, 726 Jackson Place, N. W., Washington 6, D. C. (1959)
Arthur T. Hamlin, University Librarian, University of Cincinnati, Ohio. (1960)
Luella R. Pollock, Librarian, Reed College, Portland, Oregon. (1960)
Benjamin B. Richards, Librarian, Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois. (1960)
Robert Vosper, Director of Libraries, University of Kansas, Lawrence. (1961)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Stanley L. West, Director of Libraries, University of Florida, Gainesville. *Chairman*. (1959)
Werner B. Ellinger, Senior Cataloger, Subject Catalog Division, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D. C. (1959)
Edward C. Heintz, Librarian, Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio. (1959)
Esther M. Hile, Librarian, University of Redlands, Redlands, Calif. (1959)
Ruth E. Scarborough, Librarian, Centenary College for Women, Hackettstown, N. J. (1959)
Leo M. Weins, Controller, The H. W. Wilson Co., 950-972 University Avenue, New York 52, N. Y. (1959)
Eleanor W. Welch, Director of Libraries, Illinois State Normal University, Normal. (1959)
Sidney B. Smith, Director of Libraries, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge. (1959) (ex officio)

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Stephen A. McCarthy, Director of Libraries, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. *Chairman*. (1962)
Robert K. Johnson, Chief, Technical Services Division, Air University Library, Maxwell AF Base, Alabama. (1961)
Louis Kaplan, Director of the Library, University of Wisconsin, Madison. (1959)
Guy R. Lyle, Director of Libraries, Emory University, Emory University, Ga. (1959)
W. Porter Kellam, Director of Libraries, University of Georgia, Athens. (1960)
Jean H. McFarland, Librarian, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. (1961)
John David Marshall, Head, Acquisitions Division, University of Georgia Libraries, Athens. (1962)
William B. Ready, Librarian, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. (1961)
Robert D. Stevens, Assistant Chief, General Reference and Bibliography Division, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D. C. (1962)
Ralph D. Thomson, Associate Librarian, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, (1962)
Rolland E. Stevens, Assistant Director, Technical Processes, Ohio State University Libraries, Columbus. (ex officio)

Maurice F. Tauber, Professor, School of Library Service, Columbia University, New York 27, N. Y. (ex officio)

Mrs. Margaret K. Toth, Editor, The University of Rochester Press, Rochester, N. Y. (ex officio)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ACTIVITIES DEVELOPMENT

William H. Carlson, Director of Libraries, Oregon State System of Higher Education, Corvallis, *Chairman*. (1959)

Nellie M. Homes, Librarian, Cottey College, Nevada, Missouri. (1959)

Archie L. McNeal, Director of Libraries, University of Miami, Coral Gables 46, Fla. (1959)

Wyman W. Parker, Librarian, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. (1959)

Patricia P. Paylore, Assistant Librarian, University of Arizona, Tucson. (1959)

Joseph C. Shipman, Librarian, Linda Hall Library, 5109 Cherry St., Kansas City, Missouri. (1959)

Donald A. Woods, Head Librarian, Wisconsin State College, Milwaukee. (1959)

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS

Felix E. Hirsch, Librarian, Trenton State College, Trenton, N. J., *Chairman*. (1960)

Mrs. Minnie R. Bowles, Head Librarian, Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va. (1959)

Helen M. Brown, Librarian, Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass. (1960)

Mrs. Katherine M. Brubeck, Librarian, Jacksonville University, Fla. (1959)

Eugene A. Holtman, Circulation Librarian, Ohio State University Libraries, Columbus. (1959)

Donald O. Rod, Librarian, Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Ia. (1961)

Roscoe F. Schaupp, Librarian, Eastern Illinois State College, Charleston. (1959)

Helen M. Welch, Acquisitions Librarian, University of Illinois, Urbana. (1961)

Ruth Walling, Chief Reference Librarian, Emory University, Emory University, Ga. (1959).

