

Brief of Minutes

Association of Research Libraries

Feb. 1, 1953, Evanston, Illinois*

THE FORTIETH MEETING of the Association of Research Libraries was held at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, on Sunday, February 1, 1953, beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing through the evening.

Upon recommendation of the Advisory Committee it was voted that the next meeting be held in the Clark Memorial Library in Los Angeles on Sunday, June 21, 1953.

Newspapers on Microfilm

It was reported that the Library of Congress was making good progress with a new and revised edition of *Newspapers on Microfilm*. It will contain perhaps 3200 entries, as compared with 800 in the first edition. It is expected that this work will be issued in a preliminary "checking edition" in the fairly near future, which, after criticism and correction and further expansion, will be reissued in final form.

Farmington Plan

On recommendation of the Advisory Committee it was voted that the association underwrite the publication of a comprehensive Farmington Plan Handbook. This work is in preparation at the Harvard Library and should be ready for publication this spring. It will be distributed to cooperating libraries and to Farmington Plan agents, but will also be

for sale to anyone who may be interested. It will contain a full record of Farmington Plan allocations, arranged both by subject and by institution, as well as an account of the Plan's history and development.

Mr. Metcalf, speaking for the Farmington Plan Committee, commented on some of the difficulties that had been encountered, notably in France where it has proved difficult to secure a satisfactory agent; and in the handling of newly established periodicals which are sent directly to receiving libraries according to classification and are often rejected by these libraries without this fact being reported, as agreed, to the committee; also in the application of the Plan to the so-called "critical areas" where want of bibliographical and book-trade organization, combined with linguistic difficulties, make it advisable to ignore classification and to assign all subjects to one or two institutions.

Mr. Metcalf noted that Korea has now been assigned as an added responsibility to California and that Northwestern has agreed to accept responsibility for Africa south of the Sahara, except for the Union of South Africa.

It was noted that the Plan has now been extended to all western Europe, outside the Iron Curtain, except Iceland, Great Britain, Finland, Greece, and Yugoslavia. After some discussion it was voted that Finland should now be brought in—publications in Swedish being assigned according to classification, those in Finnish (because of the language problem) to one or two institutions. It was also voted that Yugoslavia be brought in, perhaps with the aid of the Bibliographical Institute of that country acting as agent, and perhaps with the allocation made, in the critical area pattern, to a single institution. With respect to Greece, the Farmington Plan Committee was directed to investigate the situation and then make decisions in accordance with its best judgment.

There was a brief discussion of other parts

* Due to an early departure of the executive secretary on leave of absence abroad, a summary of the minutes of the 39th meeting (Princeton, June 29, 1952) was not prepared for publication. The list of important matters dealt with was somewhat as follows: The Farmington Plan, including a limited study of its effectiveness, its extension to the Caribbean area and its further extension in the Near East and in South and Southeast Asia, and the preparation of a handbook of the Plan; plans for the microfilm publication of doctoral dissertations and their listing and abstracting in *Microfilm Abstracts*; the continuation of the Committee on National Needs; temporary failure of the effort to get customs simplification with respect to the importation of library materials; study and experimentation respecting a possible reproduction of the national Union Catalog; the possible microfilm preservation of pulp paper books; the checking of periodicals in *Chemical Abstracts*; the Union List of Serials; the proposed ACRL interlibrary loan code.

of the world. Mr. Evans commented on the impossibility of getting anyone into Russia in the interest of the Farmington Plan. Mr. Metcalf noted that all Africa is now covered with the exception of the Union of South Africa and of French and Spanish northwest Africa. Special attention was given to Australia where we have a unique exchange arrangement with Mr. White of the Commonwealth Library. Comments were made that the arrangement is working very ineffectively, both with respect to materials received by American libraries and materials sent by them to Australia. It was agreed that the Farmington Plan Committee should ask participating libraries for a report on what they have received from Mr. White and what they have sent him.

With respect to New Zealand, Oceania, French Canada, and most of Latin America, where there is great difficulty in obtaining efficient agents, and where national bibliographies are largely lacking, it was voted that the Farmington Plan Committee go forward with the expansion of the Plan when and as it can find a way to do so. A suggestion was made that Mr. Metcalf might himself go to South America in the interest of the Plan. Mr. Evans remarked that the new chief of the Hispanic Foundation would probably be traveling to South America soon and he suggested that it might be possible to get him, at little or no cost, to look into the situation.

Publication and Recording of Dissertations

Mr. Ellsworth, chairman of the committee on this subject, reported that 32 universities have now joined in the cooperative plan which results in dissertations being abstracted in *Dissertation Abstracts*. If a dissertation is to be filmed by University Microfilms, Inc., it is commonly returned in three or four weeks to the university which sends it, and the abstract commonly appears in about two or two and a half months. No. 6 of *Dissertation Abstracts*, which carries the index, has already been mailed. Mr. Ellsworth felt that the plan was working pretty well. One improvement he has asked for, viz. that the name of the dissertation advisor or supervisor or director appear on the title page along with that of the author. It would then appear in the entry in *Dissertation Abstracts*. He felt that this information would be helpful to users of the

dissertation or abstract and the practice of supplying it would tend to the elevation of standards.

Mr. Ellsworth commented on a proposal put forward by Mr. Rider to publish dissertations on microcards. He noted that this would be an "edition" form of publication which would doubtless make its way if it answered a felt need, but he felt that it had no direct bearing on the cooperative plan that his committee had developed, which had as its principal objective the development of one single tool which would supply abstracts of all dissertations. Beyond this, there could be edition publication in any form which might be desired.

Now that the cooperative plan which the Ellsworth committee has developed has been put into operation, it was suggested that it ought to be further publicized through the issue of a full scale statement concerning the new procedures for handling dissertations which could be put into the hands of appropriate graduate school committees. Mr. Ellsworth undertook to prepare such a statement at an early date.

Doctoral Dissertations Index, First Ten Years

The report of the committee on this subject was presented on behalf of Arnold Trotter, chairman, by Ralph Shaw of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Library, himself an experienced publisher. It is proposed to issue an author and subject index of the first ten years of *Doctoral Dissertations Accepted by American Universities*, the thought being that if this project meets with success it will be continued for the later years. Careful calculations indicate that, with nothing added for the work of planning, directing and supervising the editorial operations, the index of the first ten years could be produced at a cost which the Association could afford to underwrite and which could largely be recovered through sales. It was therefore voted that the committee be authorized to proceed.

Committee on National Needs

The work of this committee, which often deals with matters that are later brought to the whole association, is too varied to be reported here in detail. Some items may, however, be mentioned.

At the request of the committee the Library of Congress has issued a pamphlet entitled

Postwar Foreign Newspapers: A Union List.

This work is now to be criticized by the method of sampling, with a view to improving the coverage of foreign newspapers currently received by U. S. libraries. As a beginning it is proposed to test the coverage of India by submitting the Indian section of the *List* to experts in the University of Pennsylvania, Harvard, Yale, and the Library of Congress. The results of the criticisms will be considered at the next meeting of the committee.

The committee has also interested itself in the stimulation of the production of national bibliographies in countries in which they are now lacking. To this end it has recommended that ALA sponsor a plan for the inclusion of librarians from such countries in the Department of State exchange of persons program. The plan has been studied for the committee in some detail by Jesse H. Shera and embodied in a document which has been referred to the ALA Committee on Bibliography and is being brought by the latter to the ALA Executive Board.

