

News from the Field

Acquisitions, Gifts, Collections

Earlier in the year the Library of Congress acquired the manuscripts of Walter Van Tilburg Clark's *The Track of the Cat* and *The City of Trembling Leaves*. The manuscripts are in the Rare Books Division together with signed first editions of Mr. Clark's other works. The manuscripts were both written in pencil or ink in a series of 10-cent store notebooks, each page clearly showing the corrections and emendations of the author. *The Track of the Cat* fills 11 notebooks, and *The City of Trembling Leaves*, seven. By examining these notebooks students can trace the preliminary planning and procedures followed by Mr. Clark in writing his novels. For *The Track of the Cat*, Mr. Clark first listed all of his characters and described for himself the full history of each one to the moment when the novel opens. This background material is represented in the novel merely by suggestion. The manuscript also contains a map of the ranch and valley setting where the action takes place. The author further outlined for himself the total action of the novel, summarizing it in several pages. This summary served as a guide for the writing of the first draft. The products of the creative writer are frequently well known to readers. It is seldom possible, however, for the interested reader to study and understand the writer's method of creation.

Radcliffe College Library recently received seven scrapbooks concerned with the activities of Julia Ward Howe, author of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," abolitionist, author, and reformer. Included in the Julia Ward Howe material is a collection of her letters about the women's movement; copies of 10 letters Mrs. Howe wrote to the *Chicago Tribune* about a trip to Europe in 1877-78; together with letters and papers describing her work as chief of the Department of Women's Work in the World's Exposition in New Orleans, December 1884-85. The scrapbooks cover Mrs. Howe's activities between 1886 and 1910. The material, a gift from Rosalind Richards of Gardiner, Me.,

has been added to the Women's Archives, Radcliffe College Library, a research collection concerning the historical role and contributions of women in the United States.

The School of Medicine and the School of Law at Northwestern University are seeking to raise \$640,000 for their libraries as their share of the \$8,250,000 which alumni and friends of Northwestern hope to present to the University on its 100th anniversary. The alumni of the School of Medicine plans to establish an endowment of \$500,000 for the Archibald Church Medical Library. The money would be used to maintain and build the collection, and to increase its present services. The Law Alumni Association hopes to raise a total of \$140,000 to complete the John Henry Wigmore Library Fund which was initiated in 1948. Approximately one third of the total would be used for immediate needs in the Elbert H. Gary Law Library. The remainder would be used over a 10-year period for the purchase of books. Friends of the university wishing to support Northwestern's libraries through the centennial program may send their contributions to the Centennial Committee, Pearsons Hall, Evanston, Ill.

The Pennsylvania State College Library has received an appropriation from the General State Authority for \$1,408,000 to be used for the construction of an addition to the present building which was erected in 1940. Preliminary plans call for an increase in the book stacks, additional reading areas, and the concentration of public service areas on the first floor.

A storage depot, to house old or little-used materials kept by libraries of the Rocky Mountain area and plains states, is being established in Denver. The depot, situated in the old Federal Medical Center, is a central depository designed to help libraries of the area combat the problems of crowded shelves and high storage costs. Dr. James G. Hodgson, director of libraries at Colorado A. and M. and chairman of the Bibliographical Center for Research, which is in charge of the depot, has stated that approximately 24,000

linear feet of shelving have been installed or are on order. Most of this is 24-inch shelving, intended for storage of over-sized periodicals and newspapers. The storage depot was authorized at the annual meeting of the Bibliographical Center on Mar. 18, 1950.

The Alderman Library, University of Virginia, has recently acquired three subject collections of importance. The first is the Alexander McGay-Smith Collection on Music, the second is the Paul B. Victorius Darwin Collection, and the third is the Thomas W. Streeter Collection on Railways. The Streeter Collection contains material, much of which is quite rare, on the railways of the southeastern section of the United States.

The manuscript collection at the University of Virginia Library now contains more than three million pieces. One of its recent acquisitions was the papers of John Hartwell Cocke, one of the founders of the university and the friend of several early presidents of the United States.

Conferences, Curricula, Scholarships

The Unesco seminar meeting in Malmo, Sweden from July 24 through Aug. 19, 1950 will concern itself with "The Role of Libraries in Adult Education." The purpose of the seminar is to study and discuss library adult education techniques, methods, policies and programs with a view to stimulating the development of library educational services in all member states. The seminar is limited to 50 participants selected by Unesco national commissions or national cooperating bodies and federal offices of education, in cooperation with national library associations.