AAC-ACRL JOINT COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE PROBLEMS OF COLLEGE LIBRARIES

ACRL Members:

Herbert B. Anstaett, Librarian, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa. (1959)

Mrs. Patricia B. Knapp, Assistant Librarian, Education Division, Wayne State University Library, Detroit 2, Mich. (1959)

Flora B. Ludington, Librarian, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass. (1960)

Robert L. Talmadge, Associate Director of Libraries, University of Kansas, Lawrence. (1961)

Joe W. Kraus, Librarian, Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va. (1961)

Richard B. Harwell, ACRL Executive Secretary, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, Ill., (ex officio)

AASL-ACRL-DAVI JOINT COMMITTEE ON MUTUAL INTERESTS IN THE AUDIO-VISUAL FIELD

ACRL Representative: Richard E. Chapin, Associate Librarian, Michigan State University, East Lansing. (1959)

A Statement by the Steering Committee Of the ACRL University Libraries Section

The Steering Committee of the ACRL University Libraries Section has proposed certain amendments to the pending ACRL Constitution which were published in the May, 1958 issue of *CRL*.

The pending ACRL Constitution provides that the ACRL Board of Directors be made up as follows (which will be referred to as *Pattern A*): President (1); Retiring President (1); Directors at Large, 4-year terms (4); Directors elected by each Section for a 4-year period, 6 Sections (6); ALA Councilors nominated by ACRL, elected by ALA for a 4-year term (8): Total Voting Members—21. (The Executive Secretary and the chairman of each Section are non-voting members.)

The Steering Committee's amendments provide that the ACRL Board of Directors be made up as follows (which will be referred to as *Pattern B*): President (1); Vice-President (1); Retiring President (1); Directors at Large, 4-year terms (4); Chairman of each Section (6); Vice-Chairman of each Section (6); Retiring Chairman of each Section (6): Total Voting Members—25. (The Executive Secretary and the ALA Councilors are non-voting members.)

Significant differences between these two patterns are:

The Steering Committee of the ACRL University Libraries Section advocates the adoption of the amendments (Pattern B) in order to provide the Board with a more genuine grass-roots structure, involving direct and continuous representation of the Sections on the Board. Under Pattern A, the Board would be an unrepresentative "superstructure" since (a) the Sectional representatives (so-called "Directors") are remote from the program and activities of the Sections and (b)

	PATTERN A	PATTERN B
1. How is each Section represented on the Board?	By one so-called "Director," who is normally not involved in the program and activities of the Section.	By three officers who are directly involved in the program and activities of the Section.
2. What continuity is provided for Sectional representation on the Board?	The one "Director" is elected for a 4-year term; when his term expires, a new "Director" is elected who will normally not have served on the Board before.	Each officer serves for 3 years, and the terms are overlapping.
3. Involvement of Section Chairmen on the Board.	Section Chairmen may attend Board meeting, but have no vote.	Section Chairmen are voting members of the Board.
4. Role of ALA Councilors, nominated by ACRL but elected by the ALA at large.	ALA Councilors are voting members of the Board.	ALA Councilors may attend Board meetings but have no vote.

the ALA Councilors are in no way involved in the on-going work of the Sections and have been elected by ALA as a whole rather than by ACRL.

All Sectional ACRL officers have been contacted to determine how they feel about the proposed change in Board composition from Pattern A to Pattern B. The result of these inquiries revealed an overwhelming sentiment in favor of Pattern B: All chairmen and all vice-chairmen but one have gone on record as favoring Pattern B. It is expected that Pattern B will result in a strengthening of the position of the Sections within ACRL because it will provide for direct and continuous representation of the Sections on the ACRL Board of Directors and thus pave the way for effective implementation of Sectional programs by Board action.

