

# ACRL News and Comment

*The reorganization of ALA has been progressing rapidly. Of the thirteen divisions in existence as of January 1, five were created on that date, four were reconstituted from older divisions, and four were continued from the old organization. ACRL is one of the continuing divisions, but its future within the new organization has been a subject of sharp concern to many of its members. In the two articles which follow, the President writes of the present status and prospects of ACRL, and the Past-president, who represents ACRL on the new ALA Program Evaluation and Budget Committee, reports on the important initial meetings of that committee.*

## ACRL AND THE REORGANIZATION

A steadily mounting volume of inquiries directed to headquarters and to the ACRL officers attests to a lively concern on the part of ACRL members in the present status and future development of their association. Of immediate and pressing concern, of course, is the question of how the reorganization of ALA, now in progress, will affect us. Will ACRL emerge from it with the necessary potential to develop and carry on an effective program of activities? Will ACRL be dismembered beyond recognition, or seriously crippled by the loss of important segments or functional activities? If changes are made, what will be their nature? It is quite fair, I think, to assume that if the reorganization helps ALA as a whole to new levels of strength and accomplishment, the chances appear favorable that it will do as much for ACRL.

Although ACRL was committed to the principles embodied in the Management Survey at Philadelphia in the summer of 1955, it was not until the following Midwinter Meeting that it had the opportunity to take formal action designed to bring it fully and completely within the orbit of the reorganization. As many members will recall two actions by ACRL on that momentous occasion were tak-

en, both of which were approved unanimously. The ACRL Board of Directors, after careful appraisal, voted to endorse the ALA steering committee's report. Later, those present at a membership upheld the considered judgment of the board by approving the report.

Probably the genius of one man, more than anything else, was responsible on two important occasions for the endorsements which were given without formal dissent in the face of honestly held convictions on the part of some influential members who questioned the wisdom of the reorganization. Due to Robert Vosper's statesmanlike handling of the discussions of basic issues at stake, he was able to stabilize the meetings at a level which minimized the importance of jurisdictional differences and sectional arguments by placing the emphasis, where it belonged, on the advantages of relinquishing certain chores in order to free ACRL for program activities of more far-reaching importance.

At present, certain changes in structure and functions of ACRL are assured; others are probable. It may be worth while to review some of these briefly, realizing that at best some of the developments which seem likely may not occur. As for ACRL sections, the Reference Section will definitely pass out of existence on January 1, 1957, when it joins with the PLD Reference Section to form the Reference Services Division. This will be the culmination of an objective of long standing by reference librarians who were restive about the anomaly of having sections of type of library work included in divisions based on types of libraries.

Although not a certainty as yet, it appears very probable that the ACRL Pure and Applied Science Section will be assigned to the new Specialized Libraries Division. Richard Blanchard, Chairman of PASS, has been asked to serve on the organizing committee for the new division.

It now appears that several of ACRL's committee functions will be absorbed by other ALA divisions. To name a few possibilities, it can be assumed that ACRL committees dealing with functions such as audio-visual matters, buildings, recruitment, stand-

ards, statistics, rare books, and duplicates will go out of existence just as soon as their programs can be transferred to other divisions. Buildings and statistics, for example, will become responsibilities of the new library Administration Division, while audio-visual matters will be centralized in the hands of the new Audio-Visual Committee. Other functions will be transferred whenever they are in conflict with or duplicate the work assigned to other divisions. Recommendations for such changes will be made by the ALA Committee on Organization to the ALA Council at midwinter and will probably take effect immediately.

Another area of present uncertainty is that of statements of fields of responsibility. The Committee on Organization has proposed the following abbreviated statement for ACRL, to serve for the present with the understanding that it can be revised later: "This Division represents those libraries which support formal education above the secondary school level or which provide reference and research collections of significance." This and the shortened statements for the other divisions were prepared to accompany the dues notices. ACRL will need to give careful study to its statement of fields of responsibility as revisions will undoubtedly be in order during the shakedown period of the next few years.

The revised ALA constitution, incorporating the Council-approved recommendations of the Steering Committee on Implementation of the Management Survey, provides that even though divisions by type of work may subdivide according to types of libraries, divisions by types of libraries, such as ACRL, may not subdivide according to types of library work. It is on this basis that some of ACRL's present section and committee functions are subject to transfer to other divisions.

Another principle which has been established is that the thirteen divisions will be responsible for special areas and that they will speak for ALA in their respective fields. In an important sense this responsibility will constitute a stimulating challenge to the divisions to develop full cognizance and competence in their areas of responsibility. Freed of minor and conflicting functions, they should be in an excellent position to develop the full potentialities intended for them within

the framework of the reorganization.

A third concept of the reorganization is that the ALA Executive Secretary is responsible for headquarters services to divisions and that the divisional secretaries are responsible to him. A particularly fruitful aspect of this administrative relationship is that effective and economical integration of the whole of ALA headquarters, not hitherto possible, may now be achieved. This organization also provides that divisional executive secretaries, according to their respective work loads, may be assigned staff responsibilities for more than one division.

