

News from the Field

ACQUISITIONS, GIFTS, COLLECTIONS

A COLLECTION OF ONE HUNDRED CATALOGS of private and institutional libraries, dating from the early seventeenth century, has been purchased by the University of California Library at Berkeley from Archer Taylor, noted bibliographer and author of *Book Catalogs: Their Varieties and Uses*. The collection contains many of the most useful catalogs of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, including catalogs of the private libraries of J. B. Mencken (1670); Angelico Aproso (1671); Nicolaus Heinsius (1682); Jacob Oisel (1687); Charles Bulteau (1711); Duc D'Estrées (1740); and Camille Falconet, consulting physician to the King of France (1763).

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Santa Barbara, has acquired by special purchase the private library of Roland D. Hussey, a prominent historian on the West Coast and professor of Latin American history at the University of California at Los Angeles. This collection of nearly three thousand volumes and periodicals relating to Latin America includes most of the standard monographs on Latin America written in English and many representative works in Spanish. The emphasis is on the Caribbean, the West Indies, Mexico, and Central America. Particularly useful are the many bibliographies of the individual countries.

A TWENTY-FIVE VOLUME Chinese translation of an important part of the Buddhist *Tripitaka* has been donated to the library of the University of Chicago by W. P. Yuen of La-Salle College, Hong Kong. The books, a photolithographic reproduction of a nineteenth-century block-print edition preserved in Hong Kong, have been placed in the university's Far Eastern Library. The set comprises the *Maha-Prajna-Paramitra Sutra* of the *Tripitaka*, the entire collection of Buddhist writings. This *Sutra* contains 600 books of five million words dealing with the Buddhist view of the unfolding nature of man.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY has been presented with a significant portion of the private collection of Allan Nevins, professor emeritus

of American history at Columbia University. The gift includes letters and documents written by Theodore Roosevelt, Eli Whitney, Jefferson Davis, and Henry Adams, Hamilton Fish documents, Grover Cleveland papers, Henry White papers, and Brand Whitlock materials as well as the manuscripts of Professor Nevins's books and four file drawers of notes for a biography of John D. Rockefeller. Professor Nevins, holder of two Pulitzer prizes for biography, retired from Columbia in 1958 and is now a senior member of the research staff at Huntington Library in San Marino, Calif.

THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY has received a gift of 5,111 volumes of English and American poetry containing the first printings of poems relating to childhood. John MacKay Shaw, recently retired executive of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of New York, is the donor of this unique collection, valued conservatively at \$35,000. Most of the major and many of the minor poets are represented by first or other early editions, from Quarles and Wither in the seventeenth century to Frost and Masfield in the twentieth. The collection is especially rich in the mid-Victorian poets, and in the recognized poets of childhood such as Stevenson, Field, Riley, de la Mare, and Milne.

JACKSONVILLE (FLA.) UNIVERSITY has recently received two substantial gifts for its library. John E. Meyer presented \$5,000 to purchase books for the general collection, and the Junior League of Jacksonville gave \$10,000 to purchase material in the field of philosophy.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY LIBRARY has been presented with a collection of rare books and manuscripts by Robert B. Honeyman, alumnus and trustee, and Mrs. Honeyman, of Pasadena, Calif. The gift, valued at \$25,000, includes a number of Darwin's works recently exhibited in commemoration of the first publication of *On the Origin of Species*. Final page proof of the historical work with all corrections and notations in Charles Darwin's hand, a first edition, and a copy of each of the five subsequent editions are in-

cluded. Literary works of an earlier period are among the volumes received. Additions to the poetry collection are first and second issues of the first edition of Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*.

THE WOODROW WILSON COLLECTION at Library of Congress has been presented with a small group of papers, including six letters (1910-17) from President Wilson to Harold Godwin, a classmate. Elizabeth Godwin of Roslyn, N. Y., is the donor. Included is a holograph letter dated November 29, 1883, addressed to "Pete," and a cablegram sent by President Wilson from Paris to Robert Bridges at Scribner's on May 29, 1919.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY has augmented its impressive collection of material published during the French Revolution. The new material, acquired in Belgium, consists of about 450 pamphlets and 100 legal documents and periodical issues. About 365 of the pieces are in Flemish (the remainder in French) and deal with the revolutionary events in Flanders. All the publications were published during the Revolution.

LETTERS OF LOUIS WILEY, business manager of the *New York Times* for twenty-nine years before his death in 1935, have been presented to the University of Rochester library by a niece, Mrs. Maxine Wiley of Hanover, N. H. The collection includes letters from Herbert Hoover, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Warren G. Harding, Calvin Coolidge, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Alfred E. Smith, Charles Evans Hughes, Dwight W. Morrow, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, and many other notables. This collection has been added to the 4,000 letters and other papers previously presented by Mr. Wiley's brothers and sisters.