With respect to the cataloging of Oriental books in which the committee has expressed a strong interest and which it has referred for consideration to the ALA Division of Cataloging and Classification, it was reported that the president of the division has carried to the Divisional Executive Board a recommendation that a committee be set up to prepare a code for the cataloging of Chinese and Japanese books which might serve as a basis for cooperative cataloging.

With respect to the so-called sub-publications of science (i.e. unpublished declassified technical reports) the committee has drawn attention to the Brownson study in *LC Information Bulletin* for June 2, 1952, which indicates that most of these reports find early publication in regular channels. It would seem, therefore, that librarians can afford to neglect this "literature" unless they have specific need for it in its original form. Nevertheless, encouragement was given to Mr. Metcalf and Mr. Tate to experiment with the consolidation of scattered collections of this material in the Cambridge-Boston area.

The committee has suggested to the chairman of the ALA Board on Resources, Mr. Moriarty, that the board accept an important responsibility for the planning of large-scale, cooperative microfilming projects, particularly with respect to foreign manuscript collections.

Prospects for Customs Simplification

Mr. L. C. Powell reported that the bill embodying this reform in which the association has long been interested and which failed in the last session of Congress, is being brought forward again in practically identical language. The committee will follow the progress of the new measure and inform all members of the association if any specific action should seem to be needed.

Licensed Importation of Chinese Books

This subject was discussed briefly and it was noted that participants in the cooperative scheme had met with varying degrees of success or failure. There was agreement that applications ought to be made for renewal of licenses for a second year.

Reproduction of the National Union Catalog

For information the chairman of the subcommittee of the Board on Resources (ALA) on the Reproduction of the National Union Catalog reported on the work which it had carried on during the past year with the cooperation of the Library of Congress. The subcommittee holds that a legible printed reproduction of the National Union Catalog, after proper editing, would be highly desirable and would find a considerable market if the project could be completed at a manageable cost. But it appears that such a reproduction might contain some 9,000,000 entries and might cost, for an edition of 1000 copies of 89 volumes each, something in the nature of four and one-half million dollars. It also appears that a considerable portion of this expense would arise from the preliminary, but necessary, work of "completing" the catalog, getting it filed up-to-date, and getting it properly edited. Though such preliminary work may be thought to be a direct obligation of the Congress, nevertheless, until performed, it stands as a terrible obstacle. Even if the cost to be borne by a private cooperative enterprise could be reduced to such a figure as \$2,800,000, it would still seem to be prohibitive. The subcommittee therefore plans to ask to be dismissed—not with the thought that this desirable project must be abandoned permanently, but rather that its report may stand as a kind of bench mark for the guidance of future efforts in some better day.

It is likely that a history and analysis

of the effort to reproduce the National Union Catalog will be prepared for publication at an early date.

There was discussion of the failure of the Congress to provide adequate support for the Union Catalog; and, although with some hesitation, it was voted that a committee be appointed to prepare for the use of members of the association a brief statement which would set forth the value of the Union Catalog and emphasize the importance of getting it "completed," filed up-to-date, and properly edited. Members would in turn make use of this statement in writing to their congressmen to urge more adequate support.

Filming, or other Preservation, of Pulp Paper Books

Mr. Pargellis, who had been directed to study this problem and make recommendations looking forward to a study project to be submitted to a foundation, reported briefly. Without much conviction he expressed the view that there might be some hope in the development of a chemical preparation (now being worked at) which could be applied for preservation to pulp paper before distintegration. In any case he felt it certain that there were many important works which could only be saved for the future by some form of micro-reproduction. Mr. Pargellis had had a contact with one of the foundations which had previously been interested in this problem and he thought this interest could conceivably be revived, though he was not very hopeful. He suggested that someone might profitably be employed for a year in checking collections and determining what works of paramount importance required preservation through filming. He proposed that the problem be referred for further consideration to the Committee on National Needs. After a brief discussion it was voted to so refer the problem.

Newspaper Microfilming (especially Latin American) and Charges Made Therefor

There was an extended discussion of the microfilming of foreign newspapers, which turned largely around Harvard's long-standing Newspaper Microfilm Project and a newer Cooperative Program of Microfilming Current Latin American Newspapers which is being promoted by Nettie L. Benson, librarian of the Latin American Collection, University of Texas.

It was announced on behalf of Harvard that prices would be reduced to a uniform rate of 9 cents per foot of film. Mr. Metcalf had recently circulated a letter to all subscribers and to members of the association in which he had proposed, as a possible measure of economy, a pool arrangement under which one negative and one positive would be made of each newspaper being microfilmed—the negative to be retained by the producer, the positive to be loaned free of charge to contributing libraries and on a fee basis to others. He explained that it was the Harvard view in this matter that in most cases the number of copies of a filmed title ought to be kept down (by the expedient of interlibrary lending) and that the main effort and resources ought to be devoted to getting into this country and available as many titles of foreign newspapers as possible.

The scheme presented by Miss Benson, on the other hand, had as its declared objective the reduction of microfilm prices to the lowest possible level by the expedient of getting as many libraries as possible to subscribe for the film of a particular title.

The Harvard proposal of contributions to a pool which would open the way for free interlibrary lending among contributors evidently aroused some misgivings upon legal grounds among representatives of state institutions, but Mr. Coney expressed the view that if the plan was regarded as sound and desirable a way could certainly be found for state institutions to participate in it. Ben Powell suggested that the cooperative plan would certainly be more palatable if centralization could be avoided and individual libraries be put in a position to hold the master negatives of some newspapers of their own selection: they would thus have something material to show for the expenditure of their funds. Others agreed that there was no real objection to decentralization so long as information was centralized and the plan was made to work efficiently. Mr. Metcalf expressed a willingness to have Harvard turn over its project to the Midwest Inter-Library Center or to the Library of Congress. Mr. Fussler explained current practice with respect to newspaper microfilming at MILC. He said that when a title is selected for filming the Center makes a negative and a positive, the former to be held for preservation, the latter to be used in lending. If a member institution in MILC holds a

newspaper on film which it is willing to lend, the Center would duplicate it.

As between the Harvard concept and the Benson concept, the sense of the meeting seemed to favor the former. It was thought to be more desirable to have many titles available on microfilm for lending than it was to have a smaller number of titles in numerous exemplars in permanent collections, even though the cost per exemplar in the latter case might be lower.

A feeling was expressed that all schemes now in operation were too limited. There was no real need for the concentration of work or storage in any one place: efficient decentralization would be preferable. What was needed above everything else, it seemed to be felt, was a national plan under which libraries could work effectively together and duplication of effort be avoided.

Mr. Metcalf directed attention to the problem of fees for lending which he believed would have to be faced in any national plan; and he asked whether it would be better to have a library which wants to participate and have the privilege of borrowing pay a flat sum, or whether there might be gradation in terms of the size of a library and expected use of the borrowing privilege. No precise answer was given to this inquiry, and it appeared that the question of fees had not yet been thought through with clarity.

There were several suggestions that the pressing need of the moment was for a committee which might study the whole problem and make proposals. Upon motion by Mr. McCarthy it was voted that the executive secretary appoint a committee to study and propose a national cooperative microfilm plan for newspapers and other serials (presumably foreign).

