

GIFTS AND ACQUISITIONS

Because the last issue of the *Journal* was dedicated entirely to the New Jersey copy of the Federal Constitution, we have a whole year's acquisitions to review in this issue. Since there were seventy groups of manuscripts received during the year, it will be necessary to mention only briefly or omit entirely some fine collections that would otherwise deserve longer comment.

One collection is so extensive that the physical process of receiving it has been going on for nearly a year and is not completed yet. Mr. Charles A. Philhower began collecting relics of New Jersey's Indians in 1898, and by 1959, when he announced that he would present the entire collection to Rutgers University, his accumulation of Indian materials of all kinds could best be measured in tons. For the past year, members of the Special Collections Department have been working at absorbing Mr. Philhower's collection as rapidly as physical facilities and the time necessary for recording the items allow. The collection is so extensive that no attempt will be made here to describe it; in the near future it is hoped that Mr. Philhower will contribute a description for the *Journal*, and an exhibition of some of the items is planned for this year.

Along with Indian artifacts, Mr. Philhower has put together a collection of early Americana, in published and manuscript form, which is also in the process of being presented to the Library. Again, only a small part of the collection has so far been received, but this is of such quality that it demands description. The papers of John B. Wicks, a merchant of Savannah, Georgia, reveal some of the many close commercial ties between the southern states and New Jersey, particularly South Jersey. The Wicks Papers consist of several hundred letters received and drafts of letters sent for the period 1820-1829, many of which relate to trade with South Jersey. The papers of Charles Stokes, also received from Mr. Philhower, cover the period 1796-1854. They include some early anti-slavery material, papers relating to the building of the Rancocas Bridge, and much miscellaneous material about Burlington County. Mr. Philhower also presented to the Library the record book of Hopewell Township, 1721-1800, some papers of Peter D. Vroom and other members of the Vroom family, a Salem County Indian deed of 1683,

along with transcriptions of many other New Jersey Indian deeds, a register of estrays, Upper Freehold Township, 1736-1864, and two pre-Revolution broadside proclamations, which are described under Exhibitions. Among the books presented by Mr. Philhower are the three folio volumes of McKenney and Hall's *History of the Indian Tribes of North America* (Philadelphia, Biddle, 1836), with its 120 magnificent full color illustrations. With these were many other prints of Indians by John O. Lewis, Currier, and others, and a large group of volumes in various Indian dialects. Mr. Philhower also presented some non-Indian publications, including several early imprints of Shepard Kollock. Even from this necessarily brief and incomplete listing, it is obvious that the acquisition of the Philhower Collection is one of the most significant in recent years.

Another relatively new collecting field opened up for the Library within the past year. The "wine and food" collection was, up to this past year, a good but rather limited collection, chiefly of books on cooking and vinicology, gathered for the Library through the efforts of I. Robert Kriendler, Class of 1936. Last summer Mr. and Mrs. Philip D. Sang presented the Library a collection of historic menus and other material dealing with food and cooking that numbers nearly 1000 items. The collection includes menus signed by sixteen presidents and such prominent people as Mark Twain, Thomas Edison, and Andrew Carnegie. It spans the years 1820 to the present and will prove to be valuable source material for cultural historians. Further, the publicity received through the acquisition of the collection stimulated nation-wide interest in it, and, as a direct result, prompted Mrs. Charles K. Kenter to deposit her late husband's collection of menus with the Library. Most of these, nearly one hundred in all, were gathered by the Hon. Elbert H. Gary, founder of United States Steel Corporation. Many were produced by Tiffany and Co., and are most unusual; one, celebrating the anniversary of the founding of U.S. Steel, is bound in steel covers and inlaid with silver; another is inscribed on bronze. An exhibition is planned of some of this material later in the year.

The Kriendler Memorial Collection of autograph material of modern authors was increased by three deposits: several of Joseph Kessel's manuscripts, titled by him, "Manuscripts, Guerre, 39-40," the corrected typescript of Oliver LaFarge's *Behind the Mountain*

(published by Houghton Mifflin, Boston, 1956), and the typescript, galley, and page proofs of Emily Hahn's *Diamond* (Doubleday, Garden City, N.Y., 1956). All three were received from the authors through I. Robert Kriendler, Class of 1936. Other literary material received recently includes the typescript of an article by Maxwell Anderson on George Bernard Shaw, entitled "St. Bernard," published in *Off the Road* by William Sloane Associates, 1946, a gift of William Sloane, Director of the Rutgers University Press. Mr. Sloane also presented the final page of the manuscript of Dr. Joseph Banks Rhine's book, *New Frontiers of the Mind* (New York, Toronto, Farrar and Rinehart, 1937). The Library's collection of Gosse papers and writings was increased by three groups of letters. Dr. Paul Mattheissen presented four letters received by Gosse from various hands, while two groups of Gosse's letters sent were also acquired: seventeen letters to David Croal Thomson, 1883-1900, and eleven letters to Martin Conway, 1889-1922.