The following scholarships are available at the University of Minnesota for the year 1950-51: (1) The John C. Hutchinson Scholarship of \$300, given by Lura C. Hutchinson in memory of her father, will be awarded for study in library science in the Division of Library Instruction. Applicants will be judged on the basis of aptitude, personal qualifications and need. (2) The H. W. Wilson Scholarship Fund is also available to students in the Division of Library Instruction. Amounts available under the Wilson Scholarship will be based upon need but will not be less than tuition. Applications for both of these scholarships should be sent to the director of the

Division of Library Instruction, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

Plans for Faculty Research Fellowships to help young college faculty members, selected for their outstanding research ability, to do original work in the social sciences were announced in February by Dr. Pendleton Her-ring, president of the Social Science Research Council. A grant of \$465,000 has been received from the Carnegie Corporation of New York to finance the fellowship program for a five-year period. The fellowships are designed to enable young social scientists with exceptional research ability to advance their research activities early in their teaching careers. The fellowships will provide substantial financial aid to recipients for approximately three years. In each case, cooperative financial arrangements will be worked out with a recipient's college or university so he will be relieved of half of his teaching duties in order to do sustained research. The aim of the fellowships is to demonstrate "the possibility of combining significant research and effective teaching." The fellowships will be awarded each year to a total of seven men and women, not over 35 years of age, chosen from the whole range of the social science faculties in American colleges and universities. The council hopes to award the first Faculty Fellowships for the academic year 1950-51. Recipients will be selected for their past achievements as well as their promise of future accomplishments on problems involving the formulation and empirical testing of general hypotheses concerning human relations and social institutions. Every candidate must have a doctoral degree or its equivalent in one of the social science fields, must be a regular faculty member of a college or university in the United States and must be nominated or endorsed by the head of his department or dean. Detailed information on the fellowships may be obtained from Elbridge Sibley, executive associate of the council at its Washington office at 726 Jackson Place, N. W.

A work conference open to college teachers of library research methods, and college librarians interested in instructional problems will be held at Teachers College for three weeks, July 10-29. Designed for an experienced group, it offers an opportunity to share experiences, study common problems, and prepare instructional materials. Members of the group may enrol for credit or may

attend on a noncredit basis. For further information regarding the work conference write to Ethel M. Feagley, Teachers College Library, Columbia University, 525 W. 120th St., New York 27, N.Y.

An international conference of the world's leading specialists in the field of Portuguese and Brazilian studies will be held at the Library of Congress, October 4-7. The principal purpose of the gathering, known as the International Colloquium on Luso-Brazilian studies, will be to provide an opportunity for consideration of the present and future development of research and teaching in this subject field.

The New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University is sponsoring a special summer seminar in personnel administration for business and industrial personnel. The program is under the direction of Professor Earl Brooks and its aim is to help those persons who have had business experience but lack extensive training in personnel administration and industrial relations. The Personnel Administration Seminar meets daily, except Saturday, for a six-weeks period from July 3 to August 12.

The New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations is also offering, this summer, a course in audio-visual methods. Persons registering for the course will receive instruction in the effectiveness of audio-visual methods as a means of communication, the proper methods of using audio-visual materials, the effective operation of various audio-visual devices, and an appreciation of the place of audio-visual materials in modern mass communication. Instruction will be given in the operation of sound-slide machines, motion picture projectors, wire recorders and transcription players, and how to make the most effective use of posters, models, and charts and graphs. For information concerning the course write to the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

Publications An album of phonograph records, telling in dramatic documentary style the living story of the United Nations is being produced at Lake Success and will be ready for sale to schools, libraries and community organizations this summer. The origin, scope, aims and achievements of the United Nations will be

described, and the material used will be undated and have permanent value. It is hoped that many schools and community organizations in the United States and Canada will have a copy of the album by October 24, "United Nations Day." Inquiries about the documentary record album can be sent to the Education Section or to the Non-Governmental Organizations Section, Department of Public Information, United Nations, Lake Success, N.Y.

Earlier in the year the Library of Congress published *A Résumé of Public Laws Enacted during First Session of Eighty-First Congress*. This document was intended to fill a need, long felt by persons working closely with federal legislation. It presents currently a general view of the public laws enacted during a session of Congress. It was issued as No. 79 in the Library's Public Affairs Bulletin series. This type of document bridges the gap which has existed between the appearance of the slip law and the printing of the Statutes at Large. The bulletin contains summaries in general language of the legal effects of the 440 public

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GEORGE C. ALLEZ, 52, director of the Library School of the University of Wisconsin, died April 26 from a heart attack at his home in Madison. President E. B. Fred of the University of Wisconsin issued this statement on the death of Professor Allez:

"The sudden death of Professor George C. Allez is a saddening blow to the entire university staff.

"Professor Allez came to us in 1938 as assistant director of the Library School. His rich background of training and experience included degrees from the University of Washington and Columbia University, and the librarianship of the Central State Teachers College at Stevens Point. He was made associate director in 1939 and director in 1941.

"Since that time the performance and prestige which he has built into our Library School has resulted in recognition from students and colleagues alike. Enrolment is now the largest in the history of the school. Only recently the university faculty approved the granting of master of arts and master of science degrees by the school. Under Professor Allez' direction the University of Wisconsin Library School reached new peaks in teaching, research, and public service.

"Besides directing the school, Professor Allez found time to make significant contributions to professional periodicals and serve as president of the Association of American Library Schools.

"Professor Allez will be missed on the campus, but his spirit of service will live on in the lives of hundreds of former students and the citizens they serve."