Library Privileges and Fees and a Proposed National Conference

Mr. Metcalf drew attention to an article by Carleton B. Joeckel which appeared in the *California University Library News* on November 26, 1952. It had dwelt on the dilemma of research libraries which are faced with rapidly rising costs and more and more inadequate resources, and commented upon proposals which have lately been put forward to institute a system of fees for library use. Finally, it proposed the calling, perhaps by the Association of Research Libraries, of a small and carefully selected conference of libraries

and other interested persons to consider some plan for the "greater equalization of research library facilities throughout the country."

For want of time the discussion of this topic was hurried and indecisive. Reconsideration at a later date would seem to be in order.

Cornell Microprint Project

Mr. Russell reported that Cornell had received a considerable grant from an industrial company to experiment with microreproduction or micropublication over a three year period. He asked for suggestions as to projects which might well be undertaken. Two suggestions were offered. One was the reproduction of early Colonial newspapers and of dissertations in the field of music; the other was experimentation with microreproduction on flat film in large format, say 8½ by 11 inches. It was pointed out that readers for such flat film would also require attention.

The chair observed that Mr. Russell would continue to welcome suggestions.

A Study of Cataloging Production

Felix Reichmann of Cornell, for the past several years deeply concerned with the difficult problem of adequate cataloging production, has reached the conclusion that since the middle of the last century great changes have occurred in the very structure of research libraries which call for a basic change in cataloging philosophy—a change which he feels is not yet fully realized and which requires fundamental study. As a means of emphasizing the problem he proposes that statistics of cataloging production be included hereafter in the "Princeton Statistics," and in the hope of finding a solution he urges that an ARL committee be appointed with the assignment of completely rewriting a catalog code for research libraries.

After a brief discussion it appeared that Mr. Reichmann's proposals were of such a nature that decisions were not to be thought of at the present meeting. He was accordingly requested to submit them in writing for inclusion in the minutes and later study.

Membership Requirements for Subscriptions to Journals Published by Professional Associations; and Excessive Prices Charged Libraries for Some Journals

Mr. Stanford spoke of the numerous memberships which the University of Minnesota Library maintains in professional associations

in order to obtain their various bulletins, journals, proceedings, etc. He complained that these memberships sometimes involve institutional rates which carry membership privileges for university departments and faculty members "substantially in excess of the advertised cost of subscriptions as announced in the publications themselves" and that libraries are not permitted to subscribe at the advertised rates. He felt that the situation was becoming intolerable and that libraries might be forced to the subterfuge of obtaining such journals by having a faculty member enter individual subscriptions on behalf of the library—a course which he found "morally repugnant."

In the discussion which followed there were divided opinions. Many members evidently agreed with Mr. Stanford, but others pointed out that what appeared to be discriminatory charges to libraries were, at least in some cases, really "page charges," based on the amount of contributions carried in a journal from the faculty of a particular institution and that they were used in part to defray the cost of large numbers of reprints supplied to authors. It was noted that journal editors and managements have their financial problems too and that we were perhaps confronted with an inevitable changing pattern of publication which ought not to be opposed. Mr. Parker thought we might find that in some cases 90% of the subscriptions to a journal were from libraries. In such a case it might transpire that the limited number of individual subscribers carried at a special rate were in fact doing a favor to the libraries which must inevitably carry the principal burden.

On the whole it appeared that adequate information was lacking to reconcile the conflicting views which had been expressed. A committee to study the matter and report was therefore called for. On motion the matter was referred to the Committee on Serials in Research Fields, of which Charles H. Brown is chairman.

An Index of Pastor's "History of the Popes"

The Association has been asked by the director of the library of the Catholic University of America, a former member, to join with the American Historical Association and the Catholic Library Association in setting up a joint committee to work on the project of an index of Pastor's *History of the Popes*. It was agreed that Mr. David should be asked to represent the ARL in this matter.

Cooperative Committee on Microfilm Projects

Ben Powell, chairman of the above committee, which is a subcommittee of the ALA Board on Resources, presented for information a carefully considered report which it is hoped may in considerable part be published in *College and Research Libraries*. It is designed for the guidance of libraries which can spare a part of their resources for the support of a large-scale cooperative preservation microfilm program. It is designed to forward such a program while saving institutions from the waste of inadequately considered individual action.

Book Prices and Justifying the Book Budget

Mr. Coney reported that he has experienced increasing difficulty of late in justifying increasing demands which he has had to make in the book item in his budget. He illustrated the problem with two documents of which he has made use recently in presenting budget requests to his administration—his thought being that others might find them helpful and might in turn make helpful suggestions out of their own experience to him.

In discussion Mr. Coney noted that the rising cost of books was the element in the picture which he found it most difficult to present successfully, largely because there were no adequate factual data on the subject. Mr. David presented from the head of his Preparation Division some suggestions concerning possible sources of information on this subject. Miss Putnam, representing the University of Washington, offered to supply a summary of figures on rising costs which she had gathered out of her own acquisitions work. Mr. Clapp said he thought the Library of Congress would be able to supply from its records considerable data. Mr. Reichmann expressed an interest, based on his experience at Cornell. On motion it was voted that he be requested, with others cooperating in the supplying of information, to attempt to make a study of rising costs.

Election of a New Member of the Advisory Committee

Upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee, Vernon Tate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was elected a new member of the Advisory Committee to succeed the retiring member, James T. Babb of Yale.—*Charles W. David, Executive Secretary pro tem.*

Notes from the ACRL Office

During the spring your secretary took two extended trips into 12 eastern and southern states. One good reason for this field work is the direct order of the Board of Directors to do as much of this as practical. Behind Board action lies the belief that its secretary must keep in touch with libraries in order to work effectively, and that personal contacts make good public relations. This emphasis on travel is very much shared by Mr. Clift.

A good deal of trip time goes to ACRL business—an afternoon with our editor, Dr. Tauber, a morning with Mary Herrick (both a committee chairman and state representative), a full day with President Severance in Washington—but also included are a number of brief stops at institutions which have had little or no contact with the ACRL office.

A recent chance stop caused by a bus connection which left me several free hours on a Saturday morning was at Roanoke (Va.) College. Here I ran into a very unusual and interesting problem because the college planned to acquire a church property bordering the campus and to convert the church school building into a library. The mere mention is enough to make any conscientious librarian blanch, but in this instance the proposal looked fairly practical. The president, librarian and I went over plans very carefully. I learned a good deal and think the visit was not unappreciated by the college.

The Goucher College Library dedication was a grand opportunity to catch a great many librarians of eastern institutions and a thoroughly enjoyable affair. The papers presented there will probably come out as an *ACRL Monograph*. A chance remark disclosed the fact that the college was looking for a publisher of the two day proceedings.

In Athens, West Virginia, your secretary presided over the installation of Zeta chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha, the national undergraduate library science fraternity. Those who may raise an eyebrow at this sort of thing (as I used to do) are urged to see a chapter in action. In its short life, A.B.A. has been a very potent force in recruiting and gives promise of great usefulness in other fields as well.

One day in Birmingham, Alabama, included

visits to no less than five libraries in or near the city. The stops were shorter than desirable, but the contacts with librarians were enjoyable and the discussions useful in various ways. At Miles College, I found Miss Jenkins, fresh from Atlanta University Library School, attempting to carry on a positive, original program of library service with very limited book collection and other facilities. The new Indian Springs School (private boarding school for boys) was operating the library as a real laboratory of the mind, and the whole student body was streaming out, bound for lunch, when we arrived. The library tables held a few typewriters which the boys could use at will.

One librarian commented that he was a member of another professional society and had never seen its staff members except at conferences, when they were busy with the arrangements. ALA made the effort to get out and around the country to explain its program and to learn what was needed.