ANOTHER NEWSPAPER, the *Ocean City Sentinel-Ledger*, has been added to the growing list of New Jersey publications preserved at the Rutgers University Library. Early copies of this weekly publication have been received by the library's photoduplication department, where plans have been made to transfer the entire file to microfilm. The library has also obtained original copies of the *Ocean Daily Reporter*, four-page predecessor of the *Sentinel-Ledger*. Included in the more than forty publications on microfilm at the library is the state's oldest surviving newspaper, the *Elizabeth Daily Journal*, estab-

lished in 1779 as the weekly *New Jersey Journal*.

BUILDINGS

LIBRARIES are burgeoning in California. New library buildings are in use at Monterey Peninsula College and on the Alta Loma campus of Chaffey College. Under construction are a new library at the Dominican College of San Rafael; a six-story addition for San Jose State College at a cost of \$2,000,000; a second unit of the library building for Santa Barbara City College, doubling its size; a new library building for Menlo College to be completed by the end of 1961; and a new one for California Western University to be completed this fall.

THE NEW LIBRARY on the Cornell University campus is nearing completion. It will be known as the John M. Olin Library in honor of the university trustee and chairman of the executive committee of Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation, who contributed \$3,000,000 toward its cost. A gift of \$100,000 toward construction costs has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Uris of New York City, in addition to an earlier contribution by Uris Brothers firm. This brings the total amount raised for the project to \$5,000,000 of the estimated \$5,700,000 cost. The new seven-story library building has a capacity of 2,000,000 volumes and offers exceptional facilities to serve graduate students and faculty.

THE ADDITION to the Jacksonville (Fla.) University Library, dedicated in May, has increased the book capacity from 32,000 to 120,000, and the seating capacity from 166 to 500. This is a major step in the university's program to develop the library and the institution for accreditation by the Southern Association in 1961. The new addition, costing \$375,000, has three levels and is completely air-conditioned.

MARY BALDWIN COLLEGE plans to construct a new library in the summer of 1962. The building, costing \$680,000, will house 100,000 books. It is expected that the new library will enable the college to increase its enrollment.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY recently dedicated the new addition to its law library. Total cost of the Owen L. Coon Library and its equipment was \$1,500,000. Funds

were provided by the Robert R. McCormick Charitable Trust, the Owen L. Coon Foundation, the Law School Alumni Association, and the university. The fire-proof and air-conditioned building will double the space allocated to the library and will provide an auditorium and a practice courtroom as well as additional classrooms, faculty offices, and facilities for law school publications. The new library will accommodate 170,000 volumes, the largest law collection in Chicago and the sixth largest in the United States. Individual carrels, typing cubicles, special equipment for the use of microfilm and microprint, a faculty library, and a treasure room for an outstanding collection of rare books are only part of the library's expanding service.

GROUND has been broken for the new University of Pennsylvania undergraduate library, seminar, and classroom building. A new eight-story building, with a housing capacity for 1,500,000 books, is the first unit of a proposed two-unit library. Made possible by allocation of \$4,000,000 by the General State Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and \$1,000,000 from gifts by trustees and other friends of the university, the new building will be entirely air-conditioned. To prevent condensation, glass throughout the building will be heat-absorbing, grey double glass. A vapor barrier will be used in the construction of the brick walls and roof, and walls of the three lower floors will be of glass. Included in the plans are a microfilm reading room, photographic laboratory for producing microfilm, study areas, and seminar classrooms.

THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH has announced plans for a new and more unified concept of library planning. With construction of the \$10,000,000 central Hillman Library, a start will be made to create a "social professions quadrangle." The projected buildings will house the professional schools of business, education, law, public and international affairs, and social work. Each will have its own professional library, but all will be connected with each other and with the central library. Cataloging and acquisitions will be centralized. The guiding idea is to link the world of books for liberal education, professional training, and special research.

Two wings will be added to the Detroit Public Library at a cost of \$10,000,000. Money for the additions is being provided by the city, and additional funds for furnishings and equipment will be sought through gifts. Included in the plans are committee rooms, study carrels, and two auditoriums. The library, doubled in size, will be completed in 1962. Working in close cooperation with nearby Wayne State University Library, the Detroit Public Library will form one of the great library research centers of the country.