On January 1, 1957, when the new ALA Constitution and Bylaws become effective, all portions of the ACRL Constitution and Bylaws in conflict with the new ALA Constitution automatically become null and void. The ACRL Constitution can be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at general sessions of two annual conferences. Our Committee on Constitution and Bylaws is now at work on a new draft, which will be presented for ratification at Kansas City and San Francisco. In the interim ACRL will be without a complete constitution and bylaws.

Under the reorganization ACRL will at first have few but highly important program activities. These include publications, foundation grants, state representatives, and relationships with professional and learned organizations. Obviously these programs do not fully constitute the maximum scope of ACRL activities within the framework of the reorganization. ACRL should at once proceed to determine what are the problems of the college, university and research libraries with which the ACRL program should be concerned. It seems likely that this determination will, after consideration by the ACRL Board of Directors, and in cooperation with the ALA Program Evaluation and Budget Committee, be outlined by a special ACRL program and activities committee yet to be authorized.

In my opinion ACRL is potentially in a better position now to grow and develop to heights not hitherto possible because the reorganization is bringing about an integration of the divisions which permits maximum flexibility and force of emphasis. If ACRL's membership continues to grow—and there is a strong possibility that it will increase marked-

ly as a result of changes brought about by the reorganization—and if the association's program activities develop to the new stature anticipated for them, then the reorganization will indeed be a success.—*Robert W. Orr, President, ACRL.*

### PROGRAM EVALUATION AND BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Although the official and detailed report of the initial meeting of ALA's new Program Evaluation and Budget Committee was made to the ALA Executive Board and can be reported to membership only in terms of official action by the Executive Board, I think it might be helpful for members of ACRL to know something about this important new committee, its functions and pattern. It will be recalled that because of its crucial nature this committee was one of the first new internal operating ALA committees to be set in motion under the Reorganization. The broad purpose of the committee is probably clear from its title, which suggests that the committee shall review all program suggestions and their budgetary implications for ALA and make appropriate recommendations to the ALA Executive Board for action. The membership of the committee clearly reflects the new emphasis of ALA on a divisional pattern, for it is made up *ex-officio* of the immediate past-presidents of the several divisions and the president-elect of ALA, with ALA's immediate past-president as chairman.

This new committee held its first meeting in Chicago on two full days in November, just prior to the meeting of the Executive Board, and on the morning of the third day the committee's recommendations were taken to the Executive Board by a subcommittee. As working papers the committee had before it a large and complex, but beautifully organized, assemblage of requests brought into ALA by the several divisions, both the older ones and those now coming into being, by their component sections and committees, and by all ALA central committees and boards, as well as the detailed budget requests of the entire headquarters operation, including publishing. I want to emphasize particularly that, insofar as divisions are concerned, the budget requests came to us com-

pletely as presented, without alteration or without recommendation from ALA headquarters staff. The full responsibility for deciding on the fate of budget requests, subject only to later Executive Board decision, lay with the new committee, composed as I have said of divisional past-presidents.

At this point a special word of sincere gratitude is due to Executive Secretary David Clift, Comptroller Leo Weins and the other staff who must have labored tremendously to produce for the first time this coordinated budget statement and who acted, in my sincere opinion, with the greatest of wisdom and good will in presenting information to the committee and in assisting it to understand its new and responsible task.

This task will never be an easy one, it must be obvious, and it was particularly difficult in this initial meeting because the members felt a responsibility for setting certain patterns of procedure and levels of emphasis. We had the problem of considering numerous budgetary proposals, ranging from the repair of roof gutters on the headquarters building to the desirability of a broad-gauged program to recruit young people into librarianship, from the probable housekeeping budget needs of unknown new committees in new divisions to the total implications, both professional and budgetary, of the publishing enterprises of ALA and all of its divisions. I think I can say in all honesty that the committee kept its sights high and gave particular attention to the long term and large responsibilities of ALA and all of its component parts. Within the framework there was ready opportunity for every member of the committee to supplement the fiscal information with words of advice or encouragement about particular projects. In my opinion the committee discussions proceeded with complete good will and with determined optimism.

When the committee recommendations were taken on the third morning to the Executive Board, these recommendations were received with thoughtful and, I think, welcome attention. Some indication of the practical usefulness and also the high-level function of the new committee can perhaps be gained from the fact that the Executive Board was able to accomplish its large docket of

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# News from the Field

## ACQUISITIONS, GIFTS, COLLECTIONS

A library of more than two thousand volumes, with particular emphasis in the field of music, has been bequeathed to the general library of the University of California (Berkeley). The collection belonged to the late Manfred Bukofzer, noted musicologist, scholar and long-time member of the University of California faculty, and his late wife Ilse Bukofzer.

Coburn Library at Colorado College, Colorado Springs, has received the Charles H. Collins Collection of Historical Manuscripts, comprising 51 autograph letters and documents. These relate to celebrated personages of American history, the French Revolution and the first Empire. The collection is a gift of the Collins family in memory of their father. The texts may be available in a printed edition within a year. Meanwhile photographic copies can be supplied to interested scholars.