At the Louisiana Library Association meeting in New Orleans, I spoke at a general session on the need for clear definition of the objectives and functions of libraries. The college sets the institutional objectives and the library must then define its proper functions in advancing the aims of the college. While most institutions have objectives in common, of course, considerable variation exists. Every library should be continually discussing, revising and publicizing its mission.

In larger libraries the various departments must be precise about their responsibilities and functions in advancing the common cause. For example, just exactly what are the principal functions of the catalog and the catalog department? Would everyone agree on a detailed analysis of the proper duties of reference? Can every professional staff member justify the emphasis of his daily work in the light of the proper functions of the library?

Even though the library functions are clearly stated, and the staff team-work excellent, how about students, alumni, friends of the college, or even the president's office? Cooperation from these areas is very, very important. Are the functions of the library

sufficiently restated, posted and emphasized so that these groups never work at cross purposes to the library?

As an example, does your library recognize a responsibility to provide students with the non-textbook tools needed to supplement classroom instruction? If so, does it have sure and regular contact with all areas of classroom instruction so that it is certain about needs? Does it leave all this to the faculty or does it recognize a measure of human fallibility in some people which must be corrected by occasional visits of librarians to the classrooms to see for themselves?

In promoting worthwhile reading on campus, is the library emphasizing the objectives of the institution? Or is the library leaving the matter of reading habits entirely to faculty initiative? What is the respective importance of one function over another, and is this reflected in the use of professional time and funds?

No matter how pressed we are with daily routines, it is important that we take some time for reflection and unhurried discussion of objectives and functions. We should be sure we are headed in the right direction and that everyone who is interested knows a good deal about that direction. A library is too great an investment in staff, building, catalog and book collection to allow any measure of unplanned development.

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Annual reports and library bulletins bring to this office a great deal of incidental intelligence which will be included here on occasion.

Kenyon College has a regular policy of giving book awards for course papers (regardless of field) which are distinguished above normal expectation.

The work of the ACRL Inter-Library Loan Committee was indirectly praised in the following, taken from the annual report of a leading eastern college:

Interlibrary loan procedures were changed to adopt use of what will become standard record form. A compact form in quadruplicate, it provides in one typing the work, notice, and filing forms for all operations of both libraries involved in a transaction. Used

with window envelopes, it proved in a half year's usage to be excellent—changing interlibrary loan detail from a chore to a pleasure. Our blanket insurance coverage continued to aid in making interlibrary loans easier to handle mechanically, while the use of book bags saves enormous amounts of time and energy.

From Birmingham Southern College came the following comment, which should be considered in the light of articles on the same subject in this July issue:

To conserve space, the library is acquiring permanent periodical files on microfilm. Plans have already been made to purchase film for 60 of the 300 titles on the present subscription list, 1951-52. More of our subscription list will be purchased on film when available rather than continuing the former binding program. University Microfilms now offers some 700 journals on film and will expand the program as libraries respond to this solution to the storage problem.

The University of Illinois has studied the problem of library fines. About 5% of the material borrowed is kept longer than the prescribed period. Of this amount, two-thirds come back within a week and another 12% within the next week. Therefore, only one-half to one-percent of the borrowed material gave the staff serious recovery trouble. The library, therefore, decided to dispense with its regular two-cent a day fine and to follow present overdue notice policy. If a volume is overdue for more than two weeks, a fine of 25¢ per day is charged.

Fines are, or should be, a means to encourage compliance with rules or law and not for revenue. This is equally true of fines for speeding and fines for the return of books. A lot of small fines can be a considerable nuisance to both payer and payee, and make bad public relations for libraries. I know of several cases where similar action has been planned, and believe there is a trend toward the abolishment of petty fines and the strengthening of disciplinary action against borrowers (faculty or student) who are seriously irresponsible in meeting their obligations to the library.

Arthur T. Hamlin, Executive Secretary.

Outstanding Technical Publications

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ACRL State Representatives

ACRL State Representatives have been appointed in nearly all states for the year 1953-54. Archie L. McNeal, director, the University of Miami Libraries (Coral Gables, Fla.), is national chairman of this group. State representatives are expected to act as spokesmen for ACRL in their areas; they will be kept informed, insofar as possible, of ACRL contacts with libraries in their areas. It is hoped that they will all be active in reporting state needs, state attitudes, and personnel recommended for committee assignments.

- Ala.—Clyde H. Cantrell (A.P.I.)
- Ariz. & N.M.—Donald M. Powell (Univ. of Ariz.)
- Ark.—Georgia Clark (Univ.)
- Calif.—No appointment yet.
- Colo. & Wyo.—Eugene H. Wilson (Univ. of Colo.)
- Conn. & R.I.—Francis P. Allen (Univ. of R.I.)
- Del., Md., & D.C.—Dorothy Sinclair (Enoch Pratt)
- Fla.—Stanley L. West (Univ.)
- Ga.—W. P. Kellam (Univ.)
- Hawaii—Carl Stroven (Univ.)
- Ida. & Mont.—Miss Lesley M. Heathcote (Montana State)
- Ill.—David Jolly (Northwestern)
- Ind.—Miss Marion Grady (Ball State)
- Ia.—Robert W. Orr (Iowa State)
- Kan.—No appointment yet.
- Ky.—Evelyn J. Schneider (Univ. of Louisville)
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- N.Y., metro.—Ethel M. Feagley (Columbia T.C.)
- N.Y., upstate—Eileen Thorton (Vassar)
- N.C.—B. E. Powell (Duke Univ.)
- N.D. & S.D.—H. Dean Stalling (N.D. Agri.)
- Ohio—John B. Nicholson, Jr. (Kent State)
- Okla.—Edmon Low (Okla. A.M. Coll.)
- Ore.—Carl W. Hintz (Univ. of Ore.)
- Pa.—(east)—Tilton M. Barron (Ursinus)
- Pa.—(west)—Ralph W. McComb (Pa. State)
- S.C.—Alfred Rawlinson (Univ.)
- Tenn.—Ruth C. Ringo (Univ.)
- Tex.—Robert M. Trent (Southern Methodist U.)
- Va.—Miss Roy Land (Univ.)
- W.Va.—Gilbert G. Fites, Jr. (Fairmont State)
- Wis.—Gerhard B. Naeseth (Univ.)

News from the Field

Acquisitions, Gifts, Collections

The Oberlin College Library reached the 500,000 mark in bound volumes on March 21, when the first volume of the *Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln* was added to its collection. The Lincoln volume was chosen for the 500,000 stamp from among a number of books on hand. It was selected because of Oberlin's close association in its early years with the anti-slavery movement. The ten volume work was published on Lincoln's birthday by the Rutgers University Press.

The Dartmouth College Library on February 13 acquired its 700,000th volume with the gift of a Shakespeare Second Folio of 1632 from Donald L. Stone, professor of business law at the Amos Tuck School of Business Administration at Dartmouth. By this acquisition, the library now possesses all folio editions of Shakespeare except the very rare First Folio of 1623.

Cornell University and the University of Virginia, represented by Mrs. Edith M. Fox, curator of the Cornell Collection of Regional History, and Dr. Francis L. Berkeley Jr., curator of manuscripts at the University of Virginia, have effected an interesting exchange. By the agreement, the University of Virginia's anti-Masonic material which had been gathered on the scene after 1827 by Dr. Samuel Bradley, a Mason in Monroe County, N. Y., was sent to New York, and Cornell's collection of petitions and "memorials" to the Virginia House of Delegates, dated 1776-82 and including letters by Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry, was returned to Virginia. The original donors of the two collections gladly agreed to the swap, because it meant that the documents were going home.

