who, having made great contributions and reputations, relaxed their vigilance over the whole in order to pursue one aspect which particularly appealed to them or in which they were particularly gifted" (p. 179). And in speaking of the Newberry's cataloging arrearage he remarks, "It is always difficult for a layman to understand that cataloging takes time and a certain amount of backlog is a necessity to efficient operation of a cataloging department." Not that Williamson excuses some of Poole's mistakes; he has given as objective a view as a biographer probably can, and there is no special pleading to cover his subject's weaknesses.

The reviewer shall resist the temptation to cover the final chapter with Williamson's evaluation of Poole's contribution to professional life. This is an excellent biography, well written and thorough, and every librarian ought to read it for himself.—Edward G. Holley, University of Houston.

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