The National Science Foundation has made a grant of \$11,700 to the Midwest Inter-Library Center to support the initial year of the center's *Chemical Abstracts* Project.

The *Chemical Abstracts* Project is directed toward achieving complete regional coverage, in the form of current subscriptions, as concerns the 4,700 journals being abstracted in *Chemical Abstracts*. These journals are selected by the *Chemical Abstracts* editors as worth partial or complete abstracting, and they are consequently asked for in our libraries. A title-by-title check in the MILC member libraries has indicated that 3,910 of the journals are now being received in one or more of them. The remaining 790 are not being received by any of the MILC libraries and it is this group of 790 which the center will acquire under the Project.

The *Chemical Abstracts* Project was adopted as a center program by the MILC board of directors about a year ago and implementation was to await the availability of funds. Shortly afterward the National Science Foundation approached the center with an inquiry as to ways it might aid. Support by the National Science Foundation will permit the MILC to inaugurate the full program imme-

diately and will significantly and quickly add to the library resources of the Middle West.

Research material acquired by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association for the use in the restoration work undertaken since 1859, now forms the basis of a reference library at Mount Vernon. The primary fields of interest are the personal and domestic life of George Washington, his family, and their friends and neighbors, as well as eighteenth-century Virginia architecture, horticulture, agriculture, and the domestic arts and crafts, as they relate to Mount Vernon.

The library includes some sixteen hundred manuscripts, about one thousand photostatic copies of manuscripts, some three thousand reference volumes, including the Jackson Collection of Washington eulogies, biographies, etc., a large and fairly complete collection of early views of Mount Vernon, blue prints and maps, and a rather extensive file of newspaper articles, post cards, and other ephemera. General Washington's library is represented by about three hundred and fifty titles, consisting of original volumes, duplicate editions, and association items.

The library is used primarily by the association staff as an aid in the restoration work at Mount Vernon but students and scholars are cordially welcomed to use its resources. Inquiries may be addressed to the librarian, Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, Mount Vernon, Va.

The National Institutes of Health has established a new program to help American scientists keep up to date on Russian medical research findings. Plans call for the translation and distribution of Soviet scientific medical information in the biological and medical sciences. Objectives of the program are similar to that of the National Science Foundation in the field of the physical sciences. Funds totalling \$250,000 were earmarked by the last Congress in the National Institutes of Health appropriation for this purpose.

The program will include support for the re-publication in English of several representative Soviet scientific journals and monographs. These will be distributed by the National Institutes of Health to medical and

scientific libraries and to government agencies. The journals will be made available for purchase.

The first two journals selected under the new program are in the fields of biochemistry and experimental biology and medicine.

Also provisionally planned for appearance are four sections of a Soviet abstract journal: microbiology and infectious diseases; normal and pathological physiology, biochemistry pharmacology, toxicology; oncology; and internal diseases.

The third aspect of the program involves selection of a limited number of monographs for translation and publication. A Russian-English medical dictionary and a directory of Soviet medical and biological research institutes are also being planned for publication.

Several rare and ancient manuscript texts of the Buddhist and Bon religions of Tibet have been presented to the Yale University Library by Mrs. G. Glass Davitt, of Los Angeles, California. She gave the texts in memory of her late husband, who received a B.A. degree in 1911, and a medical degree in 1913, both from Yale. Dr. Davitt was on the staff of the Baptist Mission Hospital in Yachow, China, from 1914 to 1918 and collected a sizeable number of rare Tibetan manuscripts and artifacts. Added to Yale's growing collection of Tibetan literature, the gifts feature a rare hand-lettered edition of a sacred Bonist text several centuries old and probably the only one of its kind in America.

### BUILDINGS

Bids for a \$1,500,000 library at Western Michigan College have been approved by the state administrative board. The new library will replace a structure erected in 1924 when the student body was under 2,000. The present enrollment is more than three times that figure. In addition, the center of the campus has shifted in the last five years to a point one mile west of the old library. As a result, library use has not increased in proportion to the increase in the student body.

The new building will seat 750 students and easily constructed additions will make possible an increase to 1,000. There will be immediate stack room for 200,000 books. Future expansion can be readily provided by the removal of the audio-visual center and the department of librarianship, both of

which will be initially housed in the new building.

Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind., has received an anonymous gift of \$600,000 enabling the institution to begin preparations for immediate construction of a million-dollar library. The gift, together with money already in the library fund, will make it possible to start construction this spring. The building will be erected on the west side of the campus just north of the campus center. The new structure will replace Yandes Library Hall erected in 1891.

### LIBRARY SCHOOLS

The School of Librarianship of the University of California has received a grant of \$36,000 from the Fund for the Republic for a study of the selection and retention of books in California public and school libraries. The study, a revision of an earlier proposal described in the Three-Year Report of the Fund for the Republic published last May 31, has the support of the California Library Association and the School Library Association of California. It is planned that the project will be completed during the next eighteen months. Marjorie Fiske will serve as director of the project.

