

News from

East The Library of Congress will henceforth publish a part of its annual report in quarterly instead of annual form for the convenience of members of Congress, officers of government, and the scholarly world generally. The new *Quarterly Journal of Current Acquisitions*, the first issue of which appeared in the fall, will describe the more important additions to the library's collections during each three-month period.

The Yale University Library, Bernard Knollenberg, librarian, has received as a gift from Mr. William Odom a collection of more than 2600 volumes on Italian travels, letters, and memoirs pertaining to Italy in the seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth centuries.

Through the generosity of Mr. William S. Mason, Yale University has been able to acquire for its library 138 items from the Alexander Biddle papers, including 13 Franklin letters and documents, 17 letters of John Adams, 5 of Benjamin Rush, 1 each of Thomas Jefferson and Thomas Paine, and 91 Jonathan Williams items.

The Yale University Library has received the papers of the late Frank L. Polk as a gift from Mrs. Polk and her family. Mr. Polk was Secretary of State from July 1, 1919, to June 5, 1920, and head of the American delegation to the peace conference in 1919. Another collection of the same period—the papers of Gordon Auchincloss—has been given to the library by Mrs. Auchincloss. He was also with the peace conference in 1919. These collections are valuable additions to the Yale papers of Colonel E. M. House and will be incorporated with them in the library.

A friends of the library group called Library Associates has been formed at Haverford College. Members are to have the special privileges of the library and will receive the *Bulletin* from Haverford College's Treasure Room.

South The Jefferson bicentennial year has seen three notable additions to the manuscript collection at the

University of Virginia library. These are 11 Jefferson-Carr letters; 25 Jefferson-Cosway letters; a two-way correspondence between Maria Cosway and Jefferson; and over 200 Jefferson letters in the papers of the Randolph family of "Edgehill," Albemarle County, Virginia. The last collection numbers about 7000 items.

The Joint University Libraries, Nashville, Tenn., A. F. Kuhlman, director, have received on deposit the records of the Tennessee Historical Records Survey. These include much unpublished manuscript material collected in connection with the inventory of county archives and church records. They include also the remaining stock of the publications prepared and distributed by the survey.

The library of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Guy R. Lyle, librarian, has received a special appropriation for a year's project to organize and develop the college archives and publications as a separate college collection. The appropriation enables the library to devote the time of one full-time staff member to this work.

The library of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina has received a special gift fund from Mrs. Julius I. Foust, wife of the president emeritus of the college, for the purchase of the famous Louis Orr *Etchings of North Carolina*. Orr is one of two Americans whose works are in the Louvre, the other artist being Whistler, represented by the portrait of his mother.

Middle West The Hooker Scientific Library of Central College, Fayette, Mo., has been acquired by Wayne University of Detroit, G. Flint Purdy, librarian. The library consists of approximately 19,000 volumes of virtually complete sets of periodicals in the fields of chemistry and science

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and about 2,500 volumes of chemical books and pamphlets. The collection was brought together by the late Samuel C. Hooker, of Brooklyn.

In October the Kansas State College library received from the heirs of Abby L. Marlatt a collection of 5000 items in the field of home economics. Miss Marlatt was a daughter of the first principal of Blue-mont College, which later became Kansas City College, and was the first director of home economics at the University of Wisconsin. The collection is distinguished for the large number of early cook books, of which there are about 600, some published as early as the sixteenth century.

The Libraries Advisory Committee at the University of Michigan in an effort to provide benefactors with an informal report on the special collections in the university library has begun publication of the *Quarto*, "a news sheet for the dissemination of *interesting* information about books, manuscripts, newspapers, maps, and print." Four issues of the *Quarto* have appeared to date. It will be sent free to those interested. Communications should be addressed to the editors of the *Quarto*, Clements Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

West

A collection of historical, economical, legal, scientific, and literary material pertaining to the republics of Colombia and Venezuela and including many rare items, has recently been acquired by the Bancroft Library of the University of California, Harold L. Leupp, librarian. The collection consists of about 4000 volumes comprising monographs, sets, periodicals, and pamphlets; it includes also more than 17,000 issues of official newspapers (covering the period 1821-1931) including an 80 per cent complete file of the very rare *Graceta de Colombia*, 1821-31. The collection was assembled over a period of years by Mr. Theo

H. Crook while working in South America as a petroleum engineer.

A committee of California college presidents under the chairmanship of Dr. Aymer Hamilton, president of Chico State College, is preparing a new classification and pay scheme for state college librarians.