It is not the intention of the Steering Committee of the University Libraries Section to become involved in a dispute with the ACRL Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, which has labored with dedication and devotion to draft the pending Constitution. Nevertheless the following must be pointed out with reference to the Committee's published statement in the May 1958 issue of *CRL*:

1. Although the Committee claims to have drafted the Constitution "after extensive consultation with qualified advisers," not a single chairman or vice-chairman of any existing ACRL Section was apparently consulted about the Constitution.
2. The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws twice refers to "ALA Councilors elected by ACRL" in its published comment on the proposed amendments. This is an incorrect phrase and misleading since no ALA Councilors are elected by ACRL; they are nominated by the ACRL Nominating Committee but are elected by ALA at large. This difference seems significant.
3. Referring to the fact that the ALA Committee on Constitution and Bylaws is currently preparing a statement of minimum requirements for division bylaws, the ACRL Committee on Constitution and Bylaws published the following comment: "Uniformity of the composition of Boards might very well be an objective in the minimum requirements." To this point a member of the Steering Committee commented that if the ALA Committee on Constitution and Bylaws thinks it "can place all divisions of ALA into a strait jacket in a set of further restrictions, it is about time for ACRL to come to its senses."

It is hoped that all ACRL members attending the San Francisco Conference will carefully study the pending ACRL Constitution, which was published in the September, 1957 issue of *CRL*, pages 405-409, as well as the proposed amendments, which were published in the May, 1958 issue of *CRL*, so that they will be in a position to cast an informed vote on the amendments expected to be presented at the ACRL membership meeting on Tuesday, July 15, at 8:30 p.m.—*Robert H. Muller, Chairman, Steering Committee, ACRL University Libraries Section.*

News from the Field

ACQUISITIONS, GIFTS, COLLECTIONS

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA LIBRARY has acquired a 1700-volume collection devoted to maritime history. The emphasis is on the growth and progress of the British navy and merchant services, but developments in other countries are covered. Nearly 100 of the books were printed before 1825, the oldest dating from 1517.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA LIBRARY is the repository of 10,670 feet of micro-filmed press releases issued by the National Catholic Welfare Conference News Service from its establishment in 1920 to 1956. The output of subsequent years will be filmed on a regular basis.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES has received the papers of the late J. Bartlet Brebner, professor of history and authority on British and Canadian affairs. The extensive collection of correspondence, notes, memoranda, and works-in-progress were given by his son, Elliot.

THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS has completed the microfilming of the papers of James Madison in its possession. A positive copy is available on interlibrary loan.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY has obtained all six numbers of *Prometheus*, a rare early nineteenth-century periodical. Its contributors included Goethe, the brothers Friedrich and August Schlegel, Achim von Arnim, and Beethoven.

QUINNIPIAC COLLEGE, Hamden, Conn., has been given a \$6,500 grant by the New Haven Foundation to purchase books for the college's 12,125-volume library. This is the first time the foundation has made an award to a purely educational institution.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY has purchased an important collection of 3,000 American first editions representing half as many authors whose books were published between 1644 and 1940. The former owner, G. Reed Salisbury of Broad Run, Va., made a substantial contribution to his Alma Mater

by accepting much less than the market value of the collection.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES, St. Louis, has received a \$150,000 fund for acquisition of research materials in the humanities and social sciences. The fund is in memory of Harry Brookings Wallace, former acting chancellor of the university.

YALE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY has been given the files of the Theatre Guild, covering nearly forty years of major Broadway producing. The materials include letters, scripts, prompt books, reports of play readers, press books, and financial records. A keystone in the history of the American theater, the collection will be housed in a special room.

BUILDINGS

PURDUE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY is largely housed in Memorial Center, a six-story building begun in 1954 and completed this spring. The \$8,650,000 structure encompasses a wide variety of facilities, including an extensive audio-visual center, two theaters, meeting and student activity space, and a billiard room. If any are curious to see how a 450,000-volume library with its related processes fits into this complex, write to the university for "Facts About the Memorial Center," a folder that gives complete floor plans.

