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Among the pressing publication needs outlined by the Reference Librarians Subsection at the San Francisco conference was that of a current biography service. The H. W. Wilson Company has just begun the publication of such a service. It will be cumulated monthly and feature national and international names of the day. It is interesting to note that *Who's Who in America* has also begun the publication of a loose leaf current biography service entitled *Who's Who in the News* and *In the News and Why*.

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Columbia University Library, C. C. Williamson, director, is opening a lending library of popular current books in fiction, travel, biography, literature, etc., for the benefit of members of the university teaching, administrative, and maintenance staffs, their immediate families, and registered students. The service will be supported by a low per diem charge for the rental of the books.

The recently dedicated Babson Institute Library and Work Laboratory at Babson Park, Mass., is a red brick, Georgian Colonial structure. The building was planned to bring about the closest possible relationship between the students and the books which they will need to use. The two main floors and basement contain work offices or individual studies for junior and senior students, the periodical and reference room, a series of faculty and student conference rooms, staff offices and work rooms, and a browsing room for recreational reading, as well as an assembly hall with projection equipment for visual education and a book shop.

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The University of Maine Alumni Association has begun a campaign to raise funds to assist in financing a \$400,000 library building program to replace the thirty-three year old, overcrowded Carnegie building. The projected building will conform to the Georgian Colonial red brick construction used in other recent additions to the campus at Orono, will be three stories high, and designed to seat about 30 per cent of the student body.

E. A. Funke, a notable book collector of Riverdale, N.Y., has given to Manhattan College of New York City a collection of rare books which includes a copy of the Estienne Greek New Testament of 1550, Verdizotti's *Aesop's Fables*, the Hamburg, Germany, Criminal Code of 1580, the Henry W. Poor copy of the Roman Missal from the Plantin Press printed in 1686, and other rare and unusual volumes.

The College of the City of New York is to receive \$37,250 in book funds originally donated to its predecessor, the Free Academy, ninety years ago and since then held by the New York Board of Education. This fund was originally donated by Ephraim Holbrook who died in 1852 leaving \$5000, and Seth Grosvenor who died in 1856 leaving \$30,000. Mr. Grosvenor in his will expressed the hope "that such books may always be selected as to be useful in reforming the rising generation."

University of Vermont's Library at Burlington has recently assembled for display twenty-four of the thirty-one volumes listed by the first president of the university as being books in its original college library. These reference books were

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available to students in the year 1800. They include largely editions of the Bible, volumes of sermons, a copy of the Greek minor poets, and one or two volumes of Joseph Priestley's experiments.

John Hay Library at Brown University, Providence, R.I. has recently completed a new wing providing stack space for 150,000 books, two new reading rooms, and a new circulation room. One of the reading rooms is known as the Reuben Aldredge Guild Room, in honor of the librarian who served from 1848 to 1893, and is equipped with deep-cushioned chairs for recreational reading. The divisions of social studies and the humanities will have reading rooms with adjacent seminars for faculty and students in this section.

The Washington Square Book Club of the Washington Square College Library of New York University recently began its sixth year with an informal talk by George Stevens, then editor of the *Saturday Review of Literature*, on the policies which governed his choice of books and reviewers. Mr. Stevens, now with J. B. Lippincott Company, was asked many questions about his selection of reviewers.

It is interesting to note in connection with Washington Square Library that the card catalogs in the biology and chemistry libraries which heretofore have been in classified form, are being made over into dictionary catalogs in order to promote their use among students and faculty.

Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., is developing a general working collection of materials relating to General Lafayette

for whom the college was named in 1824. The collection includes some of his original letters, autographed manuscripts, portraits, busts, etchings, and engravings of scenes from his life. The collection already numbers several thousand items, including a special gift from the American Friends of Lafayette who have made the college their official depository.

Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., has begun a campaign among its trustees, alumni, faculty, and students to raise \$200,000 for a new library building. The structure is to be of red brick, Georgian style, with two stories and a basement. The three stacks will include thirty carrels for individual workers.

Colby College, Waterville, Me., recently marked its first Library Day by laying the cornerstone of a new library building to be erected on the Mayflower Hill Campus two miles from the present campus. In the morning, Edward F. Stevens, former librarian and director of the School of Library Science, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, spoke on "The Function of the Library in the Liberal Arts College." In the afternoon, Robert B. Downs, director of libraries, New York University, former librarian at Colby College (1929-31), led a round table discussion on the subject of "The Library—the Focus of the Classroom."

The University of
Middle West Wisconsin, Madison, has completed the erection of a new law school library with accommodations for 120,000 books. More than 200 law school students recently set aside their canes and legal decorum and aided by the dean, Lloyd K. Garrison, and other faculty members car-

ried the first load of 40,000 law books from their own cramped quarters to the new building. The library addition provides space for a reading room holding 150 students, six faculty offices, and a seminar. A collection of law etchings donated by the father of Professor Charles Bunn of the law school faculty will be hung on the walls of the seminar room.

South The establishment of a new research depository, the Propaganda and Promotion Archives, at the Library of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., has been announced. The new archives collection has been jointly organized by the librarian, Foster Mohrhardt, and O. W. Riegel, director of Lee Journalism Foundation. The archives will be housed on the ground floor of the college library and will be cross indexed and made easily accessible for use. Some 10,000 items have been acquired thus far, largely from the European countries at war.