Few families are more prominent in New Jersey history than the Boudinots, particularly Elias and his brother Elisha, both Revolutionary patriots. The Library's acquisition of what has come to be known as the "Atterbury Deposit" of Boudinot family papers will therefore be of great interest to historians of the American Revolution and the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. The collection includes about 110 items, ranging from 1709 to 1817, plus some material of later branches of the family. Papers of the Boudinot, Smith, Atterbury, and Pintard families are represented, and the contents of the letters are of unusual historic interest. Certain other recent acquisitions have historic interest of a quite different character. These are the records of several unusual social and welfare organizations. A record book of the Young Men's Father Matthew Total Abstinence and Benevolent Society of Elizabeth, New Jersey, 1886-1910, was donated to the Library by John E. Deignan, President of the Society. It is hoped that eventually all the records of this group will be deposited here. Mrs. Dion K. Dean presented the minute books of the Rahway Association for Relief of Sick Poor, an organization that began life as the "Female Association of Bridge Town" in 1818 and was absorbed into the Junior League in 1956. The records span the entire history of the organization and are unusually complete. A third acquisition of this

character came from the New Jersey Welfare Council. Mrs. Helen M. Shiman, Executive Director of the Welfare Council, allowed a member of the Library staff to go over the organization's records and select material to form a permanent archives. Then a mutually satisfactory agreement was made concerning the preservation of future archives of the organization and service for the depositor. The records deposited are accounts, correspondence, minutes, and proceedings, 1919-1955. The value of such a cooperative arrangement should be clear to any *Journal* readers who have or know of organizations with a record storage problem.

Other acquisitions, briefly mentioned:

John H. Brakely, letters received, Wilmington, Del., Pennington, N.J., 1835-50. Gift of Miss Gretchen M. Smith.

Austin S. Cushman, papers, partly relating to publication of *The Republic*, a magazine for Civil War veterans, v.p., 1865-1906. Gift of Alden L. Randall.

Peter Duncan, papers, Cranbury, etc., N.J., c.1840-1860. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. John Ward Evans, through John Trowbridge. Alexis C. Ferm, "A Sketch of the Life of the Modern School" (the Ferrer Colony School, Piscataway Township). Gift of the author.

Charles S. Haines, letters received, Newark, N.J., 1864-6. Gift of the Detroit Public Library.

Julian Hawthorne, letters to Alexander Stuart Graham concerning portraits of Nathaniel Hawthorne, 1919. Gift of Mrs. Frederick Kendall Kelley.

Hendrickson family papers, letters received, accounts, etc., dealing with business activities, distilling, and West Indies trade, Middletown, N.J., 1691-1838.

Burton Edward Livingston, letters received, etc., chiefly relating to his activities as Secretary for the American Association for the Advancement of Science, v.p., 1923-1947. Donated through Dr. Stuart Le Compte.

Henry McDonald, papers, South Brunswick Township, N.J., 1833-1891. Gift of Mrs. Alleta McDonald Groendyke.

Middleville, N.J., School District No. 30, minutes, etc., 1868-1883.

- Robert Morris, letters received and surveys, seventeen items, Morristown, N.J., 1701-1834.
- John Reock, papers, Essex County, N.J., 1785-1861. Gift of Ernest C. Reock, Jr.
- Ridge Debating Society record book, including constitution, minutes, and some treasurers' accounts, South Brunswick Township, N.J., 1843-1848. Gift of Mrs. Alleta McDonald Groendyke.
- Roberts and McInnis, law files relating to the abandonment of service by New York Central of the West Shore Line and Weehawken Ferry, 1955-1959. Deposit by the firm.
- Louisa Kossuth Ruttkay, letters sent to Miss Eliza Elvira Kenyon, 1875-1897. A fuller description is given below under Exhibitions.
- Terry, Pelton, and Co., letters received, concerning bank note engraving, Providence, R.I., and Boston, Mass., 1834-1836.
- William I. Tomlinson, farm accounts, Burlington County, N.J., 1866-1955. Gift of W. I. Tomlinson.
- Maria Van Arsdale, letters received, etc., 1867-8. Gift of Robert P. March.
- John Vander Voort, blacksmith's accounts, Whitehouse Station, N.J., 1884-1923. Gift of Norman C. Wittwer.
- Adrain Vermeule, papers relating to business activities, etc., v.p., 1840-1930. From the estate of Cornelia C. Vermeule, through Bayard Thomas.
- Selman Waksman, collection of cartoons concerning the rise and fall of Adolf Hitler. Gift of the compiler.

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