The papers of Harry A. Slattery, one-time Under-Secretary of the Interior and Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration from 1939 until 1944, have been deposited by the family in the Duke University Library. In addition to the correspondence and files relating to Mr. Slattery's own career, this collection of approximately 25,000 items is rich in materials concerning the development of United States conservation policies from the days of Theodore Roosevelt until Mr. Slattery retired from public life in 1944.

The Duke University Library has also acquired the Don Preston Peters Collection of manuscripts, a collection of over 15,000 items bearing on nearly every phase of life in the South during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Of particular importance are several thousand papers concerning the early iron industry in Virginia. There is also much new material pertaining to the Civil War written by prominent ex-Confederates.

A special room in the library of Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas, has been designated as the Dr. Carl Swensson Room, as a memorial tribute to the founder of Bethany College. This room will house the Swedish collection which numbers some 4000 volumes and consists of Swedish history, literature, biography, etc. The entire collection is being re-cataloged to make it available for the use of students and researchers.

A new fine arts reading room was opened last fall at the Chicago Undergraduate Division of the University of Illinois Library with the nucleus of a gift of 2000 volumes from the rich architectural library maintained for many years by the Chicago firm of Holabird and Root. The total holdings of this new divisional reading room now number 6000 volumes, 8000 stereopticon slides, and 40 current periodicals.

The Library of Congress has acquired the personal papers of Jacob A. Riis. The collection, comprising some 600 pieces, is in addition to a group of some 80 letters from Theodore Roosevelt to Riis already in the Library.

The Library of Congress recently purchased the Feleky-Telkes Collection or, as it is also known, the Hungarian Reference Library, which comprises approximately 6600 books and 2600 pamphlets, about one-third of which are in the Hungarian language; files of newspapers, periodicals, and photographs; and some 10,000 articles extracted from more than 800 English-language periodicals on many phases of the Hungarian and Central European economic, political and cultural development.

The purchase of 40,000 new American books which the United Nations' Korean Reconstruction Agency is sending to nine Korean universities through CARE has been under

way since early spring. Shipments started in May. The recipient institutions include Seoul National University, Chun Puk University, Chun Nam University, Kyunpuk University, Chosun Christian University, Korea University, Pusan University, Ewha Women's University and Pusan Fisheries College. The resumption of service means that individual contributions can be sent to the Book Fund at any CARE office, or headquarters, 20 Broad St., New York 5, N.Y.

The Earlham College Library has received the papers of Elbert Russell, class of 1894 and professor of Biblical literature, 1895-1901 and 1903-1915, and later dean of the Divinity School, Duke University. The presentation was made by his wife Lieuetta Cox Russell and his son, Professor Josiah Cox Russell, class of 1922.

The contents of these papers are quite varied and include the wide scope of the interest and activities of this important Biblical scholar and Quaker religious leader and historian.

Buildings and Conferences A new undergraduate library, for which remodelling is in progress, is incorporating, and to some extent, replacing the two former reserve rooms at the University of Kansas Library. Undergraduate facilities, complete with new furnishings, will occupy a convenient ground floor location, and should be ready for opening at the beginning of the fall semester. The plan of the undergraduate library is for an open stack collection of about 25,000 volumes, with only a small number of volumes to be retained behind the desk in a "closed reserve." In preparation for this important service development, an extensive buying program, selectively aimed at undergraduate interest and needs, has been under way during the past year.

The plans for the construction of the Kelsey Memorial Library at Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas are progressing. The Board of Trustees approved the plans in March and the ground-breaking ceremonies were held in connection with the spring commencement activities.

Dedication ceremonies for the new Agriculture Library at the University of Minnesota took place on January 14. Critical space problems that arose during the 1930's and the 1940's were solved by two legislative appro-

priations, and the building was completed in the summer of 1952.

"The College Library in a Changing World" was the theme of the conference at Goucher College, Towson, Maryland, on the occasion of the dedication of the Julia Rogers Library on April 10-11. Among the sessions participated in by librarians were discussions on the college library in the community and on books and freedom.

The Medical Indexing Project at the Welch Medical Library, the Johns Hopkins University, in cooperation with the Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society and the American Documentation Institute, sponsored a one-day symposium on "Machine Techniques in Scientific Documentation." Held in Baltimore on March 3, the conference attracted over 200 persons.

The first program meeting of the ACRL Philadelphia Chapter was held on February 17 at the Free Library of Philadelphia. Announcement of the election of chapter officers—this was the first such chapter formed in ACRL—was followed by a discussion of problems met in administering the reserve book room.

The Kansas Association of School Librarians and the Department of Library Science of the Emporia State Teachers College were joint sponsors of a library workshop on the Emporia campus from June 8 through June 19.

The Kansas Library Association sponsored three-day workshops for public librarians in April on the campuses of the three state schools: Emporia, Hays, and Pittsburg, at which the faculty members of the respective schools did the teaching.

A Workshop on Technical Reports was held at the Catholic University of America, April 13-18. The workshop, attended by about 250 persons, was under the joint sponsorship of the American Documentation Institute, the Chemical Literature Section of the American Chemical Society, the Special Libraries Association, and the National Science Foundation. It is expected that the papers will be published.

Miscellaneous The issuance of printed cards by the Vatican Library terminated with the 1946 series. In a letter dated October 3 to Eugene P. Willging, di-

rector of the Catholic University Library, the Reverend Arnold van Lantschoot, vice prefetto of the Vatican Library, reported that the last card issued was numbered 46-1275.

The International Library Council has announced that the subject for the competition for the fourth Sevensma Prize, to be awarded in 1955, will be "Union Catalogues—Structure and Organization of a Union Catalogue in Relation to its Utilization." According to the announcement, "The essay must analyse, for a given period, the kind of requests received by one or more regional or national union catalogues in relation to the character of the libraries included and that of the users." The author is expected to draw conclusions concerning the best structure and organization either of the catalogs studied or of union catalogs in general. The deadline for submitting entries is December 31, 1954. Further details about the competition may be obtained from the Secretariat of the International Federation of Library Associations, c/o Library of the United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.

Books and Libraries at the University of Kansas is a new publication, volume 1, number 1 of which was issued

last December by Robert Vosper, director of libraries.

An annual Public Lectureship in Books and Bibliography was recently established at the University of Kansas. The first lecture was delivered on April 17, by Elmer Adler, noted typophile, author, editor and publisher.

The Pennell Collection of Early Kansas Photographs has been acquired by the University of Kansas Library. Dating from about 1888, this unique collection of some 30,000 glass negatives records, with unparalleled completeness and accuracy, a cross section of the mid-western American scene, from army life at a cavalry post (Fort Riley), to the evolution of ladies' hats. At present 4400 prints have been made.

The University of Arizona Library is compiling an index to Arizona news in the *Arizona Daily Star* of Tucson. The index is being compiled on a current basis beginning with January 1, 1953. With the cooperation of the *Star* it is hoped to mimeograph the index at the end of the year, and to distribute

copies to Arizona libraries and to a few other institutions.

The University of Utah Library has been microfilming back files of all the weekly newspapers in the state. Unfortunately, most of the papers published in Utah prior to 1900 have completely disappeared. Libraries may secure positive copies from the University of Utah Library at 1½ cents a page. If several titles are ordered at once a slightly lower rate may be possible. The University Library is also now receiving films of all the weekly newspapers at the end of each year.