A gift of \$2,000 has been added to the recently established School of Librarianship Alumni Association Awards Fund. The donation was made by Thomas S. Dabagh, special assistant to the president of the university, and member of the School's class of 1926, out of funds due him from the estate of the late Rose F. Mitchell, widow of Dean Sydney B. Mitchell, first director of the School of Librarianship on the Berkeley campus. The donation augments the \$5,000 deposited earlier this year for the awards fund by the Alumni Association of the School. Income from the fund will be used to finance a Sydney B. Mitchell Scholarship, an annual lectureship in honor of Professor Emerita Edith M. Coulter, and a book-collecting competition honoring Associate Professor Emerita Della J. Sisler.

The Graduate Department of Library Science of the Catholic University of America announces the introduction of a course in Medical Bibliography to be offered during the Spring semester of 1957 (February 2-May 25) and the Summer Session of 1957

(July 2–August 10). The course will be taught by Dr. Estelle Brodman, Assistant Librarian for Reference Services of the National Library of Medicine. Inquiries and requests for application forms should be made to the Department of Library Science, Catholic University of America, Washington 17, D.C.

The Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago announces the second of three annual workshops on the Evaluation of Library Materials for Children, to be held July 31–August 2, 1957. The 1957 Workshop will deal with library materials in the language arts, and will cover audio-visual materials and their use as well as the materials of print. For further information, write to the Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, Chicago 37.

Three full tuition scholarships for the academic year 1957-58 are being offered by the Drexel Institute School of Library Science. These are available only to American citizens who matriculate as full time students for the Master's degree. Evidence of high academic achievement at an approved college or university and need for financial aid must be submitted. Application to the Dean of the School of Library Science, Drexel Institute of Technology, 32 and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia 4, together with complete credentials, must be filed before April 15, 1957.

Inquiries concerning tuition scholarships for foreign students should be made a year in advance of the prospective grant and should also be addressed to the Dean.

A concentrated course for present and prospective medical librarians will be offered by the University of Illinois Library School in the summer of 1957. The course, Medical Literature and Reference Work, under Professor Frances B. Jenkins, will be scheduled for five weeks, July 8–August 3 in Urbana and August 5–9 in Chicago.

## PUBLICATIONS

*A Brief Account of the Origins & Purpose of the Chapin Library at Williams College* (Williamstown, Mass.) was issued late in 1956. It emphasizes the use of the library as a teaching tool, exciting the sensitivities of the student and instilling in him a respect and affection for books. The pamphlet is set in Poliphilus type at the Cummington Press,

Rowe, Mass., and printed at the Lane Press, Burlington, Vt., in an edition of 400 copies.

*The Handbook of Special Librarianship and Information Work*, edited by Wilfred Ashworth (ASLIB, 4 Palace Gate, London, W.8, 1955, 387p. 50s, 40s to ASLIB members) covers many service aspects of interest to college and research librarians. In addition to a general paper on special libraries, there are chapters dealing with administration, acquisitions, cataloging and indexing, classification, filing and storing material, binding, library planning, service routine, reference and information work, abstracting, publications of the library, mechanical aids, and special library organizations.

Helen Johns is the author of *Twenty-Five Years of the Washington Library Association* (Palo Alto, Calif.: Pacific Books, 1956. 176p. \$3.50). Included in the history is a brief sketch covering the years 1853-1931, achievement through cooperative action, 1931-1955, legislative success and disappointment, the library section of the Institute of Government of the University of Washington, executive committees of the association, the constitution, and a program for the future.

*The University, the Citizen, and World Affairs*, by Cyril O. Houle and Charles A. Nelson (Washington, D.C.: American Council on Education, 1956. 179p. \$3.00) is concerned with the responsibility of the university in interesting all types of citizens in international problems. Among the topics discussed are adult education, public opinion, the role of the university, the scope of present services, and a positive program for action. University librarians are not discussed directly, but by implication they are an essential part of the educational process in international affairs.

The *Library Quarterly* for October, 1956, contains the papers of the 1956 conference of the University of Chicago Graduate Library School. The topic of the conference was "Toward a Better Cataloging Code."

*Studies in Coordinate Indexing*, vol.3, by Mortimer Taube and Associates, has been issued by Documentation, Inc. (Washington, D.C., 1956, 165p.) Included in the volume are papers on communication theory and storage and retrieval systems, cost in retrieval and storage, cost of generic coding, the logic and mechanics of storage and retrieval

systems, documentation in instrumentation, and coordinate indexing.

The library staff association of the University of California at Davis has revised its staff handbook. In addition to historical and administrative information, the booklet contains data about local organizations of interest to staff members, suggestions for trips, summary of personnel rules, and the constitution of the association. Copies may be obtained from the library.

*The Bookman's Concise Dictionary*, by F. C. Avis (New York: Philosophical Library, 1956. 321p. \$4.75) contains brief definitions or descriptions of names, words, expressions and abbreviations "encountered in the world of books."