THE ST. VINCENT COLLEGE AND ARCHABBEY LIBRARY, Latrobe, Pa., was dedicated on April 17. The \$600,000 building provides space for 220,000 volumes with future expansion permitting a total stack capacity of 400,000. The present collection numbers about 100,000 volumes.

LIBRARY SCHOOLS

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LIBRARY SERVICE will sponsor a five-day institute on state and regional library development, August 11-15. It will be designed primarily for state, regional, federal, and municipal librarians directly concerned with the operation of revised or expanded public library programs. Membership is limited to twenty-five persons. Further information may be ob-

tained by writing to Dr. Robert D. Leigh, dean, School of Library Service, Columbia University, New York 27.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF LIBRARY SCIENCE at Drexel Institute of Technology has issued a digest of talks given at a library education workshop, April 28-30, 1957. *How Effective Is Education for Librarianship* is a concise summary of issues facing librarians in their training programs. The topics include library education in general and problems relating to various types of libraries.

THE FIRST ISSUE of the Rutgers University Graduate School of Library Service *Newsletter* (vol. 1, no. 1, April 1958) gives a nicely drawn picture of various educational and research programs in progress at the school. Even those who do not feel vitally concerned with library education will be interested in this attractive publication.

PUBLICATIONS

THE FIRST FORTY VOLUMES (1910-1950) of the *Annals* of the Association of American Geographers are available on microfilm from the Photoduplication Service of the Library of Congress. The complete set costs \$58; individual volumes (not quarterly issues) may be obtained for \$2.25 each.

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF PHILOSOPHY is an important acquisitions and reference aid in its field. Published by the International Institute of Philosophy, each quarterly issue contains abstracts of new books and information about reprints, new editions, and translations. English language titles are described in English; all others, either in English or French. Each citation includes full trade information. Subscriptions (\$4.00 a year) should be sent to the journal's U. S. Editorial Center, Trinity College, Hartford 6, Conn.

THE BIBLIOTHEQUE NATIONALE is issuing a series of 2 x 2 color slides of rare and beautiful books, manuscripts, and art objects that typify its rich collections. The first eight parts, each containing twenty slides, are devoted to manuscripts from the pre-Carolingian period through the fifteenth century. Each part is accompanied by descriptive text giving an overview of the period and fully documented descriptions of the slides. The price per part is 3500fr.

AN INDEX to the 1922-56 volumes of the *Journal of Geography* is being compiled. Copies will be available at the journal's editorial office. Volumes 54 (1955) and 55 (1956) of the journal have been microfilmed. Priced at \$1.60 and \$2.00 respectively, they may be secured from University Microfilms, Ann Arbor, Mich.

THE APRIL ISSUE of *Illinois Libraries* is a special issue on manuscripts. Included in it are discussions of local history and manuscript collections in Illinois. College, university, historical, and public libraries are included. The issue is dedicated to Margaret Cross Norton, Illinois' first State Archivist.

IF THERE is evidence of sufficient need, Washington University Libraries, St. Louis, hopes to have photocopied cooperatively the publications of the Roxburghe Club. Any interested librarian should write to David Kaser, chief of acquisitions.

THE SIXTH EDITION of *Subject Headings Used in the Dictionary Catalogs of the Library of Congress*, edited by Marguerite V. Quattlebaum, contains 1,357 pages with three columns to a page. The new format makes possible the inclusion of thousands of new headings and the listing of references on separate lines for easy consultation. The volume is on sale at the Government Printing Office for \$9.75.

SIXTEEN BIBLIOGRAPHIES prepared by the Military Libraries Division of Special Libraries Association cover aeronautics, military art and science, naval operations in World War II, Canadian service history, intelligence, astronomy, and guided missiles. Single copies may be obtained by writing to Technical Assistant to the Director, Air University Library, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

THE PAN AMERICAN UNION has compiled a *Directory of Current Latin American Periodicals*. References are arranged under Universal Decimal Classification headings and all items are numbered consecutively. Geographical and subject indexes offer easy access to the material. The directory is available from UNESCO for \$3.50.