Professor Allez was born Sept. 25, 1897 in Bath, N.Y., but grew up in the State of Washington where his family moved. He was a veteran of World War I, serving overseas for two years.

He was president of the Wisconsin Library Association in 1937, and of the Association of

American Library Schools, 1947-48, and a contributor to numerous professional periodicals.—*Rachel K. Schenk.*

MARGARET FIELD, engineering librarian at Oregon State College since 1942, died in Corvallis, Ore., on Apr. 4, 1950, after an illness of one day. Miss Field was graduated from Carleton College in 1919, and attended the University of Illinois Library School during 1928-29, receiving the bachelor's degree there in 1929. She served as librarian of Dakota Wesleyan University from 1929-32, resigning for further study at the School of Librarianship at the University of California. After being awarded a master's degree at California in 1934 she became the librarian of the Lewiston, Idaho Public Library, remaining in that post until she became engineering librarian at Oregon State College.

Although Miss Field had not prepared for work in the technical and scientific fields she developed, during her period of service at Oregon State College, an extensive knowledge of the literature of the engineering fields and particularly of the bibliographical services and the reference tools of the various engineering branches. She was active in the work of the Engineering School Libraries Section of the Association of College and Reference Libraries, and for the past several years had been a member of the A.C.R.L. Committee on Publications. She contributed significantly to professional literature. An extensive bibliography on the electric heating of houses, compiled by her, was published by the Bonneville Power Administration in 1946. In her untimely death the library and engineering professions have lost a valuable and highly effective worker.—*William H. Carlson.*

C. Louise Roewekamp, librarian of the East Los Angeles Junior College and active in the Junior College Libraries Section of A.C.R.L., died on May 6, 1950.

Appointments

Dr. Raymund L. Zwemer, executive secretary of the National Academy of Sciences and

of the National Research Council since 1947, has been appointed chief of the Science Di-

vision of the Library of Congress and consultant in biology.

David K. Berninghausen, head of Cooper Union's Division of Libraries, has been appointed an Education Fellow in the Harvard Graduate School of Education for 1950-51. During Mr. Berninghausen's leave of absence, Harold C. Whitford will be acting librarian.

T. D. Kendrick, keeper of the Department of British Antiquities of the British Museum, has been named director and principal librarian of the museum in succession to Sir John Forsdyke, who is retiring after holding the directorship for 14 years.

Dr. Gertrude Rathbone Jasper is on special leave from Hunter College in New York to become assistant professor of library science at Pratt Institute.

Lucille Simcoe has resigned her position as acting head of the Reference Department in Duke University Library to become order librarian at the Virginia State Library.

Richard W. Morin, executive officer of Dartmouth College since 1948, has succeeded Nathaniel L. Goodrich as librarian of the college. Mr. Goodrich is retiring after serving as Dartmouth's librarian since 1912.

Dr. Hazel Pulling, of the University of Southern California, has been appointed assistant dean of the Library School of Florida State University at Tallahassee.

Walter W. Wright, formerly head of the Circulation Department of the University of Pennsylvania Library, has been promoted to the position as assistant librarian of the Service Division, succeeding Arthur T. Hamlin.

Stanley McElderry has joined the staff of the University of Minnesota as circulation librarian and assistant professor.

Frances L. Moak, formerly librarian of the Charity Hospital School of Nursing in New Orleans, is now librarian of the State Teachers College in Livingston, Alabama.

Retirements

Harriet E. Howe retires this year from the directorship of the University of Denver School of Librarianship with the title of professor emeritus. Beginning with the summer session, Donald E. Strout will become director of the school in addition to his present duties as director of the University Libraries. He

holds the Ph.D. degree in Classics from the University of Illinois and took his library degree later at the University of Michigan. Mr. Strout came to Denver in the fall of 1948 from the Division of Library Instruction of the University of Minnesota.

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laws enacted during the first session of the eighty-first Congress. Copies may be purchased from the Card Division, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D. C., at 70¢ each.

Other recent Library of Congress publications are *Planning National Defense, 1950 to 1970*, by S. Arthur Devan (Public Affairs Bulletin No. 75); *Newspapers Currently Received, September, 1949* (free to libraries, apply to Information and Publications Office); *The United States Capitol: A Selected List of References*, compiled by Alice Duncan Brown; *Fiscal and Budgetary Phases of Research: A Selected List of References*, compiled by Helen D. Jones; and *The Study and Teaching of Slavic Languages: A Selected List of Refer-*

ences, compiled by John T. Dorosh.

The U. S. Department of State has issued *International Protection of Works of Art and Historic Monuments*, by Charles de Visscher; English translation edited by Ardelia R. Hall. (Order from Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D.C., price 25¢.)

Aslib (4, Palace Gate, London, W.S.) has issued another of its *Guides to Sources of Information in Great Britain*. This is No. 4, "Textiles and Allied Interests." (Price, 12s. 6d. net, 10s. to Aslib members). A new feature of this latest guide is that details of the classification used in the libraries covering this field have been included, as well as details of their document reproduction facilities.