

GIFTS AND ACQUISITIONS

The outstanding gift of recent months has come to the Library from Mr. Ogden White, of Far Hills, N.J. Of the ten publications presented by him, all are of special distinction and rarity. They include first editions of Burton's *Anatomy of Melancholy* (1621) and of two John Milton works, his *Doctrine and Discipline of Divorce* (1643) and *Areopagitica* (1644). There are three Shakespeare quartos, *Macbeth* (1674), two editions of *The Tempest* (1670, 1676), and Robert Greene's *Farewell to Follie* (1617). This fine accession was received through the good offices of Mr. John F. Fleming, executive director of the Philip H. and A. S. W. Rosenbach Foundation.

Four items have been added to the Library's collection of Alexander Pope material: the first edition of his *Iliad* translation (6 volumes, 1715-20); *Rape of the Lock* (1714); his *First Satire of the Second Book of Horace* (1733) and *First Epistle of the Second Book of Horace*.

A further accession of importance is the *Scots Musical Museum*, by James Johnson. This series, in six volumes produced 1787-1803 at Edinburgh, contains hundreds of engraved musical scores and lyrics, a large number of them written by the poet Robert Burns. A more detailed note concerning this publication is planned for the June, 1955, *Journal*.

Sixty-three pamphlets, books, and broadsides, many of them associated with Rutgers, have been received from the estate of the late Miss Margaret L. Terhune, of Matawan, N.J., as a gift of the heirs, Mrs. Charles C. Schock and Mrs. Kathryn T. Valdes. One of these is worthy of particular note: Samuel J. Bayard's poem *Mengwe; a Tale of the Frontier*, which was published anonymously in 1825 by David A. Borrenstein, a Princeton (N.J.) printer and publisher of some interest in his own right.

The Library is also fortunate to have received from the estate of Miss Terhune a volume containing forty-two numbers and two supplements of the *Brunswick Gazette*, 1791-92. This rare New Brunswick newspaper was particularly welcomed at this time, because the Library had undertaken to prepare a composite set of the *Gazette* in microfilm form. During its life, from 1786 through 1792, a total

of 318 numbers of this paper were published. Only 238 are known to have survived, and they are scattered in fragmentary holdings among a number of libraries. The Rutgers University Library has over a hundred numbers of the *Gazette* and, using this new addition, has now completed the microfilm master-file. A great deal of time and careful work—planning, correspondence, and of course splicing of film—has been expended on this project. Copies of the film are being made available to other libraries.

The Feinberg Foundation has presented, in memory of Horace and Anne Montgomerie Traubel, two complete sets of the now scarce periodical, *The Conservator*. It was published at Philadelphia, 1890-1919, edited by Horace Traubel, friend and biographer of Walt Whitman. One set is placed in the library of the University's College of South Jersey, at Camden, where Whitman lived for many years.

There have been many other gifts, which unfortunately cannot be listed separately. Some of the larger ones, however, may be noted. Mrs. Edward Rutledge of Charleston, S.C., has presented about four hundred volumes, including French literature, biography, and other nineteenth-century publications, newspapers, periodicals, and pamphlets. Mrs. Joseph Day Lee, of Pleasantville, N.Y., has presented a hundred volumes, about half of them nineteenth-century works on marine biology and oceanography. The Library has received some 480 volumes on economics, etc., from Mrs. A. W. Taylor, of Westfield, eighty-seven pamphlets and books from Miss Julia T. Bogert, of Metuchen, and twenty-eight volumes from Judge Sidney Goldmann, of Trenton. And from the various nearby industrial plants mentioned in our June issue, the Library continues to receive periodic gifts of scientific journals.

MANUSCRIPTS

An article by William J. Chute, in our last issue, showed the variety of information which can be drawn from one body of source material, in this case a series of several hundred letters written 1823-39. The writer was the Reverend James Chapman, of Perth Amboy, N.J., an educated and intelligent man, who included not only news of historical value, but also countless revealing observations about conditions and concerns of the day. The letters are all addressed to his brother-in-law and dear friend, Thomas N. Stan-

ford, New York bookseller and publisher, a cultured and well-connected man.

