

## RBS MANUSCRIPTS COLLECTIONS SUBSECTION

AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE of ALA, in Kansas City, the ACRL Board of Directors approved the petition to establish a Manuscripts Collections Subsection of the Rare Books Section. However, because of the moratorium, requested by the Program Evaluation and Budget Committee of ALA, on new units of ALA, an *ad hoc* committee will continue to function during the year 1968/69.

The Statement of Purpose of the Manuscripts Collections Subsection, Rare Books Section, as approved by the latter, is as follows:

### The Manuscript Collection Subsection

1. Will explore the applicability of both archival method and theory on the one hand, and those of librarianship on the other, with the objective of developing a body of theory and practices for the management of manuscript collections.
2. Will develop a set of ethical principles and practices to guide librarians, book and manuscript dealers, and historical societies, aimed at:
  - a. encouragement of cooperative collecting programs in appropriate subject areas;
  - b. creation of standards affecting accessibility of manuscript materials;
  - c. creation of standards affecting the photocopying of manuscript materials;
  - d. recognition of social responsibilities that come with collecting;
  - e. encouraging dealers to respect provenance and integrity of manuscript groups at their disposal;
  - f. collaboration with the Society of American Archivists in matters of common interest, *e.g.*, possible creation of regional storage centers for selected business records;
  - g. collaboration with The National Archives and Records Service in evaluation of those records of NARS that are subject to destruction/disposal but which might have archival value in the view of other manuscript repositories;
3. Will develop, on the basis of 1 above, a body of criteria affecting the distribution within the library or historical society of the full range of nonmanuscript material that usually is accompanying manuscript acquisitions; *e.g.*, ephemera, photographs, maps, tape recordings, scrapbooks, drawings, movie films, annotated publications, etc.
4. Will encourage the spread of archival management/manuscript collection management courses in library schools, and consider support of short term internships in this field, in which the internee or group of internees will process manuscript groups that need

processing at those institutions without funds or expertise to do so; for the purpose of making those manuscript groups accessible, and information about them a matter of record (*National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections*). ■■

## RESEARCH ROUND TABLE

A BUSINESS MEETING will be scheduled for the newly established Research Round Table at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Washington next January and a general membership meeting and probably a joint program meeting of the round table will be scheduled for the ALA annual conference in Atlantic City next June. The organizational meeting of the Research Round Table was held during the 1968 annual conference in Kansas City. About 120 persons attended. The statement of purpose for the Research Round Table, approved by the ALA Council last January 11, is as follows—

To contribute toward the extension and improvement of library research;

To provide public program opportunities for describing and criticizing library research projects and for disseminating their findings;

To orient and educate ALA members concerning research techniques and their usefulness in obtaining information with which to reach administrative decisions and solve problems.

At the organizational meeting in Kansas City, five provisional officers were elected and given the responsibility of appointing committee chairmen for bylaws, program, and nominations. This entire group of eight is then to operate as a provisional executive committee until permanent officers are elected during 1968-69. The provisional officers are James Krikelas, assistant professor, University of Wisconsin library school, chairman; Mrs. Barbara Slanker, research association, Library Research Center, University of Illinois, secretary-treasurer; and the three members-at-large: Herbert Goldhor, director, graduate school of library science, University of Illinois; Ben-Ami Lipetz, research department, Yale University library; and Mrs. Elizabeth L. Tate, chief librarian, National Bureau of Standards. ■■

## LIBRARY SCHOOLS

Two graduate library schools have been officially accredited by the ALA. The two schools are the School of Library Science, College of Geneseo, State University of New York (Bohdan S. Wynar, dean) and the School of Librarianship, University of Oregon (LeRoy C. Merritt, dean). This brings the number of library schools accredited by the ALA to forty-four, the highest number yet recorded under the Revised Standards of 1951. ■■