THE UNITED NATIONS LIBRARY in Geneva has issued *Analysis of Material Published*

Regularly in Official Gazettes, number one in its *Miscellaneous Bibliographies* (new series). The latest complete year of each of 199 official gazettes in the library's collection has been indexed. This is a revised and expanded edition of a 1935 list published by the League of Nations Library.

MISCELLANEOUS

THE BINDERY operated by Harvard University since 1920 has been sold to Samuel H. Donnell. A former manager of the bindery, he has purchased machinery and supplies and hired all employees. The name of the new firm is the New England Book Binding Company.

A FACT-FINDING STUDY of library resources on all levels will be made by Ralph M. Dunbar, recently retired head of the Library Services Branch, U. S. Office of Education. The purpose is to gather, analyze and make widely available factual data on library service in the United States so that needs and shortages in all types of libraries may be recognized. The project is made possible by a grant of \$12,125 from the Council on Library Resources. It is expected to be completed in six months.

INFORMATION RETRIEVAL was the subject of a meeting at Stanford University on March 18. This was one of four informal gatherings on the subject growing out of the interest of local librarians and research personnel in problems of storage, organization, and retrieval of information.

THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY LIBRARY has joined the Midwest Inter-Library Center as its nineteenth member.

THE LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW YORK held a workshop on legal research on May 3. The consideration of materials and methods of legal reference work was based on questions submitted by practicing librarians. Miles O. Price of the Columbia University Law Library was the director. The attendance included more than one hundred attorneys and librarians from eleven states.

A NATIONAL CONFERENCE on "The Undergraduate and the Lifetime Reading Habit"

was held early this year under the sponsorship of the University of Michigan and the National Book Committee, Inc. Lester Asheim, dean of the Graduate School of the University of Chicago, reviewed research findings on college reading habits that indicate that half of the total book circulation of a campus library is due to only 20 per cent of the student body. Faculty indifference was cited as a major factor in this neglect. August Heckscher, director of the Twentieth Century Fund, went even further by pointing to a pervasive atmosphere of anti-intellectualism in the home and community. Other participants suggested various means of increasing the extent of college reading.

THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES offers grants for advanced study or research to specialists throughout the Western Hemisphere. Grants will range from three months to two years, covering travel, fees, materials, and living expenses. Approximately 170 fellowships are planned for 1958-59 and a minimum of 500 annually in the future. Library science will be included at the request of the member country. For further details, write Dr. Javier Malagón, technical secretary, OAS Fellowship Program, Pan American Union, Washington 6.

AN IBM 705 ELECTRONIC COMPUTER has been used to prepare a concordance of a major portion of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Each word was put on a separate IBM card and coded to indicate its location in the 2,000-year-old manuscripts, as well as the initial letters of the words that precede and follow it. Transferred to magnetic tape in the IBM 705, these data offer a basis for analyzing gaps in the manuscripts and supplying missing words. The work was directed by Father Roberto Busa of the Jesuit College of the Aloisianum in Gallarate, Italy.

W. SOMERSET MAUGHAM has written the preface to the catalog of Stanford University Library's exhibition of Maugham's works which opened on May 26. The display includes twenty of the "elderly party's" manuscripts. J. Terry Bender, chief of special collections at Stanford, brought together the collection, valued at \$150,000. The exhibition will remain open until August 1.

Personnel

ROBERT ORMES DOUGAN, who succeeds Leslie E. Bliss as librarian of the Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery, has



Robert O. Dougan

been deputy librarian of Trinity College, Dublin, since 1952. While there he was keeper of printed books and was responsible for the general administration, the organization of exhibitions, and the preparation of the printed catalogues. He served also, on a part-time basis, as keeper of the famed Archbishop Marsh's Library in Dublin. Since 1955 Mr. Dougan has been lecturer on the staff of Forás Eireann, his special subject being the Book of Kells. He has been a member of the Library Council of Ireland since 1952, and in 1954 the University of Dublin conferred the master of arts degree upon him.