A bibliography of the Widtsoe Collection on Mormon and Utah history at the University of Utah is in preparation. It will be arranged under subject headings worked out at the University, and an expanded decimal classification for the Mormons is also included. The volume will be available by purchase and on exchange.

The *Journal of Discourses*, which includes the various talks given to Mormon conferences in Utah from 1850 to about 1876, is now available on microfilm and can be purchased from the Deseret Book Company in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Penguin Books Inc., 3300 Clepper Mill Road, Baltimore, Maryland, has issued a revised listing of Penguin and Pelican books. Copies are available on card or paper. The books are inexpensively priced.

Documentation, Inc., 1830 Jefferson Place, N.W., Washington 6, D.C., will issue this summer the first volume of a new series, *Studies in Coordinate Indexing*. It will include the following papers: The Theory and Practice of Documentation; Functional Approach to Bibliographic Organization; A Critique and a Proposal; Specificity in Subject Headings and Coordinate Indexing; Unit Terms in Coordinate Indexing; The Logical Structure of Coordinate Indexing; Alphabetic Subject Indexes and Coordinate Subject Indexes: An Experimental Comparison; The Choice of Unit Terms for a Coordinate Index of Scientific and Technical Reports; Substitutes for the Card Catalog; Classification and Categorization in Information Systems; and The Evaluation of Information Systems. The volume is priced at \$3.00; prepublication orders are \$2.50.

North Carolina Authors: A Selective Handbook is a recent publication of the Library Extension Department of the University of

North Carolina Library. (Chapel Hill, 1952. xv, 136p. \$1.50 paper, \$3.00 cloth). Prepared by a Joint Committee of the North Carolina English Teachers Association and the North Carolina Library Association, the handbook is designed to fill a need for a reference book about North Carolina writers for the use principally of teachers and librarians. Limited to authors whose work has been mostly literary, the handbook includes accounts of more than 160 authors, living and dead. Each biographical sketch includes an account of the writer and his work, a list of his writings, and selected references where further information may be found. Sketches are signed except for the more than 82 autobiographical accounts submitted by living writers. While not all librarians will agree with the selections included or omitted, the handbook provides a ready reference source for information on many North Carolina authors not easily found in other standard sources.

The December, 1952, issue of the *Journal of Cataloging and Classification* contains the papers which were presented at the symposium on subject headings, July 1-2, at the ALA Division of Cataloging and Classification meetings in New York.

Crete: A Case Study of an Undeveloped Area, by Leland G. Allbaugh, has been issued by the Princeton University Press (1953, 572p., maps, \$7.50). This is a report of a study carried out by the Rockefeller Foundation in an effort to discover what kinds of assistance can be usefully given to undeveloped areas.

George Williamson is the author of *A Reader's Guide to T. S. Eliot* (New York, Noonday Press, 1953, 240p. \$3.50). This is a poem-by-poem analysis designed to clarify the structure and meaning of Eliot's works. The volume contains an "Index of Poems."

Painting, music, theatre, dance, literature, sculpture and architecture are all treated in *7 Arts*, an unusual paper-bound anthology of articles from leaders in the seven major arts. Edited by Fernando Puma, it includes contributions by Thomas Mann, William Carlos Williams, Frank Lloyd Wright and others (New York, Permabooks, 1953, 210p. illus., \$5.00).

Finnegans Wake by James Joyce: A Check List, compiled by James Fuller Spoeri, has been issued by the Northwestern University

Library (Evanston, 1953, 19p.).

Copies of *Clue*, the student handbook of the Brooklyn College Library, may be obtained by writing to Mrs. Rose Z. Sellers, chief special services librarian, Brooklyn College Library, Brooklyn 10, N.Y.

Dr. Carl Björkbom, librarian, Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, is the compiler of a mimeographed "List of Swedish Technical Periodicals" (Stockholm 3, The Swedish Institute, 1953, 15p.).

Keyes D. Metcalf and Edwin E. Williams are the authors of "The Administrative Structure of the Harvard University Library," in the *Harvard Library Bulletin*, Winter 1953. Foster R. Palmer has an article on "The Reference Section in the Harvard College Library" in this issue.

Guy R. Lyle, director of Louisiana State University Libraries, and H. Tatnall Brown, Jr. have prepared *A Bibliography of Christopher Morley* (Washington, D. C., The Scarecrow Press, 1952, 198p., \$4.00). The volume contains the following lists: books and pamphlets, ephemeral publications, books containing contributions by Morley, books containing material about Morley, periodical articles by Morley, and periodical material about Morley. Bibliographical description is full for first editions and the more important pamphlets, and the arrangement is chronological by date of publication for all writings except the ephemeral publications, which are listed alphabetically by title.

Stillman K. Taylor, Gary Public Library, is the author of "A Survey of the Adult Department of the Racine Public Library," (Racine, Wis., 1953, 25p., \$2.00).

An Exhibition List of Works Selected from the DeGolyer Collection in the History of Science and Technology, shown at the University of Oklahoma Library, February 2-14, 1953, has been issued.

A. Stan Rescoe of the faculty of the library school at the George Peabody College for Teachers, is the compiler of "Technical Processes," a mimeographed manual interpreting the 1949 rules for cataloging and classification according to the ALA and the Library of Congress, with card forms to illustrate each rule (Nashville, 1952, 175, xxxvp.).

Paul Bixler is the author of "Heart of the College," *Antioch Notes*, Vol. 30, no. 4, December 1, 1952.

Know Your Library is a new guide to re-

sources and services issued for users of the Air University Library, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

The World Publishing Company, Cleveland and New York, has issued its 1953 edition of the College Edition of *Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language* (1953, xxxvi, 1724p., \$5.00 or \$6.00, thumb-indexed). Based on and including material from the Encyclopedic Edition of *Webster's New World Dictionary*, the College Edition contains over 140,000 words, including idiomatic expressions, colloquialisms, and slang. Names of places and of notable persons, foreign expressions, abbreviations, etc. appear in the main body of the book, rather than in appendixes. The volume, which contains over 1200 illustrations, is in a type and format which is both attractive and readable.

Haynes McMullen is the author of "Administration of the University of Chicago Libraries, 1910-1928," in the *Library Quarterly* for January, 1953. In the same issue Rolland Stevens writes of "The Use of Library Materials in Doctoral Research: A Study of the Effect of Differences in Research Method."

No. IX of *Unesco and Its Programme*, a series of pamphlets about Unesco, is entitled *Access to Books* (1952, 23p., \$.20, order from Columbia University Press, New York.)

Kenneth J. LaBudde, director of libraries, University of Kansas City, is the author of "Faculty Status of College Librarians in Missouri," *Missouri Library Association Quarterly*, December, 1952.

The Library of Congress has published *War and Postwar Greece*, an analysis of conditions in Greece based on contemporary Greek literature, by Floyd A. Spencer, consultant (1952, 175p., \$1.15, order from Card Division).

Unesco has issued *Theses in the Social Sciences: An International Analytical Catalogue of Unpublished Doctorate Theses, 1940-1950* (1952, 236p., \$1.25, order from Columbia University Press, New York).