*Epiphanies*, by James Joyce (Buffalo, Lockwood Memorial Library, 1956. \$5) contains 22 short pieces found among the author's papers after his death and now in the library's collection. Edited by Professor O. A. Silverman of the University of Buffalo, the book was designed by William Watson at the Easy Hill Press. It appears in a limited edition of 500 copies.

An index to *Panorama*, a periodical published by Harry Shaw Newman of the Old Print Shop, is now available. The magazine was published between November 1945 and April 1950, and included biographical notes, illustrations and articles mostly on American painters and painting. The \$2 price of the *Panorama* index covers costs, postage and handling. It may be ordered from Julia Sabine, Art and Music Department, Newark Public Library, Box 630, Newark 1, New Jersey.

The first issue of the new National Book Committee Quarterly contains reports on the committee's activities and information on problems affecting books and reading. The quarterly is a six-page photo offset publication. Subscriptions at \$1 per year may be sent to the National Book Committee, 24 West 40th Street, New York 18, N.Y.

*Subject Collections*, edited by Lee Ash, librarian of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, will be issued by R. R. Bowker Company this year. The work will expand the coverage formerly carried in the *American Library Directory*, the 21st edition of which also will appear this year. *Subject Collections* will be arranged by familiar sub-

ject headings augmented by the names of many author, place and commemorative name collections. It will cover book resources of college, special and public libraries grouped by state under each subject. Information will include size of collection, degree of bibliographical control, funds available, form of material, name of special curator, etc.

## MISCELLANEOUS

A comprehensive study of the Columbia University Libraries is under way in conjunction with the President's Committee on the Educational Future of the University. The idea for the study grew out of discussions between Dr. Richard H. Logsdon, the director of libraries, and the committee relative to the adequacy of the collections for present and probable future programs of research and instruction. The School of Library Service assisted by releasing Professor Maurice F. Tauber from teaching responsibility during the winter term so that he could direct the study. He is being assisted by C. Donald Cook.

Organized basically as a self-survey, methods and procedures are being developed with the assistance of the supervisory staff of the university libraries. Both Professor Tauber and Dr. Logsdon are serving on the university's advisory committee to the President's Committee.

The 1956 annual Library Lecture on Books and Bibliography at the University of Kansas was given November 30 by Professor Archer Taylor of the University of California. He discussed early rare-book catalogs and their use.

The American Library Association announced awards totalling \$30,000 to be made to the authors of books published in 1956 and in 1957 that "make distinguished contributions to the American tradition of liberty and justice." The awards are made possible by a grant from the Fund for the Republic.

Awards of \$5,000 each to the authors of the most distinguished books published in the United States in 1956 and in 1957 in three categories: (1) contemporary problems and affairs (non-fiction); (2) history and biography (non-fiction); (3) imaginative literature (fiction, poetry or published drama). Publishers of award-winning books will receive citations.

Inquiries and suggestions of nominations

for the awards should be sent to: Robert B. Downs, Chairman, ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, University of Illinois Libraries, Urbana.

The second annual Murray Gottlieb Prize of \$50 is to be offered for the best article on some phase of the history of American medicine written by a medical librarian. Articles should be not less than 5,000 words in length and not more than 6,500. The closing date will be April 1, 1957. Manuscripts should be prepared according to instructions on the inside front cover of the *Bulletin of the Medical Library Association*, and should be sent to its editor. The winning article will be announced at the annual meeting of the Medical Library Association in 1957. The judges will be Janet Doe, Estelle Brodman, and Mrs. Mildred Crowe Langner.

The United States Air Force Academy Li-

brary Advisory Board has held its first meeting at the academy and submitted a report to Major General James E. Briggs, superintendent. The board was appointed at the direction of the superintendent to advise him in matters relating to the library, to recommend policies and programs to insure the maintenance of library standards in library service, and to provide a basis for constructive building of the collections in support of teaching, research, and other library needs of the academy. Members of the board are: Dr. Herman H. Fussler, director of libraries, University of Chicago; Dr. G. A. Hawkins, dean of engineering, Purdue University; Dr. Jerrold Orne, director of libraries, Air University; Dr. James E. Perdue, dean, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Denver; and Dr. Eugene H. Wilson, director of libraries, University of Colorado, chairman.

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work in half the allotted time, simply because the new Program Evaluation and Budget Committee had been in a position to give detailed as well as general attention to the whole budget, a task which in earlier years the Executive Board had tried to fit into its overworked schedule.

Thus I think this new organization offers both opportunity and responsibilities to the divisions. They can present their hopes and their plans before a regular group of their peers. And on the other hand they must be prepared to see these hopes and plans within a framework of the total program and budget of the ALA and all its parts. This will be a difficult task each year, requiring detailed and thoughtful budget preparation on the part of each division for itself and its own sub-parts, and requiring careful attention on the part of the divisional chief officer to the needs of his division and their relationship to the ALA. If there is any weakness in the new arrangement, it is simply that each year this important committee is made up almost entirely of new members; but per-

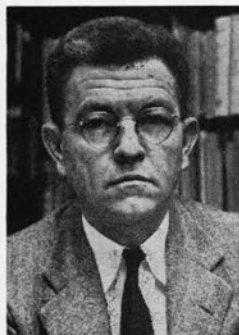
haps we can look on this as a source of strength rather than weakness because there will be from year to year a fresh review of the total ALA operation. Perhaps the biggest burden involved in this annual turnover of committee membership falls on the headquarters staff who will have to initiate each new group. Obviously, however, they are up to this task.

