

THE ASSOCIATED FRIENDS

The Dinner of May 12, 1939

ON MAY 12, 1939, two years after their organization, the Associated Friends gathered in the dining room of the Hotel Roger Smith for a social evening and a general appraisal of its work to date. The committee in charge of preparations, under the chairmanship of Dr. L. Ethan Ellis, had spent many weeks in planning the program and arranging the practical details. After dinner, and before introducing the speakers, Dr. William H. S. Demarest, the toastmaster, described briefly the purposes of the Associated Friends and commented on its activities. He then called on Professor Donald F. Cameron, the Secretary, who began by outlining the rapid growth in membership of the Associated Friends and dwelt particularly on the interest taken in the group by collectors, antiquarians, and others having specialized interests. He spoke of the wide circulation of *The Journal*, not only to the members but to ninety-five libraries and fifty-five learned societies and periodicals. He continued by telling of the notable increase in the collections of the Library which has resulted from the work of the Associated Friends, and he expressed particular appreciation of the part played in this work by the younger members of the alumni of the University. He also spoke of several important gifts which the Library has received, and he told of the efforts put forth by a group of friends to buy a number of items at the Boggs sale in 1938. He concluded:

With our old friends still loyal and with an increasing number of younger members, there is little doubt that we can make the Rutgers Library one of outstanding importance and render to the University, to New Jersey, and to the nation a distinguished contribution in the preservation of important records and in the advancement of scholarship.

After the Secretary had read his report, Dr. Demarest called on Mr. Nelson Dunham, the Treasurer, for a statement on the financial condition of the association. Mr. Dunham said that the principal outlay had been for publishing *The Journal*, though some money had been used to assist the Library in the purchase of books and other materials. Fortunately, contribu-

tions have kept ahead of these expenses, but the margin has never been wide.

Dr. Demarest next called for the report of the committee appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year. Mr. Roger H. McDonough, the chairman, said that the committee proposed that those in office continue their work and nominated Mr. I. Robert Kriendler, of the Class of 1936, to take the place of the late Dr. Jacob G. Lipman. The nominations were adopted.

When the business of the evening was completed, Dr. Demarest introduced Dr. Gabriel Wells, the Honorary President of the Associated Friends, who, after welcoming the Friends and their guests, made brief remarks "On Education." Since Dr. Wells' paper has already been separately published, we shall not reprint it here. The Secretary of the Associated Friends, however, will gladly send copies to those who request them.

Following Dr. Wells, President Clothier addressed the group. He spoke particularly of Mr. Osborn who for so many years has fostered the ideals of Rutgers by his wise conduct of the Library. Dr. Clothier continued by presenting his idea of the function of the Library in the University, and he stressed particularly the triangular need for the books, the teacher, the student—these three he believed essential to the making of a great university.

Dr. Lane Cooper, of the Class of 1896, for many years professor of the English language and literature in Cornell University, then spoke on "The place of the Library." His paper, slightly revised for publication, is reproduced in full in this number of *The Journal* immediately after these notes on the Associated Friends.

New Members

During the summer the total number of members of the Associated Friends was increased to 323 by the addition of six names:

Barnet J. Beyer
W. L. R. Haines, '99
Edward Huberman, '29

Edward V. Lipman, '33
Mary W. McConaughy
Philip C. Thomas, '94

Gifts

Again the Library is indebted to the Graduate School of Banking for a generous gift from the graduating class. This year eight hundred and fifty dollars was raised for the purchase of books on economics and banking. As in the past, this sum is invested and the interest derived from it is used by the Library to buy books which are recommended by the Department of Economics.

We are glad to acknowledge gifts from the following persons, and we only wish that space permitted us to describe each one in detail:

Eugene E. Agger	Thomas J. Murray
Charles S. Aitkin, '80	Roy F. Nichols, '18
Charles L. Allen	George A. Osborn, '97
Carl F. Bayerschmidt	Dr. and Mrs. Eliot R. Payson
Philander Betts, III, '91	Victor H. Paltsits
John H. Birss	Cullen W. Parmelee, '96
Mrs. Wm. M. Boyd	Clarence E. Partch
Sigmund Brodsky	Harold E. Pickersgill
Samuel E. Burr, '19	Dr. and Mrs. John H. Raven, '91
Robert C. Clothier	Frederick J. Sickles
William H. Cole	Emory P. Starke
Hiram E. Deats	Anna S. Starr
W. H. S. Demarest, '83	John L. Stillwell, '79
Mrs. Ada J. English	Frank H. Stobaeus, '08
Alexander S. Graham	Walter H. Stowe
Max Gideonse	Agnes W. Storer
E. Byrne Hackett	William L. Strong
Mrs. Frances N. Hall	Louis A. Voorhees, '85
John A. Hayes	Oscar M. Voorhees, '88
Charles F. Heartman	John P. Wall
Alan E. James, '28	Gabriel Wells
Wm. H. Kirk	Percival Wilde
Rudolf Kirk	J. Alfred Wilson, '97
Robert B. Littell, '95	Donald J. Wing
Walter T. Marvin	Gustav F. Wittig, '96
Albert E. Meder	Carl R. Woodward, '14
Herbert J. Metzger	Ralph G. Wright