MISCELLANEOUS

THE FIRST WIDE-SCALE TEST of Illinois State Normal University's \$30,000 television station and closed-circuit hookup to twenty-five classrooms on the campus has been made, testing a group of 200 freshman English students. Mrs. A. T. Faberburg, Jr., library instructor, gave a series of three lessons describing Milner Library and its operations. University officials hope that the lessons can be filmed for presentation next fall to the forty-eight sections of students enrolled in freshman English. This method of teaching by television will not only conserve staff time but it will enable beginning students to learn how to use the library earlier in the school year. A report of the results will probably be made in a library periodical.

A SURVEY to locate all information centers in the United States serving the physical and life sciences and technologies, and to collect factual data relating to their activities and services, is being conducted by Battelle Memorial Institute for the National Science Foundation. The findings will be used to prepare a national directory of information centers and to relate the activities of the centers to the total United States scientific and technical information program. All scientific and technical information centers are urged to cooperate in answering questions for the survey. Any activity identifiable as an information center should be reported to William H. Bickley, Battelle Memorial Institute, 505 King Avenue, Columbus 1, Ohio.

THE SLA TRANSLATION CENTER at the John Crerar Library in Chicago has received two grants from the National Science Foundation. The first, for \$24,000, is for continued

support for the operation of the center. The second, for \$34,105, is for a "survey of translation activities in universities, societies and industry, in the fields of science and technology" under the direction of Donald W. Ramsdell, chief of the center. The survey will attempt to determine sources, extent, and cost of translating activities and to stimulate donation of copies of translations to the SLA Center.

THE MIDWEST INTER-LIBRARY CENTER has extended eligibility for full membership in the corporation to university and research libraries throughout the country. In the past, membership has been restricted to midwestern institutions. Robert B. Downs, chairman of the board, has pointed out that some activities of the center clearly indicate a trend towards a national basis of operation. A proposal for associate membership with limited privileges and responsibilities, reduced dues, and no board representation, may be made available for libraries located outside the Midwest that do not want full membership.

AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS are being microfilmed by the photoduplication service of the Library of Congress, which has available a list of the newspapers considered for microfilming on a current basis. The project has been inaugurated by the Libraries Committee of the African Studies Association. If libraries wish to have additional African newspapers considered for microfilming, they should make suggestions to the chairman of the committee, Robert D. Baum, 1106 Seaton Lane, Falls Church, Va.

THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY LIBRARY for the past three years has been laying the basis for a Kentucky Union Catalog to serve librarians and readers in the state. The catalogs of the College of the Bible, the Lexington Library, and Transylvania College have been reproduced in full, and these libraries and seven others from Frankfort to Morehead are now contributing author cards to the Eastern Kentucky Union Catalog.

THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES is sponsoring an inquiry into the bases for planning microfilming and other scholarly photocopying projects. Financed by a \$28,888 grant from the Council on Library Resources, Inc., the investigation will be conducted by Lester K. Born, head, Manuscripts Section, Descriptive Cataloging Divi-

sion, Library of Congress. In his work Dr. Born will be assisted by an advisory committee and he will consult with interested constituent societies of ACLS and other organizations. His report is expected to feature proposals for general principles and standards for photocopying projects and a discussion of problems involved in foreign acquisitions. The inquiry should be completed in about one year.

A BROAD PROGRAM of user standards for the professional librarian was undertaken in June at the first meeting of the sectional committee for standardization of library supplies and equipment at the American Standards Association offices at New York City. ALA is the administrative sponsor of this new ASA project, and Frazer G. Poole, director of the ALA Library Technology Project, is chairman of the sectional committee. Three subcommittees have been set up: one to work on library steel bookstacks, another on library furniture, and a third on library supplies. Each group has established specific initial standardization objectives. This is the first attempt to obtain standards for library supplies and equipment.

LAKE FOREST COLLEGE is benefitting from a new venture in library-community cooperation. The library has been added to the list of agencies to which the women of the community devote hours of volunteer services each week. These volunteers assist in the technical services department where work is particularly heavy as a result of the library's reclassification program.

THE CARNEGIE CORPORATION of New York has granted \$45,000 to ALA to survey state libraries and to establish standards. Robert D. Leigh, dean emeritus of the Columbia University School of Library Service, will direct the project. Leon Carnovsky and Edward A. Wight have been appointed to the research staff. The survey and standards committee of the American Association of State Libraries will act as an advisory group with the cooperation of the Council of State Governments. Slated to begin in January 1961, the project will take eighteen months.

AN ADDRESS ON "Adventures with Rare Books" was given at Goucher College May 13 by Dorothy E. Miner, librarian and keeper of manuscripts of the Walters Art Gallery.

Personnel

WILLIAM R. LANSBERG has been appointed director of libraries at Elmira College, Elmira, New York.