Finally I would say, or reiterate, that this new pattern clearly reflects a basic concentration of attention on the divisional efforts of ALA, it gives to the divisions the major responsibility for projecting the future growth and program of the entire ALA, and in these terms it presents a very hopeful picture for all of us. The job for the ACRL now is to decide wherein its best efforts should be centered, to formulate and work toward major programs serving the larger needs of American higher education, and to carry these programs vigorously and optimistically to their fellow librarians in ALA.—*Robert Vosper, Director of Libraries, University of Kansas.*



# Personnel

According to the distinguished tenth librarian of the University of Virginia, Mr. Harry Clemons, a Three Musketeer group of student assistants began working in the Rotunda during the Christmas holidays of 1928. They were Randolph Church, now State Librarian of Virginia, Jack Dalton, eleventh librarian of the University of Virginia, and JOHN COOK WYLLIE, who became twelfth librarian of the University of Virginia



John Cook Wyllie

on October 1, 1956.

Such was the beginning of a devoted and effective career in the service of books and students in Charlottesville. John Wyllie graduated from Virginia in 1929 and served as assistant reference librarian there from 1929 to 1933. After travel in Europe, he became Curator of the Virginia Collection and served in that capacity from 1934 to 1938. From 1938 to 1941 he was Director of the Rare Book and Manuscript Division and Curator of the McGregor Library. Mr. Clemons writes in *The University of Virginia Library, 1825-1950* that "he virtually created the rare book collections by an exhaustive examination, book by book, of the collections of the General Library." After war service from 1941 to 1945 he returned to assume the title of Curator of Rare Books, a title which he held until last October. He had a leading role in the organization of the University of Virginia Bibliographical Society and the Albemarle County Historical Society and in the reorganization of the University of Virginia Press in 1948. For the *Richmond News-Leader* he edits one of the finest book review pages in the country.

When John Wyllie received the University of Virginia's Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award in 1948, the citation read in part: "His services in peace have centered in the University Library, to the development of which he has contributed greatly; but by his keen

mind, indefatigable industry, and striking originality he has extended widely a wholesome influence for intellectual honesty and sturdy endeavor. The full story of his generous and self-sacrificing efforts is known to no one else, and has been forgotten by him." —*Lawrence S. Thompson.*

JULIAN S. FOWLER retired in September, 1956, from the position that he had occupied for 28 years as librarian of Oberlin College.



Julian S. Fowler

Fowler was one of three well-known librarians who were graduated from the same small liberal arts college in upstate New York during the decade before the First World War. If all of our colleges, large and small, could do even one-third as well as Hobart did, the situation of library ad-

ministration in the United States would be greatly improved, and we should be well on the way toward solution of many of our most serious library problems.

Like a majority of our more successful librarians, Fowler began his library career in his own college library. He worked there for six years after graduation. This was followed by war library work and by one year as a cataloger at Princeton before he went to the New York State Library School at Albany and obtained his certificate. From Albany he proceeded immediately to the top position at the University of Cincinnati Library, where he worked successfully for six years. He was then selected, after long and careful search by Oberlin College, as successor to Azariah Smith Root.

Azariah Root still ranks at the top of the list of college—as distinct from university—librarians, and had been the only college librarian of this century to be elected president of the American Library Association up to that time. Flora Belle Ludington, in fact, is the only college librarian to be elected

since Professor Root, unless Charles H. Brown's Iowa State College can be regarded as a college.

It was no easy task to succeed Azariah Root as librarian or to take over the bibliography classes with which he had been so successful. At the outset Fowler also had to face the difficult job of adding to the Oberlin library building, which had been the best-planned college library building of its time twenty years earlier, but was now outgrown and outmoded. Fowler handled each of these tasks much better than just adequately. He continued his predecessor's great work in building up a college library book collection exceeded in size and quality only by Dartmouth's. This was accomplished with funds that, to a first class liberal arts college in the East, would have seemed very limited, and with a salary scale that has always remained somewhat substandard. He also dealt successfully with a faculty that had a hard time realizing that Azariah Roots do not come in pairs. He found time during recent years to teach a course at the Library School of Western Reserve University, which he will continue, it is hoped, in spite of his retirement from the Oberlin library.

Fowler has done more than his share in extramural college and library activities, particularly in the Association of College and Reference Libraries and the Ohio Library Association. His quiet effectiveness as one of the seniors in his chosen profession will be missed at Oberlin and in the library world as he begins his well-earned retirement. The important contribution that Fowler made to his institution is an unusually effective demonstration that one does not have to resemble one's predecessor to be a success.