The *Yale Daily News* has published *Seventy-Five, A Study of a Generation in Transition*, in connection with its 75th anniversary (New Haven, 1953, 212p., \$2.00, bound, \$4.00). The volume, which consists of separate papers by various individuals, is divided into four parts: I, Higher Education at Yale; II, The Yale Man; III, The Yale

Man and the Post-War 'Condition'; and IV, The Yale Pioneers and Their Challenge.

The major role in international affairs which the United States is now playing continues to be reflected in the work of the Library of Congress. In the *Annual Report of the Librarian of Congress for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1952* (Superintendent of Documents, \$2.25), a chapter on "Cooperative Bibliographical Projects" appears for the first time, summarizing the Library's participation in both national and international attempts at bibliographic control. A section on "External Relations," a part of the *Report* for the first time in 1950, reappears and serves to underline the importance of this phase of the Library's activity, in which it is frequently the major representative abroad of the profession in this country. The *Report* turns also to the internal organization of the Library and traces the development of the Serial Record, the means by which control is sought over the 2,000,000 serial items which are received annually. The figures given for the collections indicate some 31,000,000 items now in the library, of which 9,500,000 are volumes and pamphlets.

The 19th edition of *Doctoral Dissertations Accepted by American Universities: 1951-1952*, compiled by Arnold H. Trotier and Marian Harman, has been published by the H. W. Wilson Co. (269p., \$5.00). The new volume lists a total of 7661 theses, a number exceeding last year's total by 184 and the previous year's by 1151.

The Yale University Library has the following publications available for sale: *The Journal of John Udell* (\$4.00); *The William Robertson Coe Collection of Western Americana*, by Edward Eberstadt (\$3.00); *A Stevenson Library*, compiled by George L. McKay, 2v. (\$10.00 each); and *The Scroll of Antiochus* (\$4.00). Available from the Yale University Press is the following: *A Catalogue of Manuscripts in the Collection of Western Americana Founded by William Robertson Coe*. Yale University Library. Compiled by Mary C. Withington (\$10.00).

The *Actes* for the 18th session of the International Library Committee, held in Copenhagen, September 25-27, 1952, have recently appeared. In addition to the records of the meetings, the volume contains the revised statutes of the International Federation of Library Associations. One of the changes

made is in the name of the executive body of the association, which is now to be known as the International Library Council. Included in the annexes to the *Actes* are reports by L. Brummel on international library loans and on union catalogs, by J. H. P. Pafford on visits and exchanges of librarians, and by Mme. Suzanne Briet on the education of librarians and documentalists. The 1953 session of the Council was held in Vienna, June 10-13.

Henry Schuman, Inc., 20 E. 70th St., New York City 21, is now issuing *Schuman's College Paper Backs*, a series of brief historical studies. Priced at \$1.00 each, the first five titles are: *What is History?* and *Social Evolution* (both by V. Gordon Childe), *From Savagery to Civilization*, by Grahame Clark, *The Decline of the Roman Empire in the West*, by Frank W. Walbank, and *Feudal Order*, by Marion Gibbs.

Two new titles in *The Life, Literature and Thought Library* series of Barnes & Noble are *Elizabethan Lyrics: A Critical Anthology*, edited by Kenneth Muir, and *English Pastoral Poetry, from the Beginnings to Marvell*, edited by Frank Kermode. Each is priced at \$2.50.

The tenth in a series of publications planned to help fill the gaps in American information on Iron-Curtain Europe is *Mid-Europe: A Selective Bibliography*, compiled by Dr. Jirina Sztachova, issued by the Mid-European Studies Center of the National Committee for a Free Europe, Inc.

ACRL Monographs

Publication is announced of the following:

#8. *Bibliographical Style Manuals: a Guide to their Use in Documentation and Research*, by Mary R. Kinney, assoc. prof. of Library Science at Simmons College (price 60¢). This will be of special importance to librarians giving instruction in the use of the library, doing reference work, and to all people doing research work in libraries or scholarly writing. It has particular usefulness to special librarians and documentalists.

#9. *A Recommended List of Basic Periodicals in Engineering and the Engineering Sciences*, prepared by a special committee of the ACRL Pure and Applied Science Section under the chairmanship of William H. Hyde, librarian and professor of Library Science at the Illinois Institute of Technology (price

75¢). This highly selective list is designed to strike a middle ground between the needs for undergraduate work and the specialist in industry. It should be useful to all libraries with any engineering interests, whether public, college of industrial. For some libraries, it will serve as a buying guide and for others as a basic list to check against holdings.

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July Issue *C&RL*

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Personnel

ROBERT W. SEVERANCE, president of the Association of College and Reference Libraries, became deputy director of the Army



Major Severance

Library in the Pentagon at the end of March. In so doing Major Severance reverted to inactive status in the Air Force, where he had been serving for two years as information services officer at the Human Resources Research Center, Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio,

Texas. He also resigned his position as director of the Baylor University Library, which he has held since 1940.

Born in Florence, South Carolina in 1907, President Severance received his B.A. from Furman in 1928 and M.A. from the University of Virginia in 1929. After two years of teaching history at Judson College he went to George Peabody College for his B.S. in L.S. He served on the staffs of the Lawson McGhee Library (Knoxville) and North Carolina State College Library (Raleigh), before he became librarian and professor of library science at John B. Stetson University DeLand, Florida, in 1936. He left this position in 1940 to go to Baylor. He served in the Army Air Force during the war and is a Fellow in the Royal Society of Arts (British).

Mr. Severance is a past president of the Florida Library Association and the Texas Library Association and has served in numerous other capacities in these associations as well as the American Library Association and ACRL. He is a past editor of the *Texas Library Journal* and has been active in the American Association of University Professors. He has three children, all of whom are graduating from school this year (one each from grammar school, junior high, and high school). Also, if you please, Mrs. Severance will be in cap and gown for a second M.A. Consuming personal interests are golf, camping trips, and a very complete collection of editions of Samuel Butler's *Hudibras*.

To his new position Mr. Severance brings experience in military needs and methods, a sound knowledge of research library operations, and a very unusual background of leadership in state and national professional circles. The Pentagon library has in the past ten years become an important part of national defense. Those who know Bob only by reputation will be pleased that one of his professional attainments has accepted this responsibility; those of us who have in one way or another worked with him will feel that the Army has done extraordinarily well in filling this position. His sound professional judgment, tact, analytical powers, sense of responsibility, and warm, human heart combine to win the respect of all and the devotion of those who work under him.—*Arthur T. Hamlin*.

DR. ANDREW EATON, formerly associate director of libraries at Louisiana State University, is now director of libraries, Washington University, St. Louis.

Dr. Eaton served six years at L. S. U. as associate director of libraries and one year as chief reference librarian. Previously he held positions in the Rochester Public Library and the Lawrence College Library. Dr. Eaton is a graduate of the College of Wooster (A.B., 1935), of the University of Michigan Library School (A.B.L.S., 1936), and of the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago



Andrew Eaton

(Ph.D., 1944). In addition to serving as administrator of branch libraries and assisting the director of libraries in studying library research needs, he edited *Newspaper Files in the Louisiana State University Library* (1947) and *List of Scientific and Technical Serials in Louisiana State University Library* (1949), and has had over-all charge of developing the library's program of filming Louisiana newspapers. This program is described by Dr. Eaton in some detail in a recent article en-

titled "Toward a State-Wide Newspaper Microfilming Program" (*College and Research Libraries*, January, 1953).