William R. Lansberg

Born in Boston in 1916, Mr. Lansberg received his A.B. degree (*cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa) at Dartmouth in 1938. He pursued graduate study at the University of North Carolina, earning the M.A. in 1940 and the Ph.D. (Romance languages) in 1945. Part-time work as a student in the Uni-

versity of North Carolina Library convinced him that library work had a strong appeal, and after three years of teaching at Southwest Missouri State College and Boston university he studied Library science at Simmons College where he received his degree in 1949.

From varied experiences in depth Mr. Lansberg has gained much that he can bring to bear on his new position at Elmira College. He was at the University of North Carolina Library as supervisor in the circulation department, 1940-42, and an indexer with the H. W. Wilson Company, 1949-51; at Dartmouth he has been assistant to the librarian, 1951-52, head of acquisitions, 1952-53, director of the division of acquisitions and preparations, 1953-60, and since 1952

he has been assistant professor and secretary of the Faculty Committee on the Library.

In addition to Phi Beta Kappa Mr. Lansberg earned other numerous undergraduate honors, and in his professional life many other honors have come to him. He was the winner of the John Cotton Dana Publicity Award for the Baker Library at Dartmouth College in 1953 and again in 1954. He travelled in France during the summer of 1946 at the invitation of the French government.—G. F. Shepherd, Jr.

CLARENCE C. GORCHELS has been head librarian and chairman of the department of library science at the Central Washington College of Education, Ellensburg, since July 1. Previously he had been acting assistant director of libraries, Washington State University, Pullman, where he held other positions on the staff since 1945. His experience also includes work in county, municipal, and special libraries.

During 1958/59 Mr. Gorchels was visiting assistant professor in the School of Librarianship of the University of Washington. During the past year he was an associate on the faculty of the School of Library Service, Columbia University, where he completed his work for the doctorate except for the dissertation. He is a graduate of Wisconsin State Teachers College, Oshkosh, and holds a B.L.S. degree from Wisconsin (1945) and a master's degree from Columbia (1952).

Appointments

VINCENT JOHN ACETO, formerly librarian, Central School and Community Library, Burnt Hills, N. Y., is now assistant professor of library science, New York State College for Teachers, Albany.

JACQUELINE D. BASTILLE, formerly librarian II, Free Library of Philadelphia, is now librarian, Smith, Kline and French Laboratories, Philadelphia.

RICHARD BECK, formerly science-technology librarian, University of Idaho Library, is now assistant librarian for readers service.

ROBERT W. BURNS, JR., formerly loan librarian, University of Idaho Library, is now science-technology librarian.

J. MICHAEL BRUNO has been appointed assistant librarian, Michigan State University, Oakland, Rochester.

CHARLES E. BUTLER, formerly librarian, Canisius College, Buffalo, N. Y., is now librarian, Longwood College, Farmville, Va.

RICHARD M. COLVIG is music cataloger, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

RUDOLF HIRSCH, formerly assistant director and curator of the rare book collection, has been appointed associate director of the University of Pennsylvania Library.

TERENCE J. HOVERTER has been appointed librarian of The Franklin F. Moon Memorial Library of the State University College of Forestry at Syracuse University, and a member of the faculty as associate professor. To his new position Mr. Hoverter brings a broad educational background and the experience of twenty-three years of professional library work. He has served as head of the circulation department of the library of the Catholic University of America, as serials librarian at Queens College, and as librarian of the State University of New York Maritime College at Fort Schuyler, Bronx, N. Y., where he set up and organized a complete college library.

HENRY CHARLES KOCH has been appointed assistant director of libraries at Michigan State University with a major responsibility in development of resources. Mr. Koch brings an interesting and varied background of experience and training to his new position. Prior to assuming his new duties on July 1, he served for five years at MSU as humanities librarian and two years as assistant division head (history) at the Cleveland Public Library. He received an A.B. at Carleton College, M.A. (history) at Columbia, and the M.A.L.S. at Michigan. In addition he has done graduate work at Johns Hopkins and research in the municipal archives at Basel, Switzerland.

STEPHEN A. MCCARTHY, director of the University Library at Cornell University, has been named director of libraries for the entire university. Mr. McCarthy will be responsible for all libraries at Cornell, including those on the state campus.

LOUIS MARTIN, formerly circulation librarian, University of Detroit, is now assistant librarian, Michigan State University, Oakland, Rochester.

J. GORMLY MILLER, librarian of the New York State School of Industrial and Labor

Relations, Cornell University, has been assigned duties, in addition to his present responsibility, as assistant director of libraries for the entire university.

WILHELM MOLL, formerly first assistant, documents department, Indiana University Library, is now assistant medical librarian, Medical Center Library, University of Kentucky.