Mr. Dougan brings to the Huntington Library a great wealth of experience in librarianship and bookmanship. For many years he was cataloguer and bibliographical research worker for E. P. Goldschmidt, the well-known bookman. During this period he traveled frequently, improving his knowledge of books and manuscripts, and, incidentally, of German, French, and Italian. During World War II, serving for nearly five years, he rose to the post of adjutant and senior administrative officer of R.A.F. Station, Perth. He then became librarian of Sandeman Public Library, Perth. During this period he organized two major exhibitions for the 1951 Festival of Britain—eighteenth-century books in Edinburgh and twentieth-century books in Glasgow. In 1950 he was elected a member of the council of the Scottish Library Association, after a term as president of the Dundee and Central Scotland branch.

Mr. Dougan took his B.A. degree at the University of London in 1923, majoring in Latin and English. In 1926 he took first

class honors in bibliography and Latin in the London School of Librarianship, and in 1929, the University of London diploma in librarianship. His published writings include several of the Festival of Britain catalogues, a guide to Irish manuscripts at Trinity College, the Oscar Wilde, W. B. Yeats, and George Berkeley catalogues, several articles, including "The Rebinding of the Book of Kells," and a memoir on E. P. Goldschmidt. Mr. Dougan is fifty-three years of age. His wife is a writer of children's stories, while Mr. Dougan's hobby has been that of collecting early Scottish photography. His collection of the photography of D. O. Hill was acquired by the Glasgow University Library. Mr. Dougan joined the staff of the Huntington Library on June 1.—*John E. Pomfret.*

JAMES A. SERVIES became librarian of the College of William and Mary on October 1, 1957.

Mr. Servies received his M.A. from the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago in 1949. He worked in the University Library for several weeks prior to accepting the position of assistant circulation librarian, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida. In December, 1953, he went to Virginia as reference



James A. Servies

and circulation librarian at William and Mary. While there he compiled a *Bibliography of John Marshall* (Washington, 1956), and was co-compiler with E. G. Swem, librarian emeritus of the College of William and Mary, and John M. Jennings, Director of the Virginia Historical Society, of *A Selected Bibliography of Virginia, 1607-1699* (Richmond, 1957).

JAY W. STEIN has been appointed assistant librarian at Syracuse University. Dr. Stein has been librarian of Elmhurst College,

Elmhurst, Illinois. He will begin work at Syracuse by teaching in the School of Library Science during the 1958 summer session, taking up his duties as assistant librarian in the fall.

Dr. Stein began his professional career in Washington, D. C., where he was a research analyst with the Army Map Service. He served on the staff of the Hoover Institution at Stanford, the Russian Institute at Columbia University, and the New York Public Library. Between 1954 and 1957, he was librarian and professor of social studies at Southwestern University in Memphis. He has taught courses in library science at Columbia, the University of Southern California, and the University of Wisconsin.

Following his graduation from the University of Minnesota in 1942, Dr. Stein served four years with the Navy. While in the Navy he completed the Russian lan-

guage programs at the University of Colorado and the United Nations Academy of Languages. Dr. Stein earned his master's degree in political science at Stanford in 1949 and his M.S. in L.S. at Columbia in 1950. He was awarded the Ph.D. degree in political science by Columbia in 1952.

JACK DALTON, director of ALA's International Relations Office, has been selected as dean designate for Columbia University's School of Library Service. His appointment will be effective in the fall of 1959.

Mr. Dalton came to his present post after more than a score of years at the Alderman Library of the University of Virginia. He had been librarian there since 1950. In 1954-55 he was chairman of ALA's Board of Education for Librarianship and in 1954 was the recipient of the Lippincott award for distinguished service to the library profession.