Valuable and extended as the correspondence was, Dr. Chute was obliged to note the appearance of incompleteness. It is a particular satisfaction, consequently, to report that two boxes of additional Chapman and Stanford papers have come to the Library, the gift of Mr. William Benton Horton, received through the kindness of his mother, Mrs. Lucien B. Horton, of York, Maine, both descendants of James Chapman. The accession supplies many of the missing Chapman letters, and also extends the series for another eighteen years, to 1857. The replies of Stanford, 1822-57, are now available. With the present addition, this excellent research tool has been brought to near-completeness. Besides the letters, of course, are many other items of interest. Among these are papers, 1810-34, of the Reverend John Stanford, father of Thomas N. and for many years chaplain to various New York City penal and insane institutions.

Sixteen boxes of George Sykes (1802-1880) papers have been added by Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Reeder, of Columbus, N.J., to the four already received. While the previous lot was concerned with his political career, the additional papers relate chiefly to land. George Sykes was a surveyor and conveyancer by profession, and he had assembled a great quantity of deeds, surveys, field notes, etc., dating through the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and covering Burlington and adjacent counties. He was concerned with education, interested in local history and genealogy, and administered many estates. All these activities are reflected in the Sykes papers.

We continue to be intrigued with old-time pursuing (or vigilant) societies, and have spent some interesting hours in attempting to run down their records. Those of two additional societies have been obtained for the Library's manuscript collection since the last *Journal* listing: Cranbury Vigilant Society, 1901-47, presented by Mr. Howard J. Butcher, of Cranbury, through Mr. John E. Trowbridge; West Windsor Pursuing and Detecting Society, 1882-1946, gift of Mr. Maurice H. Hawks, of Dutch Neck, N.J. (Received also from the latter: records of the West Windsor Mutual Fire Insurance Association, 1857-1950.) Mr. Harvey Cooley, of Milford, N.J., has contributed two printed constitutions, 1827 and 1864, of the Alexandria Vigilant Society, along with several manuscript items. One of

the latter, dated 1804, while not concerned with pursuing societies, is most decidedly concerned with pursuit. It is an account of expenses incurred in recovering a stolen horse. The account is uncommonly revealing. John Cooley, it appears, was a stubborn man. He spent days following the thief to Western Pennsylvania, having him tried and jailed, arranging with governors of the two states for extradition, finally having the culprit conveyed to New Jersey and (we hope) swift justice. This dogged operation cost Mr. Cooley more than two weeks' time and the total sum of \$119—undoubtedly more than the value of his recovered horse.

The Library has recorded many other manuscript accessions in recent months, not all of which can be described in the present space. From a listing of selected items below, something of their character and variety can be seen.

- Allaire, J. P. Address on Squankum (N.J.) history, 1876. Gift of Mrs. Georgiana L. Markle, Sea Girt, N.J.
- Bentley, Arthur F. Typescripts of writings and papers, part unpublished; $2\frac{1}{4}$ cubic feet. Gift of Dr. Bentley, Paoli, Indiana, through Dr. Sidney Ratner.
- Dernberger, Jacob W. Letters received, etc., 1840-78, part concerning Oxford Furnace, Warren County, N.J., part from Michigan, Ohio, and Illinois relatives, etc.; also correspondence, 1840-59, of Charles Scranton, largely as Oxford Furnace operator; 2 boxes.
- Electric Soap Company, New York. Ledger, 1865-66, containing also farm accounts (Griggstown, N.J.?), 1873-75. Gift of Mr. G. Clifford Nevius, Franklin Park, N.J.
- Elmer, William. Bills, receipts, and accounts, 1820-79, Bridgeton, N.J.; tickets for University of Pennsylvania medical lectures, 1808-11; license to practice medicine, etc.; also constitution and accounts of the Young Female Religious Tract Society of Bridgeton, 1816-20; 2 boxes. Gift of Mrs. R. P. Elmer, Wayne, Pa.
- Forum (magazine). Editorial records of articles received and published, 1923-40; 3 card boxes. Gift of Mr. Spencer Brodney, New York.
- Hoagland, John C. Letters received, etc., 1848-71, Griggstown, N.J., New York City, and Henry County, Illinois; 1 box. Gift