WHITON POWELL, librarian of the Mann Library of the New York State Colleges of Agriculture and Home Economics, Cornell University, has been assigned duties, in addition to his present responsibility, as assistant director of libraries for the entire university.

FELIX REICHMANN, assistant director of the Cornell University Library, and head of the technical service departments, has been assigned duties, in addition to his present responsibility, as assistant director of libraries for the entire university.

RETA W. RIDINGS, formerly director, historical division, Wyoming State Archives and Historical Department, Cheyenne, is now reference librarian, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

LYMAN W. RILEY, formerly assistant curator of rare books for continental European materials, is now bibliographer of the rare book collection, University of Pennsylvania Library.

GILES F. SHEPHERD, JR., assistant director of the Cornell University Library and head of reader services, has been assigned duties, in addition to his present responsibility, as assistant director of libraries for the entire university.

JOYCE D. TURNER, formerly senior librarian, Cornell Public Library, is now assistant librarian, State University College of Education, Brockport, N. Y.

MRS. NEDA M. WESTLAKE, formerly assistant curator of rare books for English and American materials, is now curator of the rare book collection of the University of Pennsylvania Library.

LABIB ZUWIYYA-YAMAK, formerly head, technical processes, American University of Beirut, is now Middle Eastern specialist, Harvard College Library, and associate in the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard.

Retirements

HELEN GUNZ, assistant librarian, The American Museum of Natural History, has retired after forty-two years of service.

MARGARET V. JONES, librarian, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va., has retired after thirty-two years of service.

EMILY HOYT McCURDY has retired as librarian, Mooney Memorial Library, University of Tennessee (Medical Units),

Memphis, after forty-two years of service.

RUTH SAVORD, librarian, Council on Foreign Relations, Inc., New York, has retired after thirty years of service.

L. BELLE VOEGELEIN resigned as editor of the Library of Congress Classification Schedules March 31, 1960, after nearly thirty years of service in the Library's subject cataloging division.

Necrology

From his many contributions to librarianship it is possible to choose two which are most likely to honor his memory, and which Professor CARLETON B. JOECKEL, who died on April 15, 1960, might have chosen himself, had it been possible to penetrate his sincere sense of modesty, as most worthy of remembrance. The first of these is suggested in his title of professor, for he began teaching at California only eleven years after being graduated from the New York State Library School in 1910—and continued an active interest in the progress of the School of Librarianship long after he retired from California in 1950. Throughout this long period—whether he happened to be resident at California, Michigan, Chicago, or again at California—his interest was centered in the student, in persistently seeking ways to stimulate the student into making his maximum contribution. Significantly more than most eminent scholars, Professor Joeckel recognized and fulfilled his obligation to discover, stimulate, and train the scholars and administrators of the future, not only in the public library field, but in college and university libraries as well.

Another major contribution for which Jock will be long remembered is his faith in the concept of larger units of service for the development of good library service to the people of America—a faith and concept for which he is known the world over. Already fully developed in his monumental 1935 dissertation, *The Government of the American Public Library*, Jock kept the idea of larger

units in the forefront of library thinking through long years of work with ALA's Federal Relations Committee, through research and writing, and through the sponsorship of institutes in the field of library extension and the subsequent editing of their papers. And, always, through his teaching. So much so that it is possible to say—with a real sense of historical accuracy—that the Library Services Act, now in its fourth successful year, is a creation of the fertile mind and persistent hard work of Professor Joeckel.—*LeRoy C. Merritt, University of California.*

WILLIAM CARROLL BENNET, order librarian, Northwestern State College of Louisiana, died January 30, 1960.

ROSE E. BOOTS, chief librarian, McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., died February 26, 1960.

SISTER MICHAEL JAMES CARTER, O.P., for twenty years librarian of Barry College, Miami, Fla., died March 9, 1960.

F. EVELYN CROWN, head of the monthly checklist section and editor of the *Monthly Checklist of State Publications*, exchange and gift division, Library of Congress, died January 25, 1960 after more than nineteen years service.

NORMA M. HAMMOND, librarian at Albion (Mich.) College for more than ten years, died February 24, 1960.

ALFRED WHITAL STERN, distinguished Lincoln scholar and collector, died May 3, 1960 at the age of 79.

Foreign Libraries

M. T. FREYRE DE A. DE VELÁZQUEZ has been appointed director of the Biblioteca Nacional José Martí in Havana.

WILHELM GÜLICH, director of the library, Kiel Institute of World Economics, died April 15 at the age of 65.

T. D. SPROD, formerly liaison officer, Commonwealth National Library, and librarian of the Australian Reference Library at the Australian Consulate-General, New York, has returned to Australia after three years service in America.

