

SPRING MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED FRIENDS

On Saturday, April 15, a meeting of the Associated Friends was held at 11:00 A.M. in the New Jersey Room of the Library. President I. Robert Kriendler, Rutgers '36, discussed the new purpose of the Associated Friends. With new library buildings in Camden, the New Brunswick men's college, and, most recently, at Douglass, with the university collection fast approaching a million volumes, and with the manuscript collection over half a million items, Mr. Kriendler pointed out that a rededicated Association of Friends will strive to fill in the Library's collections of those books and manuscripts that bring prestige to a library, that make the difference between a college or university library and a center for research. To illustrate his point, Mr. Kriendler displayed two volumes received that day: the first, Ovid's *De arte amandi*, printed in Venice by Johan Tacuinis, 1494, a gift of Mr. John Fleming; the second the exceedingly rare Gabriel Thomas, *A Historical and geographical account of . . . Pensilvania and of West-New-Jersey*, London, 1698.

Mr. Kriendler then introduced Herbert F. Smith, who briefly described the exhibit of New Jersey in the Civil War then on display in the New Jersey Room and the collection of Mary Todd Lincoln letters, on loan from Mr. and Mrs. Philip D. Sang, displayed in the Lobby. Donald A. Sinclair gave a brief description of the Special Collections Department. The main speaker of the meeting was Dr. Richard P. McCormick, who related the history of Rutgers College in the Civil War. (Dr. McCormick's remarks were printed in the April, 1961, issue of the *Journal*.) The meeting was then adjourned to a luncheon at the Alumni-Faculty Club.