- of Miss Madge Hoagland, Griggstown, N.J., through Mr. G. Clifford Nevius.
- Hoagland, William J. Letters received, etc., 1876-80, chiefly concerning his drug business, Paterson, N.J., and Mt. Kisco, N.Y.; 1 box. Gift of Miss Madge Hoagland, Griggstown, N.J., through Mr. G. Clifford Nevius.
- Howell, Wilson S. Notes, diagrams, tables, etc., 1880-1900, concerning electric lamps and lighting equipment handled by Edison Electric Light Company, New York, etc.; 50 items. Gift of Mr. Asher A. Howell, New Brunswick.
- Humane Society of the City of New Brunswick, N.J. Minutes, 1886-1951; 1 volume. Gift of the Society. Founded 1806 for welfare work.
- Hunterdon County, N.J. List of freeholders, 1741; 18 pages.
- Little, William. General store accounts, etc., 1816-52, Matawan, N.J.; sloop-freighting, carting, etc., accounts, 1818-53, of Garret Hiers; also law practice accounts, 1861-89, of Henry S. Little, Trenton; 29 volumes.
- Lockwood, Samuel. Diary kept by him as pastor, Keyport (N.J.) Reformed Church, 1863, etc.; 24 items. Gift of Mrs. Georgiana L. Markle, Sea Girt, N.J.
- Oliver, James. Deeds, tickets to Rutgers Medical College lectures, and other papers, Marbletown, N.Y., etc., 1833-94; 6 folders. Gift of Miss Dorothy Oliver, West Allenhurst, N.J.
- Passaic, N.J.: First Protestant Reformed Dutch Church at Acquackanonk. Copy of birth, baptismal, and marriage records, 1692-1895; 1 volume.
- Phillips, Joseph M. Letters received, Hopewell, N.J., 1867-92, largely from his son John S. Phillips, in Illinois, Iowa, and Dakota Territory; 22 items. Gift of Mrs. J. A. Van Nuys, Millstone, N.J.
- Rutgers, Gerard. Receipts, wills, etc., Belleville, N.J., 1810-35; 22 items. Gift of Misses Elizabeth R. and Margaret B. Baldwin, New Brunswick, N.J.
- Schanck, Jane Ann. Letters to her parents, 1871-76, Holmdel, N.J., written by her as a student of Miss Buckley's Seminary, New Brunswick, N.J., and other papers; 132 items.

Schureman, John. Letters received by him and by his wife, 1800-13; her diary, 1829-30; and other papers; Middletown, N.J., etc.; 16 items. Gift of Miss Louise Hartshorne, Middletown, N.J.

Smith, Ogden. Letters received, Somerville and Elizabethport, N.J., from relatives in Michigan (1834-52), Wisconsin (1833-43), and from his son Elijah K. Smith, druggist in Trenton (1848-50); 186 items. Gift of Mr. John R. Sailer, '39, Elizabeth, N.J.

Steinbeck, John. "Sweet Thursday": galley proofs, 1954. Gift of Mr. I. Robert Kriendler, '36, New York.

Shepard, B. Nautical journal of Shepard as midshipman on the U.S.S. Lexington, 1827-30; 1 volume. Gift of Mr. Douglas M. Hicks, '23, Highland Park, N.J.

Tappan, Lewis. Letters received by Tappan and others, New York, as officers of the Union Missionary Society, 1845-46, and American Missionary Association, 1846. Also miscellaneous autograph documents of American Presidents and others, 1554-1874. Fifty-five items. Gift of Mrs. John R. Page, Bound Brook, N.J.

Van Neste & Van Liew, Millstone, N.J. General store ledger, 1772-75. Gift of Mr. Robert B. Bergen, Somerville, N.J.

Waksman, Selman A. "My Life among the Microbes": original typescript of the book recently published. Gift of Dr. Waksman, New Brunswick, N.J.

Donors of other manuscript material are the following: Mrs. Asher Atkinson, Dr. C. Rexford Davis, '28, Miss Helen E. Keep, Professor Irving S. Kull, Mrs. M. L. Lowery, Mr. John D. Neel, Mr. James B. Scott, '09, Miss Mary L. Tappen, and Mrs. Mabel Van Nostrand.

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