Teaching Students to Use the Library

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and the turnover is slower), but because the evidence suggests that this is the only way to reach the student body as a whole. If his time and his library are not already full, the librarian may still want to storm the fraternity lounges and campus bars for marginal users. But the evidence seems to indicate that unless he approaches these students through their professors his efforts will be largely ineffective.

Faculty members have their responsibilities, of course, to do their teaching jobs to the best of their abilities. This may not always produce the amount and the kind of library use the librarian would like to see; but it may just be possible that the pattern of successful scholarship at certain levels and within certain areas does not demand our kind of library use. We may try, through our work with these faculty members, to convince them otherwise, but in the end they must be allowed to judge. Besides, their feelings will be reflected in their

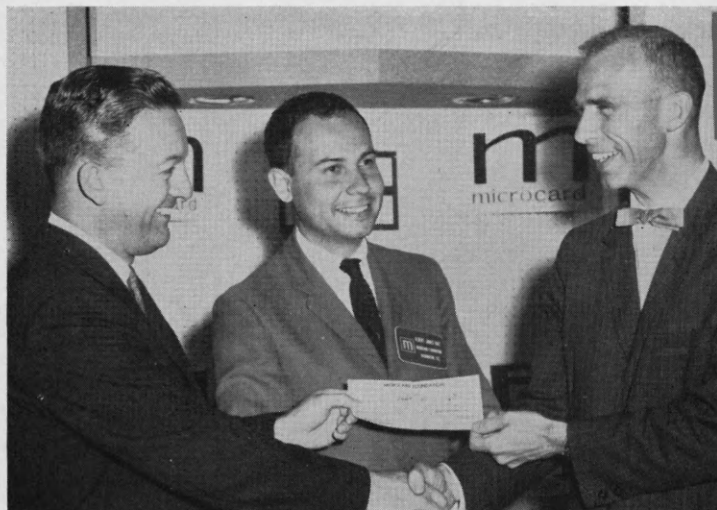
students despite efforts of the library to reach the students directly.

The student also must assume certain responsibilities. The fact is that in most institutions there already are—and in the rest there soon will be—enough “volunteer” library users to keep both faculty and library staff too busy to worry about the others.

My conclusion is not so much a recommendation as a realization of the way things are. The librarian is most effective at making a success of the casual, voluntary student contact. He should, further, feel responsible for “teaching” the faculty. But “teaching students to use the library”—“formal instruction in library technique for the student body in general” as I have defined it—this is the job of the teaching faculty. The professor should be and clearly is responsible not only for his students’ grasp of the subject content of a course, but also for their concept and acquisition of the skills, including library skills, necessary to master that content.

Grants for Libraries and Individuals: The ACRL Program for 1960/61

More grants for research by individual librarians as well as somewhat larger grants to libraries are made possible for the 1960/61 grants program of ACRL by wider foundation participation in the program and larger grants to it. Contributors to the support of the program this year are the United States Steel Foundation, Inc. (the principal contributor since the inception of the ACRL grants), the International Business Machines Corporation, the Koppers Foundation, the Microcard



Alex L. Baptie, treasurer of the Microcard Foundation, hands a check from the Foundation to Wyman W. Parker, 1959/60 president of ACRL, at the Montreal Conference of ALA. Looking on is Albert J. Diaz, executive director of the Foundation.

Photo, Inc., the National Biscuit Company, the Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation, Time, Inc., and the H. W. Wilson Foundation, Inc. Approximately \$50,000 will be available for distribution by the ACRL Grants Committee.

It is expected that the committee will make about the same number of grants as in previous years of the program. "We feel," says Robert W. Orr, director of the library of Iowa State University and chairman of the committee, "that we can best serve the interests of libraries and also best carry out the wishes of the donors of our funds by keeping the number of our grants about the same and increasing somewhat the size of the ones we make. We believe that an increase in the size of our grants will bring us more applications which reflect imaginative ways of making a library useful through the addition of a small 'extra' to its budget."

Forms for applications by libraries are being distributed this month to all eligible institutions. A note introducing the form

reads in part: "Applications for sub-grants are invited from privately endowed institutions whose curriculum constitutes or incorporates a four-year program of undergraduate instruction. . . . It is expected that single sub-grants will range as high as \$1200-\$1500. Applications may be requests for books or equipment. They should be for support of a project which is conceived as a unit within the library's program and should not be for items normally supported by the library's own budget."

Applications for grants are due to be received in the ACRL office not later than October 17. Copies of all applications will be reviewed by each of the members of the grants committee, and the committee will meet late in the fall to make the awards. Grants will be announced in the January issue of *CRL*.

GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS

Research by individual librarians will be made possible by an unspecified number of

grants for that purpose. The number of grants in this area will be adjusted to the need exhibited by worthwhile applications. Grants may be requested for work in any area of librarianship or bibliography. They will not be made, however, for any project which is part of work toward an academic degree. Grants will be made in amounts up to \$1,000.

Research grants have been made in several of the previous annual programs, but they will be emphasized more strongly than ever before this year. At least two grants of approximately \$1,000 each will be made as bibliographical fellowships. It has been the special request of the Microcard Foundation that such fellowships be established with its contribution to the ACRL Grants Program.

In presenting the check of the Microcard Foundation to President Wyman W. Parker at Montreal, A. L. Baptie, treasurer of the Foundation, commented: "Originally a librarian conceived the idea of Microcards as a solution to certain library problems. In the years following the Microcard Foundation has had the privilege of working closely with many libraries and librarians and is pleased to express its appreciation in a tangible way. We sincerely hope that our contribution to the ACRL Grants Program will allow the undertaking of some of the tremendous amount of bibliographic work which needs to be done."

There are no professional or associational qualifications on the eligibility of individuals to apply for a research grant from ACRL. An application form is not necessary. The committee invites application by letter. Letters of application should be addressed to Richard Harwell, Executive Secretary, ACRL, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Illinois. An applicant's letter should state

succinctly the nature and purpose of the project, a budget for the amount of the grant requested, the project's present state of development (if already begun), its proposed date of completion, and the reasons why funds from outside the applicant's own institution are sought. The deadline for applications is the same as for institutional requests. They will be considered in the same fashion and grants will be announced at the same time as are those to libraries.

Robert W. Orr, director of the library of Iowa State University, is chairman of the ACRL Grants Committee. Other members of the committee are Lois Engleman, Edward C. Heintz, Edmon S. Low, Flora B. Ludington, Richard Morin, and Giles Shepherd. Humphrey G. Bousfield has been designated as a consultant to the committee, and the executive secretary of ACRL works with it as an ex-officio member.

FORMS MAILED

Forms on which applications in the Grants Program for 1960/61 should be submitted have been mailed from the ACRL office to well over a thousand libraries presumed to be eligible for grants. The librarian of any institution which has not received forms and which is believed to be eligible in the program should request forms from the ACRL office immediately. Concerning eligibility in the program the introductory note to the application form comments: "The Committee has authority to make sub-grants for any projects which present extraordinary needs or possibilities. An institution which feels that the limitations on eligibility create an injustice in its case is urged to submit an application anyway. Each request will be considered on its merit. Accreditation is not a prerequisite for the award of an ACRL sub-grant."

Price Tag on a University Library

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nold Muirhead on William Cobbett, Tom Turner on modern English literature, Harry G. Oberholser on ornithology, and Henry B. Ward on parasitology. These are the kinds of collections

that bring distinction to an institution, and mark the difference between merely a good library and a great library. To put a price tag on them is doubtless meaningless.

ACRL President's Report, 1959-60

ALL OF THE SECTIONS of ACRL have been busy this year, with encouraging results. The Junior College Libraries Section has actively supported its representatives on the Committee on Standards, effectively led by Felix Hirsch. Junior college library standards have been approved this year, as were the college library standards last year. This represents continued achievement through hard work. As a national organization one of our primary obligations is to promulgate standards which clarify and improve the conditions of libraries and librarians throughout the United States. As North American libraries are recognized as the most efficiently organized in the world, standards established by our organizations improve the libraries of the world.

The recently organized Rare Books Section, in its continued enthusiasm, plans a pre-conference session at Oberlin next year and promises to complete a rare book manual this fall to be published as part of the ACRL Monograph Series.

The University Libraries Section continues active in many directions, one of the most interesting being a study of the academic status of librarians. This study will be of decided significance to the profession.

The Subject Specialists Section has capitalized on its diversity and has already produced subsections in art and political science. The Political Science Subsection will undoubtedly follow up work similar to that so admirably handled this year by Ralph Ellsworth's Committee To Explore the Relationships Between the Law Library and the General Library of a University. This committee has been in close and influential contact with the American Bar Association, the American Association of Law Libraries, and the National Commission on Accrediting.

ACRL has librarians in Burma at Rangoon and Mandalay directing Ford Foundation experimental libraries. The successful relationships in Burma of Paul Bixler and Jay Daily indicate the probable continuation of this Ford Foundation grant.

The Council on Library Resources, Inc., has made a grant to Keyes Metcalf for four years to aid him in producing a definitive

book on library buildings. This project is jointly sponsored by ACRL and the Association of Research Libraries and is administered through ALA.