During summer sessions Dr. Eaton has taught in library schools at Columbia University (1947), at Florida State University (1948), Louisiana State University Library School (1949), and the University of North Carolina (1952). During the past year, he served as chairman of the Louisiana State University Press Committee. He has also served as a member of the important Board on Resources of American Libraries (American Library Association), the executive board of the Louisiana Library Association, the board of directors of the Association of College and Reference Libraries, and the Council of the American Library Association.

Dr. Eaton has made a splendid record at L. S. U. The library staff wishes him and his family continued success and happiness in his new position.—*Guy R. Lyle*.

On April 1, 1953, Dr. Hensley C. Woodbridge, formerly of the reference department of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, became head librarian of Murray State College at Murray, Kentucky. Dr. Woodbridge received his A.B. at the College of William and Mary in 1943, his Ph.D. in Romance Languages from the University of Illinois in 1950, and his M.S. in L.S. from the University of Illinois in 1951. He brings to Murray a valuable background of research in Hispanic philology, and he has published several articles, reviews, and bibliographies of significance in *Italica*, *Hispania*, *Modern Language Journal*, *Library Quarterly*, *Books Abroad*, *Romanic Review*, and other scholarly journals. Dr. Woodbridge's new associates at Murray will find that he combines a keen sense of humor with his competence as a librarian and a scholar, and he is a profound believer in the humane tradition of librarianship.—*Lawrence S. Thompson*

Appointments

Ruth Babcock is serials librarian of the University of Washington.

James G. Baker, formerly assistant director and head of the catalog department, Alabama Polytechnic Institute Library, is now chief of the catalog and order departments of the Arnold Engineering Development Center, Tullahoma, Tennessee.

Rose Boots is professorial lecturer at the Pratt Institute Library School, where she will teach the course in special libraries.

Mrs. Annie Louise Bowman is appointed reference librarian of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Mrs. Enid Parker Bryan is librarian of Shorter College, Rome, Georgia.

Mildred W. Davis is periodical librarian of the University of Mississippi Library.

Arthur S. Devolder is head of the circulation department of the University of Oregon Library.

Jeanette H. Foster, formerly librarian of Indiana University's Institute for Sex Research, is reference librarian at the University of Kansas City.

Ralph H. Hopp is assistant director for administration and readers services, University of Minnesota Library.

Wayne K. Howell, formerly head of the circulation department, Alabama Polytechnic

Institute Library, is now with the Audio-Visual Department of the Western Illinois Teachers College, Macomb.

The following staff changes have been made in the University of Kansas Library: Kay Ewart is head of the undergraduate library services; John Glinka is head of the newly organized preparations department; Joyce McLeod is head of the reference department; Robert M. Mengel is special bibliographer in the Ralph M. Ellis Collection of Ornithology and Rare Books; John M. Nugent is head of the circulation department; and, Robert L. Quinsey is chief of reader service.

James Victor Jones is now assistant director of libraries, St. Louis University.

Hilda G. Kolpin is librarian of Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania.

Clayton D. Loughran is librarian of the Institute of Languages and Linguistics of Georgetown University.

Samuel Marino, formerly serials librarian of Alabama Polytechnic Institute, is assistant director of the University of Mississippi Library.

John David Marshall is reference librarian at Clemson College.

Jay Monaghan is consultant for 1953 to the endowed Wyles Collection on Lincoln, the

Civil War, and American expansion at Santa Barbara College of the University of California.

David Lewis Moore is assistant librarian in charge of the Carnegie Endowment Collection, George Washington University Library.

Velva Jeanne Osborn is counselor librarian in the Department of Library Instruction and Advisement at the University of Illinois, Chicago Undergraduate Division.

William Powell is librarian of the Pasadena (California) College Library.

Doris Ransom, formerly of the Copyright Cataloging Division of the Library of Congress, is assistant catalog librarian at Oregon State College.

Elizabeth L. Read is reclassification librarian of the University of Mississippi.

J. Mitchell Reames, formerly reference librarian at Clemson College, is assistant librarian in charge of readers' services, Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Benton F. Scheide, formerly assistant circulation librarian at Oregon State College, is head circulation librarian of the Alabama

Polytechnic Institute.

Joseph M. Simmons is assistant acquisitions librarian at Oregon State College.

George Smisor is order librarian of the University of California Library, Riverside, California.

Emma C. F. Smith is reference librarian of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Joseph Sprug, head of the catalog department of the Mullen Library, Catholic University of America, is on leave to serve as editor of the *Catholic Periodical Index*.

Alice Tanner is law librarian of the University of Kansas City.

Warren M. Tsuneishi is curator of the Far Eastern Collection of the Yale University Librarian.

David R. Watkins, formerly librarian of the College of St. Thomas, is principal librarian, reference department, University of Minnesota Library.

David H. Webb is instructor, University of Chicago Graduate Library School.

Joyce Wright is librarian of Reed College, Portland, Ore.

Retirements

LeNoir Dimmitt, director of the University of Texas Extension Loan Library from 1917 to 1951, has recently retired.

Necrology

Suda Lorena Bane, archivist of the Herbert Hoover archives in the Hoover Institute and Library of Stanford University, died on November 19, 1952 at the age of 66.

Herbert Eugene Bolton, director of the Bancroft Library of the University of California at Berkeley from 1916 to 1940, died on January 30, 1953 at the age of 83.

Pierce Butler, professor emeritus in the Graduate Library School at the University of Chicago, died on March 28, 1953, as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident near Burlington, North Carolina, on March 26. Also killed in the same accident was George F. Bentley, assistant to the librarian of the University of North Carolina. The car, driven by Mr. Bentley, was involved in a collision with a tractor truck.

At the time of his death, Dr. Butler was visiting professor in the University of North Carolina School of Library Science for the spring quarter. A special issue in his honor of the *Library Quarterly*, including a biographical sketch by Stanley Pargellis, was published in July, 1952.

Phyllis Carroll, senior reference assistant who was on leave from the Columbia College Library, died at her home in Hartford, Conn., November 13, 1952, after a long illness.

Henry Fickus, director of research at the Peabody Library, Baltimore, died on December 22, 1952. Mr. Fickus had been connected with the library for thirty-nine years.

Andrew Keogh, librarian of Yale University from 1916 to 1938, died on February 14, 1953, at the age of 84.

Mrs. Josephine Golden Morton, librarian of the Howard University Medical School, died on October 19, 1952.

Louise Ophüls, librarian of the Lane Medical Library of Stanford University until

1939, died on January 16, 1953.

Henry Spaulding Parsons, who retired as chief of the Serials Division of the Library of Congress in 1947, died on November 21, 1952, at the age of 75.

Foreign Libraries

Francesco Barberi, secretary of the Italian Association for Libraries and formerly director of the Biblioteca Angelica, has been appointed Inspector of State Libraries in the Italian Ministry of Public Instruction.

Giorgio De Gregori, treasurer of the Italian Association for Libraries, was recently appointed Soprintendente alle Biblioteche for the provinces of Abruzzo and Molise in Pescara.

On September 1, 1952 Eric Holmberg retired as librarian of Åbo Akademi.

William Kaye Lamb, Dominion Archivist

since 1948, has been appointed National Librarian of Canada. Raymond Tanghe, librarian of the University of Montreal, has been appointed assistant librarian.

Gina Risoldi, formerly assistant director of the University of Bologna Library, has been appointed Soprintendente alle Biblioteche for the provinces of Bologna, Romagna, and Marche.

Anna Saitta, formerly director of the Biblioteca Marucelliana in Florence, has been appointed director of the Biblioteca Angelica in Rome.

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