On November 4 the librarians of the Pacific Northwest met in Seattle to work out a program of future library specialization. The first session was devoted to a consideration of the pros and cons of regional library specialization and the second to the allocation of special fields. Practically every administrator present mentioned one or more subjects which he expected to emphasize in future purchases, and a number indicated a willingness to undertake new responsibilities. The conference promises to have a profound influence upon future library development in the Pacific Northwest.

Personnel

John H. Lancaster, formerly librarian at Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, has been appointed assistant professor in the University of Illinois Library School.

Mildred Singleton, formerly of the University of Illinois Library School, has been appointed librarian at Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Ill.

Jean MacNeill Sharpe, librarian of Rockford College, Rockford, Ill., has been granted a year's leave of absence to serve on the faculty of the library school at the University of Michigan.

Donald O. Rod is the new librarian of Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill. He was formerly assistant librarian at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.

Edna E. Bothe, formerly head of the department of library science, West Kentucky State Teachers College, Bowling Green, is now extension librarian of the Missouri Library Commission, Jefferson City. Mrs. Sarah G. Garris has replaced her as acting head.

L. C. Burke, associate librarian of the University of Wisconsin, is acting librarian in the absence of Gilbert H. Doane, who is now a captain in the U. S. Army military

government program.

J. Louis Kuethe has been appointed assistant librarian of the Johns Hopkins University Library. Mr. Kuethe has been a member of the staff for several years.

Esther M. Hile, associate librarian, University of Redlands, Redlands, Calif., is serving as acting librarian in the absence of Donald C. Davidson, who is in the Army.

Syble E. Tatom has succeeded Mrs. R. W. Huie as librarian of Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia, Ark.

Raymond L. Kilgour, assistant librarian, Carleton College, has gone to Peru for a year to assist in the establishment of a national library system in that country.

Ralph E. Ellsworth, for the past several years librarian of the University of Colorado, has been appointed director of libraries at the State University of Iowa, Iowa City.

Eugene H. Wilson, formerly of Iowa State College and the Department of Agriculture Library, has been appointed librarian of the University of Colorado.

Carrol H. Quenzel, formerly head of the history and political science department of Morris Harvey College, has been appointed librarian of Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Va.

H. M. Brimm, librarian of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., was awarded the honorary degree of Litt.D. by Davis and Elkins College in June 1943.

On Sept. 1, 1943, Humphrey Gambier-Bousfield became associate librarian of the University of Illinois Library, succeeding Homer Halvorson who resigned to accept the librarianship of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. Bousfield was formerly assistant librarian of the Washington Square Library of New York University.

Lewis F. Stieg went to the University of Illinois in September 1943 as assistant director of the library school, succeeding E. W. McDiarmid, now librarian of the University of Minnesota. Stieg was succeeded at Hamilton College by Mary M. Dudley, assistant librarian, who was made acting librarian.

Hattie Osborne is acting librarian of Baker University during the absence of Christine Reb who is on leave for the duration of the war. Dora Ames has been made assistant librarian to succeed Dorothy Bradford who is attending the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago.

Two members of the circulation department of Brown University have recently resigned to accept positions as librarians of Ohio colleges. Joseph S. Jackson is now librarian and professor of history at Kenyon College, Gambier; James W. Pugsley is librarian of Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea.

John H. Ottemiller, head of the circulation department of Brown University library, is the compiler of a new reference book entitled *Index to Plays in Collections: An Author and Title Index to Plays Appearing in Collections Published Between 1900 and 1942*.

Thomas R. Barcus, formerly assistant to the chairman of the Carnegie Corporation Advisory Group on Academic Libraries, is now librarian at the University of Saskatchewan at Saskatoon.

Ralph T. Esterquest, formerly of A.L.A. Headquarters, has succeeded John Van Male as director of the Pacific Northwest Bibliographical Center. Van Male is now librarian of Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va.

Hazel Johnson, formerly librarian at Reed College in Oregon, became librarian of Connecticut College for Women in September.

Mrs. Eileen R. Cunningham, librarian of the medical division of the Joint University Libraries, Nashville, Tenn., has returned after several months in South America. In Lima, Peru, she spent five weeks acting as consultant in the reorganization of the Facultad de Medicina of the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos. After leaving Peru Mrs. Cunningham spent several weeks surveying medical and special libraries in Bogota, Colombia, and in Mexico City. The trip was under the auspices of the Rockefeller Foundation.