Other groups which have silently done a necessary job to make possible the running of this complicated body include the Conference Program Committee, devotedly led by Richard Morin; the Committee on Committees, wisely chaired by Arthur Hamlin; the Nominating Committee, under the experienced leadership of Katherine Walker; the Committee on National Library Week, with Vail Deale's enthusiastic leadership; and Porter Kellam's important Publications Committee. Robert Orr's special Committee on Organization has completed its assignment and has received Board ratification of its final recommendation that its duties be combined with those of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws and those of the Committee on Committees, the whole to be the responsibility of one committee.

The Duplicates Exchange Union was transferred to ALA's Resources and Technical Services Division as its activities fall more naturally now to that division.

Our publication, *College and Research Libraries*, has entered its twenty-first year and is fully established as one of the most influential and interesting in the whole library field. Under the devoted editorship of Maurice Tauber it is newsworthy, scholarly, and readable. None of the projected ACRL Monographs has reached publication stage this year. The ACRL Microcard Series, however, continues to add titles at an impressive rate.

The ACRL Grants Program has received increased impetus this year, and it is a pleasure to report for this committee, ably guided by Robert Orr, that an even greater sum than ever before will be available this fall. U. S. Steel has given the Association the considerable sum of \$35,000 for grants to libraries and has promised to match funds given by new contributors to the program up to an additional \$15,000. Through the special work of Edward Heintz and the good advice of Humphrey Bousfield, the gifts from additional corporate foundations, ACRL has al-

ready in hand over \$45,000 to help libraries across the country by its 1960/61 grants.

At the Montreal Convention the ACRL Board was troubled by drastic cuts apportioned to ACRL by ALA's Program Evaluation and Budget Committee in trimming the budget requests of ALA's divisions to fit predictable income. Although there appeared to be no discrimination in PEBCO's cuts to divisions, ACRL's were of such dimensions that the Board instructed its Budget Committee to take special notice of the budget procedures for next year.

For the future ACRL can well afford to

continue on the path so encouragingly developed this year: constantly improving standards, always giving a hand-up to those who need help, continuing concentration on better relationships with other associations and within our own, and increased *work* by all to secure money for books and libraries from private individuals, foundations, and through legislation. Our chief concern is with *quality*, and our continued effort should be to improve this profession through better service by wise people working with the best selection of books.—Wyman W. Parker, *President, 1959/60.*

ACRL Microcard Series— Abstracts of Titles

THE ACRL MICROCARD SERIES is published for ACRL by the University of Rochester Press under the editorship of Mrs. Margaret K. Toth. Titles are available directly from the Press. Recently published titles include:

GILES, FLEETWOOD. *Texas Librarians: A Study Based on Who's Who in Library Service, Third Edition, 1955.* (Thesis: M.L.S., University of Texas, 1958.) 1960. xi, 174, 61., tables, map. \$2.25.

An analysis and description of professional librarians who have had some identifiable connection with Texas. First the 335 librarians living in Texas were examined for current geographical location by county, for age and sex, education, academic and professional honors and association memberships, and experience. Second, analysis was made of four categories of librarians (644 in number) who had had some connection with Texas—Texas-born librarians employed in Texas, Texas-born librarians employed outside Texas, out-of-state librarians employed in Texas, and out-of-state librarians formerly employed in Texas. Comparisons made among the four categories covered sex and age, education, and employment. The presentation is offered in five chapters and an appendix.

KAY, CAROLYN. *Research Training at the Master's Degree Level in A.L.A.-Accredited Library Schools, 1956.* (Thesis: M.L.S., University of Texas, 1959.) viii, 1351., tables. \$1.50.

This is a study of research training in master's degree programs in thirty library schools accredited in 1956 by ALA. Attention was given to selected aspects of the research "environment" in the schools and their parent institutions, formal and informal instruction in research methodology, and status of the research study. Research instruction was found to be offered in twenty-three schools; a thesis is required in four schools; a thesis or other type of study is required or an elective in twenty-one other schools. Potential for research appears, in general, to be stronger in state universities than in other types of institutions.

TAYLOR, GERRY MAILAND. *Vocational Interests of Male Librarians in the United States.* (Thesis: M.L.S., University of Texas, 1955.) vi, 731., tables. \$1.50.

The author has made a study of vocational interests of male librarians in the United States based on use of the "Strong Vocational Interest Blank" and employing a sample representative of librarians in major types of libraries and job classes within the profession. A librarian scale was constructed for use with the Strong inventory and, when used, will identify men whose interests compare closely with those of successful male librarians in the nation, as shown by the sample. The conclusion reached in this study is that male librarians are like public administrators, personnel managers, and lawyers in terms of vocational interest, and least like engineers, artists, and office workers.