

## GIFTS AND ACQUISITIONS

Two further items of importance have been received from Dr. Victor H. Paltsits since the appearance of the last *Journal*. Like many of his previous gifts, one of them is associated with the early Dutch in America—an association in which Rutgers, itself a creation of these people and descendant of their institutions, has particular reason for interest. It is a missive of the Dutch Coetus of New York, October 6, 1761, communicating to the various Reformed churches the text of a letter from the Classis of Amsterdam, dated January 13th of the same year, concerning the Coetus-Conferentie dispute. It is signed by hand, "Joh<sup>s</sup> Leydt," apparently a precautionary measure ("The Rev. Coetus recognizes no copies unless they are signed personally by Do. Joh. Leydt"). Dr. Paltsits has devoted considerable study to this broadside and its background.

The second gift of Dr. Paltsits is a bound volume of four pamphlets, printed 1793-95, from the library of William Paterson (1745-1806), delegate to the Constitutional Convention, governor of New Jersey, and jurist. The Library already has several hundred pieces of his correspondence and other papers. One of the pamphlets relates to the Genet affair, another to the Whiskey Rebellion, and the third is a report of Erskine's defence of Thomas Hardy, charged with high treason. The fourth is an anonymous 36-page political tract, evidently rare, caption-titled *Marcellus; Published in the Virginia Gazette, November and December, 1794*.

Gifts from other sources include: J. C. Sidney, *Map of the City of New Brunswick, N.J.* (Phila., 1850), from Mr. Philip Strong, and a collection of coins and paper money, chiefly American, from the estate of Rev. John H. Putnam. Major Edward Van Winkle has presented his personal library, some three thousand volumes, including several quite rare items, and much material on patent law, engineering, genealogy, etc. From the William E. Florance estate has been received, along with a group of pamphlets, etc., an unusual lithograph, entitled "The Artful Dodger. Right Principles, verses [*sic*] Wright Governors"; this is a political cartoon connected with the New Jersey gubernatorial campaign of 1847.

### NEWSPAPERS

Notable additions to the Library's newspaper collection have been

made in the past months. By gift of its publisher, Mr. Max Leuchter, the entire office file of the *Vineland* (N.J.) *Times-Journal* has been acquired together with the files of its two predecessors, the *Evening Journal*, Jan. 1876-Feb. 1942, and the *Evening Times*, Oct. 1925-Feb. 1942. From the Burlington Library Company, files of two local papers have been received: the *Burlington Gazette*, Dec. 1835-Jan. 1837, Nov. 1868-Jan. 1888; and the *New Jersey Dollar Newspaper*, Nov. 1856-Dec. 1857. With several volumes of Bridgeton (N.J.) newspapers presented by Professor H. Clay Reed, the Library now has files of the *Bridgeton Observer*, Oct. 1822-June 1826; *West Jersey Observer*, June 1826-Aug. 1829, Aug. 1833-Oct. 1837; *Bridgeton Chronicle*, Dec. 1837-Dec. 1838. And the only known file of the *Woodbridge Gazette*, Jan. 1866-Dec. 1867, has also been acquired.

#### MANUSCRIPTS

Recently some further items have been added to the Samuel Smith and the Mahlon Dickerson papers, which now total, respectively, 229 pieces, 1733-1831, and 61 pieces, 1783-1857 (including Dickerson's diary, 1809-19). A volume of Governor Richard Howell's docket and minutes of the New Jersey Court of Chancery, Sept. 1799-Oct. 1801, has been purchased. The following are gifts to the Library:

Philip M. Brett, '92:

James Alexander to John Kinsey, letter, Oct. 31, 1743.

Marian S. Carson:

Ann (Bolton) Booth, notes on sermons and prayer meetings of

Rev. Jacob Brodhead, Philadelphia, 1814-1815.

Clarkson A. Cranmer, '16:

Peter Vroom Davis papers, 1832-1920; 279 items.

Aaron Longstreet papers, 1818-1855; 52 items.

Jacob Schenck papers, 1798-1877; 290 items.

Peter I. Stryker papers, 1779-1849; 274 items.

Peter Sythoff papers, 1799-1804; 32 items.

Catherine L. Davidson:

Matthias Oliver Davidson papers, 1836-1862; 44 items.

Francis K. W. Drury, '98:

John Benjamin Drury, accounts while a student at Rutgers College and New Brunswick Theological Seminary, etc., 1852-1870; 2 vols.

Asher A. Howell:

Eliza Dunham Howell papers, 1895-1899; 6 items.

Martin Armstrong Howell papers, 1858-1864; 23 items.

Albert R. Lee:

Peter Randell papers, 1835-1842; 29 items.

W. L. L. Peltz:

North River Steam Boat Company (Albany) papers, 1800-1858; 346 items.

David Waggstaff:

Aaron Ogden to Andrew Kirkpatrick, letter, July 10, 1801.

#### WANTED

It is not to be supposed that our only wish is for a new building—urgent though the need may be. There are indeed lesser wants, and of these we purpose to display a few in each issue of the *Journal*. There is, for example, a most desirable work, *The St.-Memin Collection of Portraits; Consisting of Seven Hundred and Sixty Portraits, Principally of Distinguished Americans . . .* (New York, 1862), of which the Library has a complete photographic reproduction. A copy of the original is needed. And of the annual sermons of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, each accompanied by an abstract of the Society's proceedings, the Library has a good collection but incomplete. Still lacking are those for the years (old style) 1719-23, 1725, 1729, 1736-38, 1741-46, 1749, 1751, and (new style) 1756, 1760, 1765, 1782, 1784-85, 1792, 1796-98, 1801-02, 1808. The series is a useful source for students of American church history.

—D.A.S.