The General Education Board of New York City has made a grant of \$55,250 to provide a union catalog of library facilities in the following five educational institutions in Georgia: Emory University and Georgia School of Technology at Atlanta; Agnes Scott College and Columbia Theological Seminary at Decatur; and the University of Georgia, at Athens. Two permanent copies of the union catalog will be available, one at Emory University, Atlanta, and the other at University of Georgia, Athens. The union catalog will not be restricted to the five institutional libraries but will include facilities of many other independent libraries in the state. Duplicate copies of catalog cards of all acquisitions will be

sent by these institutions. The aim of this undertaking is to make available to graduate students all of the library facilities in the Atlanta area. Representatives from each school will form an executive committee for the administration of the project.

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, has received from the library of its former head of the department of biology, Henry van Peters Wilson, an unusual collection of 200 books and monographs, and 7000 unbound pamphlets and reprints relating to the field of zoology.

At the University of South Carolina at Columbia, the cornerstone of a new \$670,000 library was laid by the representatives of the Grand Lodge of Masons of South Carolina on Founders' Day, January 10, 1940.

The 1200 volume law library assembled by the late John J. Howe, Carrollton, Ky., has been given to the University of Kentucky Law Library. This comprises complete sets of Kentucky session laws.

Southwest University of Texas Library, Austin, has recently strengthened its Latin-American collection with the purchase of the Munoz collection of Chilean history, biography and bibliography amounting in all to over 1000 volumes.

Personnel Edith Anthony, graduate of Carnegie Library School, Pittsburgh, Pa., and circulation assistant at the Pennsylvania State College, has resigned to accept a position as librarian of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company of Pittsburgh.

Julian P. Boyd, graduate of Duke Uni-

versity and librarian and editor of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania since 1935, has been appointed librarian of Princeton University Library.

Frances E. Church, librarian, Ward-Belmont Junior College, Nashville, Tenn. since 1929, died recently. Miss Church, a graduate of Drury College and Southwest Missouri State Teachers College, received her library training at Illinois and Columbia University School of Library Service. Prior to starting her work at Ward-Belmont, she was assistant librarian at Southwest Missouri State Teachers College and acting librarian at Peru State Teachers College, Peru, Neb.

Mrs. Clarence S. Cleasby, Jr., a graduate of Pembroke in 1939, and Willis F. Eastman, Jr., graduate of Brown 1939, have been appointed assistants of the circulation department at Brown University Library, Providence, R.I.

J. Howard Dice, librarian, University of Pittsburgh, since 1920, passed away in December after a long illness. Mr. Dice graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and from the New York State Library School. Prior to becoming librarian at the University of Pittsburgh, he was on the staff at Ohio State Library and librarian for the U. S. War Department.

Martha A. Foster, graduate of Drake University and Columbia University School of Library Service, and Mrs. Royal Gladding, formerly of Middlebury College (Vt.) Library, and graduate of Simmons College Library School, have been appointed to the catalog department of Brown University Library.

Mrs. Louise Heinz, supervisor of the Institute of the Fine Arts Library of New York University, is on leave of absence from November 1939 to September

1940. Her place will be filled by the temporary appointment of Mildred Steinbach who has had professional library training at Columbia University and graduate work in fine arts at New York University. Miss Steinbach will be on leave from the Fine Arts Library of Vassar College.

Recent appointments to the faculty at the Library School of Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge include Norris McClellan and Janet Agnew. Miss McClellan who will teach school library administration and book selection is a graduate of Louisiana State University and Columbia University School of Library Service and was formerly high school librarian at Port Washington, L.I. and Scarsdale, N.Y. She was consultant for Gaylord Brothers for two years.

Miss Agnew was formerly a member of McGill University Library staff and on the faculty of McGill University Library School. She will teach history of books and libraries, and bibliography.

Mrs. Dorothy E. Spofford, on leave of absence at Vassar College Library for a year, has returned to Brown University to become librarian of Pembroke College.

Katharine M. Stokes, Simmons College Library School '28, and circulation librarian of the Pennsylvania State College Library since 1931, is on leave of absence from February to May to serve as reference librarian at Swarthmore College Library, Swarthmore, Pa.

Laurence E. Tomlinson, who has been appointed librarian of Phillips University, Enid, Okla., will also serve as adviser to men on the campus. In connection with his new duties, he plans a special guidance program for the freshman class including study skills and habits, social etiquette, and

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A Nation-wide Study of Junior College Terminal Education

PLANS HAVE been recently completed for a nation-wide study of education at the junior college level, with specific reference to terminal courses. The study will include both general education and vocational education.

The study is being carried forward by a special commission created by the American Association of Junior Colleges. Members of the commission include:

Doak S. Campbell, chairman, dean of the Graduate School, Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn.

Walter C. Eells, executive secretary, American Association of Junior Colleges, Washington, D.C.

Byron S. Hollinshead, president, Scranton-Keystone Junior College, La Plume, Pa., representing Junior College Council of the Middle States

Guy M. Winslow, president, Lasell Junior College, Auburndale, Mass., representing New England Junior College Council

Leland L. Medsker, Department of Occupational Research, Chicago Junior Col-

leges, representing North Central Junior College Association

J. E. Burk, president, Ward-Belmont Junior College, Nashville, Tenn., representing Junior College Division of the Southern Association

David L. Soltau, president, Lower Columbia Junior College, Longview, Wash., representing Northwest Association of Junior Colleges

Rosco C. Ingalls, director, Los Angeles City College, Calif., representing California Junior College Federation

J. C. Wright, assistant United States commissioner of education for vocational education, Washington, D.C.

Leonard V. Koos, professor of secondary education, University of Chicago.

Aubrey A. Douglass, chief of the Division of Secondary Education, State Department of Education, Sacramento, Calif.

The study is made possible by a grant from the General Education Board. It begins at once and will continue throughout 1940. Plans provide for making results of the study available.