Appointments

DONALD AXMAN, formerly associated with the University of Bridgeport Library, is now serials librarian in the University of Michigan Library.

CARROLL M. BAKER is now cataloger in the Sacramento State College Library.

ROY P. BASLER, a member of the Library of Congress staff since 1952, is now director of the Reference Department.

PHYLLIS MAYER BRACE, formerly librarian of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, is now librarian of the Southeast Branch of the Chicago Junior Colleges.

WILLIAM BRACE, formerly circulation librarian of the Brigham Young University, is now librarian of the Foreman Branch of the Chicago Teachers College.

ELIZABETH READ BROWN is now librarian of the Mississippi Geological Survey Library, University, Miss.

MARGARET BROWN is accessions librarian of the Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical, and Normal College, Pine Bluff.

MARY LOUISE CARMAN is serials librarian, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

ETHEL COLBY is now a library assistant in the Widener Library, Harvard University, after having served with the Air Force at overseas posts.

PETER W. DEMERY has been appointed ACRL publications officer.

EUGENE DE BENKO is now acquisition librarian at Michigan State University.

ETHEL GANTZ is order librarian at Idaho State College, Pocatello.

ELISABETH H. HAMELL has joined the staff of the University of Pennsylvania Medical School Library.

ROBERT M. HOLMES, JR., is now director of personnel at the Library of Congress.

GEORGE H. HUNTER, formerly documents librarian at Oregon State College, is science librarian at Idaho State College, Pocatello.

CAROLYN JOHNSON is circulation librarian in the St. Bonaventure University Library.

JAMES B. MCFERRIN, documents librarian, Emory University Library, has been appointed head librarian at Union College, Barboursville, Kentucky.

GEORGE R. LEWIS, formerly a member of the staff of the Baylor University Library,

is now head of the circulation department at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute Library.

JESS A. MARTIN is assistant medical librarian in charge of public services, University of Kentucky Medical Center Library.

THOMAS MAUSOLFF is now supervisor of stacks in the Baker Library of Dartmouth College.

ANITE MECK is a member of the staff of the University of Pennsylvania Library as cataloger.

BEATRICE MONTGOMERY is head cataloger and assistant professor, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

GRACE MURRAY is now administrative assistant and interlibrary loan librarian in the Sacramento State College Library.

JOHN LESTER NOLAN, a member of the Library of Congress staff since 1940, is now associate director of the Reference Department.

JOSEPH A. PLACEK is circulation librarian of the University of Detroit.

DORIS RANSOM, chief catalog librarian, Emory University Library, has been appointed head, catalog department, University of Cincinnati.

ALICE REILLY, formerly library consultant

at the Florida State Library, is editorial librarian at the California State Library.

KURT SCHWERIN is now associate professor in international and comparative law at Northwestern University. He will continue as assistant law librarian at Northwestern.

DWIGHT W. SHANNON is librarian of the Science and Engineering Reference Room of the Sacramento State College Library.

ROBERT H. STAEHLIN is head librarian, Yuba College, Marysville, California.

JEANNETTE STEWART is now cataloger in the Oregon Historical Society, Portland.

JOHN STONIS, on the staff of Ohio State University Library, has been appointed librarian, Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia.

ROGER J. TRIENENS, formerly in the Philadelphia Free Library, is now a cataloger in the History of Medicine Division of the National Library of Medicine.

RICHARD WADDLE, formerly reference librarian at Marietta College, is documents librarian at Idaho State College, Pocatello.

HELEN F. ZIMMERMAN, formerly librarian of the Ryerson Library of the Art Institute of Chicago, is reference librarian in the Chicago Undergraduate Division of the University of Illinois, Navy Pier.