Eileen Thornton, who now comes to Oberlin, finds there a superb college library collection in a building that, for a second time, has become outgrown and outmoded, as buildings have a way of doing every twenty years or so. She will find, as Fowler did, that it is no easy task to succeed a first class librarian.—*Keyes D. Metcalf.*

RUSSELL S. DOZER, chief of readers' services, Ohio State University Library, became librarian of the DePauw University Library at Greencastle, Indiana, on January 1, 1957. Dozer is a graduate of Wooster College, has

received his M.A. degree from Ohio State University, has done additional graduate work in American history at Harvard, and is now completing his doctoral dissertation at the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago.

Prior to the outbreak of the Second World War, he was a member of the staff of the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress, but in 1941 he was appointed administrative assistant to the chief of the Division of Special Information, under the Office of the Coordinator of Information, later the O.S.S. Subsequently he became engaged in intelligence work for the U.S. Navy. With the cessation of hostilities he returned to the LC Legislative Reference Service, and following a period of residence at the University of Chicago, assumed his present position.

We first came to know Russ Dozer in 1941 when we ourselves joined the staff of the Coordinator of Information, where he made an outstanding record as a successful and popular administrator, and we have followed his career closely ever since. He brings to his new responsibilities a happy combination of sound scholarship, and an unusually rich experience in administration. At DePauw he will find a newly constructed library building awaiting his arrival and a university administration that is eager to see the library play a more extensive role in the development of the educational program of the school. Both in experience and personality Russ is admirably qualified to take the fullest possible advantage of this new opportunity, and we confidently predict for him a truly distinguished career.—*J. H. Shera.*

CLYDE C. WALTON, JR. became librarian of the Illinois State Historical Society Library, Springfield, and secretary of the Illinois State Historical Society September 1. He left the position of head of reference services at the State University of Iowa, where he had been since taking his master's degree from the Graduate Library School, University of Chicago. He was awarded an honorary doctorate by Lincoln College.

Although Walton held several posts at Iowa, his time was largely devoted to developing the special collections department, assisting Iowa librarians with their rare books

problems, and expanding the Bollinger Collection of Lincolniana. This led to work with the Chicago Civil War Round Table and, in turn, to starting of the magazine *Civil War History*, now in its third volume. His interest and reputation in Civil War history earned him a place on the National Civil War Centennial Celebration Committee and on various other committees at the national level.

His wide-spread reputation on campus as a teacher grew from his graduate seminar in bibliographical methods, and a series of instructional activities for communication skills students. Fortunately, our regret in losing him to Illinois is somewhat alleviated by his willingness to continue as editor of *Civil War History*, which will continue as a publication of the State University of Iowa.—*Ralph E. Ellsworth.*

## Appointments

GALEN S. ALEXANDER is librarian of the new theology library of Temple University.

MRS. JUANITA M. BARNETT succeeded D. A. SEAGER as head librarian of the Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark.

LEONA BERRY is circulation librarian, Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg.

ELIZABETH C. BORDEN, head of the cataloging department, University of Pennsylvania Library is now also assistant librarian, preparation division.

THOMAS R. BUCKMAN is head of acquisitions, University of Kansas Library.

The University of California Library in Los Angeles report these appointments: ROBERT E. ARNDAL, assistant serials librarian, acquisitions department; ANNA BLUSTEIN, order librarian, Engineering Library; JAMES KANE, assistant in acquisitions section, Biomedical Library; MRS. FRANCES KIRSCHENBAUM, assistant in the reference and bibliography section, reference department; MIRIAM LICHTHEIM, Near East bibliographer.

JOSEPHINE CHEN is a cataloger at the Graduate School of Design, Harvard University.

Appointments at the Library of Chicago Teachers College and Wilson Junior College: PAULINE A. ATHERTON, head of the materials center; GEORGE E. BUTLER, acting chairman, department of library science, Chicago Teachers College; MARY L. MAINWARING, head of audio-visual center; MARY D. MALONEY, assistant librarian, North Side Campus; LUCIEN E. PALMIERI, North Side Campus; and MARION TAYLOR, instructor in library science.

ANN CLARY is in the library of the American National Red Cross.

ROBERT W. COOVER is a technical reports cataloger for General Electric, Lynn, Mass.

KATHERINE DAVIS is assistant librarian at Mt. Vernon Seminary and Junior College.

KATHERINE S. DIEHL is librarian of South Georgia College, Douglas.

Duke University Library has made three appointments in the reference department: FLORENCE BLAKELY, head; MARY W. CANADA and MARY FRANCES MORRIS, assistants.

MARGARET JANE EASTWOOD is catalog librarian at Fenn College, Cleveland.

FRANCES FOOKS is loan-reference librarian at Arkansas Polytechnic College, Russellville.

LILLIAN B. GOODHART is head of the periodical department, Rutgers University Library.

FRANCOIS-XAVIER GRONDIN is chief of the department of government publications and associate professor, Rutgers University.

JAMES C. HEARON is public services librarian of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.

JANET HEFNER is assistant librarian at Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va.

L. E. J. HELYAR, on leave from the National Central Library, London, is special consultant in acquisitions at the University of Kansas for a second year during 1956/57.

