

## RECENT GIFTS

A university library can only be as complete in its collecting as the funds available to it allow. Since research and teaching activity at Rutgers are so extensive that all of the available state library appropriations are needed to acquire current books in immediate demand, the filling in of collections with non-current material must usually be accomplished by means of endowment funds. These funds may be called upon when needed material becomes available, and in many cases where the material is unique, as with manuscripts, the opportunity must be seized or be irretrievably lost. Because of these factors, the Rutgers University Library is fortunate to have acquired during the past year three new funds for the purchase of books and manuscripts, plus considerable additions to a fourth. Some of these new funds carry stipulations concerning their use, but all are important resources for the acquisition of non-current material. For these reasons, a description of the new funds follows.

George Van Nest Baldwin, Class of 1886, was a member of the Associated Friends of the Library of Rutgers University from the founding of that organization until his death in 1943. His will left the bulk of his estate in two life trusts to his sisters, Elizabeth Rutgers Baldwin and Margaret Bayard Baldwin, to be passed on to several institutions upon their deaths. When the surviving sister, Miss Margaret Bayard Baldwin, died in 1958, Rutgers University received from these trusts a sum of which \$42,365.99 is to be used for library purposes. This amount constitutes the principal of the George Van Nest Baldwin Jr., '86, Bequest, now the largest single endowment fund available to the Library.

Like George Van Nest Baldwin, Duncan Dunbar Sutphen, Class of 1883, remained closely tied to the library of his alma mater throughout his life. He became a member of The Board of Trustees in 1909 and served faithfully and vigorously until 1946, when he was elected Trustee-emeritus. He was also a member of the Associated Friends from 1937 to his death in 1953. His bequest of \$25,000 for Library purposes provided the principal for the Duncan Dunbar Sutphen, '83, Fund, the interest from which has already been used by the Library to acquire several rare and valuable additions to its collections.

The Lemuel W. Famulener Fund, like the Duncan Dunbar Sutphen Fund, has a principal of \$25,000. However, the two bequests have totally different backgrounds. Dr. Famulener had little con-

tact with Rutgers for most of his life. He received a medical degree from the University of Michigan and was a pharmaceutical researcher at St. Luke's Hospital in New York City. His relationship with Rutgers started in 1952, when he began doing genealogical research in the Special Collections Department of the Library. He became a member of the Associated Friends and made several generous contributions to the Library through that organization before his death in August, 1958. On March 14, 1959, Dr. Mason W. Gross announced that the University had received a check for \$25,000 from the estate of Dr. Famulener. The bequest specified that the gift be used for "the purchase of historic records, documents, or prints pertaining to the early settlements of the Quakers, the Dutch, the Scotch, and the Scotch-Irish in the Colony or State of New Jersey, or for such other library purposes as the trustees of the University may deem appropriate." Since one of the chief collecting areas of the Library is New Jersey history, the fund will doubtless be very useful in that field.

The name Frelinghuysen has been closely connected with Rutgers since Theodorus Jacobus Frelinghuysen first argued for the establishment of the College in 1737. Senator Joseph Sherman Frelinghuysen served the College as a Trustee from 1918 to his death in 1948, and in many other ways. In May of 1955, Mrs. Frelinghuysen presented the University with the nucleus of the Joseph S. Frelinghuysen Memorial Fund for the purchase of materials relating to New Jersey history. In four years this fund has grown until, with the latest addition made by Mrs. Frelinghuysen in July, 1958, the principal is over \$12,000. During the same period the Library has used the interest accruing from the fund to make several important additions to the New Jersey collection of books and manuscripts.

### MANUSCRIPTS

There have been nearly fifty manuscript accessions in the past six months, far too many to describe in detail. A listing of some of the more significant follows:

Robert J. Alexander. Records of interviews, chiefly of South American subjects, concerning current events, v.p., 1948-1958. Gift of the compiler.

Henry Rutgers Baldwin. Physician's ledger, New Brunswick, N.J., 1883-1902. From the estate of Margaret Bayard Baldwin.

George C. Beekman. Papers of the Beekman, Ten Broeck, Crawford,

- and Schenck families, Monmouth County, N.J., 1710-1914. Gift of Alston Beekman, Jr.
- Maurice Edelman. Original typescript, *A Dream of Treason* (London, 1954). Gift of the author, through I. Robert Kriendler, Class of 1936, currently a Rutgers trustee.
- Richard Watson Gilder. Letters received 1871-1909. Microfilm, through the courtesy of Miss Rosamond Gilder.
- Phebe [?] Harrison. Letter to Capt. James Giles, Burlington, N.J., 1782. Gift of Mrs. S. L. Haynes.
- Mercer County, N. J. Civil War volunteer bounty bonds, Trenton, N.J., 1864. Gift of Howard L. Hughes.
- Oliver Parsell. Queen's College Grammar School tuition receipts, New Brunswick, N.J., 1815-1818. Gift of Robert P. March, Class of 1928.
- Lute Pease. Ink original cartoons, chiefly political, Newark, N.J., 1912-1953. Gift of the artist.
- Perth Amboy, N. J. Minutes of the Board of Commissioners, etc., 1858-1958. Gift of Philip B. Costello.
- Piscataway Township, N. J. Accounts with township treasurer, 1836-1884. Deposit by the township.
- David Fitz Randolph Runyon. Papers, New Brunswick, N.J., etc., 1819-1951. From the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Runyon Howe.
- Hubert G. Schmidt. Letters received relating to history of Warren County, N.J., 1936-1949. Gift of Dr. Schmidt.
- John Shepherd. Daybook of a merchant tailor, New York, 1785-1787. Gift of Mrs. Asher Atkinson.
- Benjamin Smith. Farm ledger and daybook, Franklin Township, 1797-1828. With other material, relating to the Frelinghuysen family. Gift of Mrs. Joseph S. Frelinghuysen.
- Kenn Stryker-Rodda. Index to Janeway and Broughton account books, 1735-1747. Gift of the compiler.
- Thornall family papers. Piscataway Township, 1766-1857. Photostatic copies, made through the courtesy of Scott Ferguson.
- Howell Vanderhoef. Letters received from his brother in the Ninth Regiment, New Jersey Infantry, North Carolina, 1863. Gift of Clayton Kent.
- Susanna P. Zwemer. Papers concerning New Jersey constitutional revision, 1939-1948, etc., Newark, N.J., 1937-1948. Gift of Mrs. Zwemer.