Necrology

DAVID JUDSON HAYKIN, a leading American authority in the field of subject cataloging, died on May 4, 1958. Mr. Haykin had been a member of the Library of Congress staff since 1932. He was the author of *Resources of American Libraries* (1925) and of *Subject Headings* (1951). He contributed widely to professional journals, and taught Library science at the George Washington University and the Catholic University of America in the 1930s. In 1952-53 he was president of ALA's Division of Cataloging and Classification.

COL. HAROLD WELLINGTON JONES, U.S.A., Ret., director of the National Library of Medicine from 1936 to 1945, died in Orlando, Florida, on April 5, 1958.

SADIE McMURRY, assistant head of the UCLA Catalog Department and a member of that department since 1926, died on April 1, 1958.

ETHEL MCINTYRE, a member of the staff of the University of Minnesota Library School since 1930, died on March 13, 1958.

WILLIAM G. REED, head librarian at Yuba College, Maryville, California, died on March 16, 1958.

WILLIAM SCHREIBER, formerly chief of subject heading the classification in the New York Public Library, died on February 19, 1958, at the age of 72. Mr. Schreiber had joined the staff of the Astor Library in 1908.

Retirements

LESLIE EDGAR BLISS, whose retirement as librarian of the Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery is being announced, was born in Poland, Herkimer County, New York, March 26, 1889. He took his A.B. (and Phi Beta Kappa) at Colgate in 1911 and his B.L.S. from the New York State Library School in 1913. Thereafter he served as assistant in legislative reference in the New York State Library for two years before joining the staff being assembled by George Watson Cole to catalog and care for the remarkable library then the private property of Henry E. Huntington but soon to be dedicated to public use.



Leslie E. Bliss

At that time the Huntington Library was housed in its owner's New York house and, while most of the staff was engaged in cataloging and bibliographical work on a lower floor of the building, someone was needed to be responsible for the manuscripts and printed books which were shelved upstairs where Mr. Huntington had his desk. Bliss fell heir to this responsibility and he enjoyed the intimate work with the collection and with Mr. Huntington, also an upstate New Yorker with a marked fondness for his books. It was only a matter of time until Mr. Huntington found himself consulting Bliss about offers and impending purchases. Thus began Bliss's influence on the growth and development of the Huntington Library collections—an influence that has continued to the present and which will earn him the gratitude of future generations of scholars.

Soon after the transfer of the Huntington Library from New York to California in 1920, Bliss was appointed curator and served as such for five years before being named acting librarian. Mr. Huntington preferred to let his board of trustees name the new librarian and they named Bliss in 1926. He

held the post until he reached the Library's retirement age recently.

Apart from supervising the growth and rounding out of the Huntington collections, Bliss was responsible for the selection and disposition of duplicates over the years and this he did with thoughtfulness and fairness. He decided that the cause of scholarship would best be served if the Huntington duplicates were channeled through other libraries and private collectors before being offered to dealers and he went to considerable trouble to carry out this plan with the result that many of the most important Huntington duplicates now rest on the shelves of great research libraries.

In July, 1941, at the request of his trustees, Bliss assumed the additional responsibility of field representative of the library in which capacity he traveled many thousands of miles each year throughout the West locating material of interest to the Library and arranging, where possible, to acquire it by gift or purchase or to obtain photographic copies of items of importance to the Library collections. These travels have added much to the Library's western Americana resources.

Throughout his long term as librarian Mr. Bliss always remained a bookman as well as an efficient administrator. It was his boast that every book and manuscript added to the Huntington shelves passed through his hands. These factors have doubtless contributed much to the Huntington Library's enviable reputation in regard to the organization, the preservation, and the availability of its resources. Leslie Edgar Bliss contributed immeasurably to the task of transforming a collector's treasure house into a research library.—*Robert O. Schad.*

CATHERINE NOLAN, circulation librarian at St. Bonaventure University since 1928, retired on January 30.

ROSE B. PHELPS retires this year after twenty-eight years as a member of the faculty of the University of Illinois Library School. Professor Phelps was honored by her colleagues, friends, and students at a dinner in April.