RUDOLPH HIRSCH, assistant librarian, preparation division, University of Pennsylvania Library, since 1945, is now assistant director of libraries.

FERNE R. HOOVER is acting librarian and acting head of the Library Science Department, Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va., during 1956/57. JOE W. KRAUS, librarian, is on a year's leave of absence to study at the University of Illinois.

EDNA HOPKINS is a cataloger at Howard University Library.

BILLIE HUDDLESTON is in the library of the

Naval Ordnance Laboratory in Corona, Calif.

HAROLD R. JENKINS is catalog librarian of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.

HELEN JANE JONES is librarian, National Cash Register Company, Electronics Division, Hawthorne, Calif.

JAMES L. JONES is head of the branch libraries of Colorado A&M College Library.

LOUIS KAPLAN is deputy director of the University of Wisconsin Libraries, serving as acting director in 1956/57.

MRS. FLOREINE KIBLER is reference librarian of Northeast Missouri State Teachers College, Kirksville.

KEITH C. KNIGHT is circulation librarian at Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls.

ALAN R. KRULL is supervisor of the library, Argonne National Laboratory, Lemont, Ill.

DONALD W. KRUMMEL is reference librarian, Music Division, Library of Congress.

BENT LUND of Oslo is a bibliographer in the acquisitions department, University of Kansas Library.

ANNE V. MARINELLI is associate professor of library science, Texas State College for Women, Denton.

WILLIAM A. MARTIN, JR. is undergraduate librarian at the University of Kansas.

CHARLES H. MILLER is assistant librarian in charge of public services at the University of Southern California.

JESSE C. MILLS is head of the circulation department, University of Pennsylvania.

JAROSLAV NEMEC is in the American Medical Association Library, Washington, D.C.

GERALD NEWTON is acquisitions librarian,

University of Kansas City Libraries.

Appointments at Ohio State University include: MARY JO AUSTIN, librarian, inter-library loan; JOHN L. BUECHLER, English and Speech Graduate Library; EARL A. FORREST, assistant acquisition librarian; MARGARET L. JENTGEN, cataloger; CHARLES E. JISKRA, bibliographer; HENRY T. MURPHY, librarian, Agriculture Library; DONALD J. PEARCE, gift and exchange librarian; GEORGE P. SCHOYER, History, Political Science and Map Graduate Libraries; JOHN B. STONIS, assistant librarian, Education Library.

ANN PERRY is a bookmobile librarian in the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library.

GILBERT C. PETERSON, S. J., is head of the reference department, Catholic University of America Library.

BENTON F. SCHEIDE is director of Northeast Missouri State Teachers College Libraries, Kirksville.

MARY CATHERINE SCHLOEDER is a cataloger at the Department of State.

STANLEY A. SHEPARD is order librarian at Colgate University Library.

MARCIA SHUFELT is librarian at Marymount Junior College, Arlington, Va.

MRS. LOIS GIBSON SMITH is a cataloger at Bates College Library.

JEANETTE STANFORD is librarian of the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis.

STANLEY S. SWANSON is librarian of the Nebraska State Teachers College, Chadron.

KANARDY L. TAYLOR, formerly chief librarian of the National Academy of Medicine, is librarian of the new Transportation Center at Northwestern University.

## Retirements

JULIA E. CURRY, a senior member of the catalog department of the University of California Library at Los Angeles for 31 years, has retired. An alumna of the University of Illinois Library School she came to the catalog department in 1924 after having experience at the Sioux City (Iowa) Public Library. Miss Curry was in charge of cataloging for the Agriculture Library, and was responsible for cataloging all UCLA theses. Active in the UCLA Library Staff Association, she edited the first *UCLA Library Staff Handbook*.

MYRON WARREN GETCHELL has retired as assistant professor in the Department of Library Science, Catholic University of America, where he had taught cataloging and classification since 1937. Mr. Getchell received his A.B. and M.A. degrees at the University of Oregon and his B.L.S. at the University of Illinois Library School. He was on the staff of the University of Illinois library, 1922-27, and associate editor of *The Dewey Decimal Classification and Relative Index*, 1928-44.

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Widely known as an authority on cataloging and classification, Mr. Getchell has made many contributions to professional journals.

MRS. EILEEN R. CUNNINGHAM has retired as librarian of the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine after 35 years of service.

ETHEL HOOK, librarian of Northeast Mis-

souri State Teachers College, Kirksville, since 1931, has retired.

MRS. CATHARINE J. PIERCE has retired as head of the reference department of the Duke University Library. She came to Duke in 1950 after eighteen years service as reference librarian at Swarthmore College.

## Necrology

WILLIAM T. PERRY, a member of the Brooklyn College Library staff, died of a heart attack on November 6. Prior to his appointment to Brooklyn, he worked as a cataloger in the New York University, the New York Public, Pierpont Morgan and Woodrow

Wilson Memorial libraries.

TALBOT F. HAMLIN, librarian of the Avery Architectural Library, Columbia University, from 1935 to 1945 and teacher and writer in the field of architecture, died on October 7.

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