THE ASSOCIATED FRIENDS

N the first number of The Journal Dr. Demarest traces "The History of the Library" and describes the generous support which the Rutgers Library has received throughout its entire life from its many friends. Interest in the Library began in the eighteenth century and has never ceased, but probably in all of this period no single year has shown more gratifying support than the past one. For although the Library has received no great individual collections of books or large sums of money, it has, through the efforts of the Associated Friends, gathered to itself a widely distributed and coherent association of men and women who believe in its work and who are brought together to help it increase its resources and its usefulness. In December we reported the number of members of the Associated Friends as eighty-three, but between the time the December issue of The Journal went to press and April 1, the total number of members reached two hundred and thirty-nine, an increase of one hundred and fifty-six new members.

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Gifts to the Library

Not only has the membership of the Associated Friends grown rapidly during the eleven months of its existence, but the friends old and new, whether already sworn and sealed members of the Association or not, have continued to give books, periodicals, and money to the Library in an unceasing stream. The list of contributions is so long that we cannot mention every title here, but we shall list the names of all those who have made presents to the Library, and we shall give the titles of those books or other gifts which by their nature may be of particular interest to members of the Association. In "Notes from the Library" we shall from time to time describe in greater detail special gifts which come to us.

George V. N. Baldwin, Class of 1886, presented in memory of his father, Henry Rutgers Baldwin, M.D., of the Class of 1849, and of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Van Cortland Rutgers Baldwin, a Recordak Library Projector for the reading of microfilms.

The Misses Elizabeth R. and Margaret B. Baldwin gave a large group of current publications.

Henry C. Berg, Class of 1919, presented 406 volumes from the library of the late Frederick Weigel, of the Class of 1880, including many important books on American and English law.

Mrs. M. L. Bowden, Jr., descendant of Col. John Taylor, Queen's College tutor, 1774–1792, presented four manuscript diaries of Dr. Augustus Fitz-Randolph Taylor, of the Class of 1829, of his trip to California in 1849 as President of the New Brunswick and California Company. Mrs. Bowden also presented daguerreotypes of members of the Taylor family, and the diplomas of her grandfather, the late Rev. Dr. Charles I. Shepard, of the Class of 1850.

Henry Latimer Janeway, Class of 1917, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Conger, Mrs. J. D. Lannon, and Mrs. T. H. P. Whitney gave an important group of Janeway family papers including a rare autographed document, dated June 19, 1667, of Richard Nichols, Representative of the Duke of York, and many other early papers and documents pertaining to lands in the lower section of New York City.

H. C. Goldsmith contributed funds for the purchase of books for the Newark branch of University College.

Charles Hale, emeritus professor of English, gave 139 books on English literature.

Douglas C. McMurtrie presented a large group of his important bibliographical publications.

Victor H. Paltsits gave his own edition of Judge Augustus Porter, Pioneer of Niagara Falls, With an Account of His Business Day Book of 1818 to 1822, and a copy of the book by S. G. Nissenson—The Patroon's Domain.

John H. S. Putnam, Class of 1913, gave Walt Whitman's own manuscript of his poem—Hush'd be the Camps today, April 19th, 1865.

Franklin S. Smith, Class of 1884, presented to the Library his large collection of books on Evolution, including many rare publications of the German scientist, Ernst Haeckel.

Walter H. Stowe, rector of Christ's Church, New Brunswick, presented many manuscripts of the Reverend John Croes, first Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and for some years Rector of the Queen's College Grammar School and Trustee of Queen's College. Mr. Stowe also presented a typewritten copy of the Correspondence of John Talbot (1702–1725), missionary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and many parts of the Journal of the Diocese of New Jersey from its beginning to the present time.

John P. Wall presented material on the soldiers of New Brunswick who served in the Civil War, in the Spanish American War, and in the World War, including a record and autographs of New Brunswick World War soldiers who received copies of Mr. Wall's book, New Brunswick in the World War.

Dr. Gabriel Wells made a gift of the first edition of Professor Albert Einstein's famous *Ueber die Spezielle Und Die Allgemeine Relativitatstheorie*, and an etching of Professor Einstein, autographed by the artist and by Dr. Einstein.

Gustav F. Wittig, Class of 1896, made a gift of many recent German engineering books.

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Wright have presented funds for the purchase of books in chemistry and music. They have also given many books and periodicals.

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Journals of the Legislature

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it is fitting that the Library should take great care to preserve the printed laws and other enactments of the Legislature of New Jersey from colonial times to the present. Within the last few months five early volumes of legislative proceedings have been added to the holdings of the Library, but these additions by no means complete the task of filling all the gaps in the sets of the laws of New Jersey. If, therefore, any friends of the Library happen to own, and can give to the Library, missing files of the Journal of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council or of its successor, the Journal of the Senate of the State of New Fersey, they will assist greatly to fulfill the conclusion of the verses from Iolanthe and make the Library itself "embody the law." We are listing on the next page the files of these Journals which the Library lacks.